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### Terrorism — the players and the placators



Osama bin Laden

**Tony Blair is the product of ecumenical religion. He is said to carry a copy of the Koran in his pocket and frequently peruses it. Being born into a Protestant home and being an avid attendee at the Roman Catholic mass, he really is cosmopolitan in his religious convictions! In truth, he has no convictions other than a deep-seated ambition to advance as high as political opportunism will take him. Presently he is masquerading as the strong friend of the United States in this its hour of danger. He espouses positions on the subject of terrorism which he has been signally failing to practise in his own backyard of Northern Ireland.**

While telling the Taleban of Afghanistan that they must give up Osama bin Laden or pay the price of concealing him, he persists in dictating to the unionist majority in Northern Ireland, that they must have the IRA bombers and killers of their kith and kin, over the last thirty years, in government, as there is no other way forward to peace! This two-facedness is what ecumenism breeds.

The ecumenical so-called Protestant cleric solemnly declares that he believes the doctrines set forth in his church's creed or confession and then goes forth to destroy at every turn the very teachings he has sworn to uphold. Every branch of ecumenism displays this same two-facedness. And out of this ministry of deceit has come Blair, the child of this age and the spawn of dissemblance.

And now it appears, that even as we prepare this article for publication, the stance of USA and Gt. Britain has changed. The war drums, beaten so stridently in the wake of the attack on the Pentagon and the World Trade Centre, have become more muffled. The world, instead of being encouraged to expect a decisive and deadly strike against Osama bin Laden and his hordes in Afghanistan, is being cautioned to be prepared rather for a long drawn-out strategy.

It is a repeat of the deceitful bluster we in Northern Ireland have witnessed so many times. After the Enniskillen massacre in 1987 and the Omagh bombing in 1998 and a myriad of other like bombings in between, we were told of new legislation, new measures, new cooperation between the police forces of Gt. Britain and the Irish Republic. The gloves were off! The guilty men would be searched out no matter where they hid . . . blah! blah! blah! With so much hot air emanating from 10 Downing Street, it is little wonder we have a rise in global temperatures and increased rainfall! victims Ask the families of the Enniskillen victims, where the police have never as much as arrested and questioned one suspect, what they think of such rhetoric! Ask the relatives of the Omagh bombing who have been forced to take legal proceedings into their own hands in order to attempt to bring the culprits to justice, what they think of Blair's promises and threats.

If the Taleban read British newspapers, and I am sure they do, then they will know that since our home-grown variety of terror-mongers, the IRA, have never seriously been put



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under pressure by the security policies of Blair or his predecessors, but rather have been bought off by the release of prisoners, amnesties and positions in government, then they, in the far-off mountain strongholds of Afghanistan, have little to fear. It is little wonder that the Taleban have declared that they will not hand over bin Laden to the USA.

When the USA sought to include Moslem countries such as Iran in the coalition against terrorism that it was seeking to establish in the wake of the New York atrocity, then it sent out a signal of the same kind as that sent to the IRA on many occasions by British governments. If a country like Iran, which has sponsored and still does sponsor terror, is courted by the USA, then the message to terrorists everywhere is "They're worried — keep up the pressure."

The response to the terrorist attack on USA could turn out to be the biggest damp squib ever seen or worse still, an escalating disaster!