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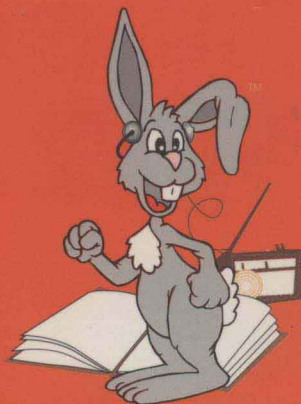


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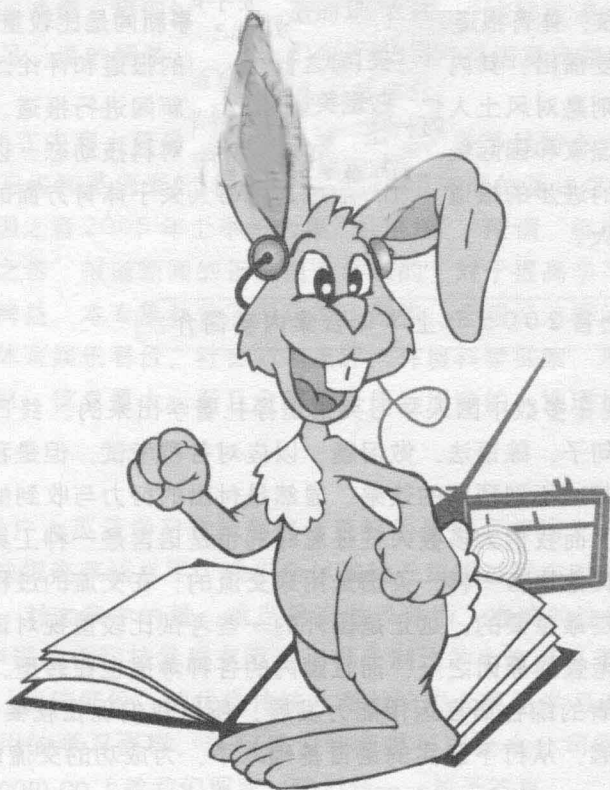
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Chechen Peace Prospects Said to Dim in Aftermath of Maskhadov Killing

Recent Chechen history has brought to **prominence** two **separatist** leaders who have been fighting Russian forces for about a decade.

One was Aslan Maskhadov, former elected president of Chechnya, considered by many experts to be a **moderate** figure willing to negotiate with Russia. The other is Shamil Basayev, a far more **radical** leader, willing to use terrorist tactics to achieve his goal of full independence from Russia. Last month, Russian forces killed Mr. Maskhadov as he was **pinned down** in a bunker north of Chechnya's capital, Grozny.

Experts on the Chechen crisis say one cannot draw a **parallel** between the two separatist leaders. Marshall Goldman, from Harvard University, has been a long-time observer of the Russian scene.

Marshall Goldman: The important thing about Maskhadov was that he kept talking about the need to **mediate**, to work out some kind of arrangement with the Russian government. His problem was that he couldn't control everybody in Chechnya, so he could say one thing, but then the Basayevs and others would act on their own.

Experts say another difference between the two is that Mr. Maskhadov has condemned terrorist acts while Mr. Basayev has claimed responsibility.

注释

prominence ['prɒmɪnəns] n. 突出, 明显的事物

separatist ['sepəreɪtɪst] n. 分离主义者, 独立派

moderate ['mɒdərɪt] adj. 中立的, 缓和的

radical ['rædɪkəl] adj. 激进的

pin down 镇压

parallel ['pærəlel] n. 平行线, 平行面

mediate ['mi:djət] v. 仲裁, 调停

ity for some of the worst acts of terrorism in post-Soviet Russia. They included the seizure of a Moscow theater in October 2002 and last September's raid on a school in Beslan, North Ossetia where more than 330 people were killed, half of them children. However Russian President Vladimir Putin considers both men terrorists and his fight against Chechen separatists as part of the international war on terrorism.

Yo'av Karny is a scholar who has written extensively on Chechnya.

Yo'av Karny: To think of Maskhadov as an **Osama bin Laden** character, hiding in the caves of Chechnya, is truly laughable and, as it has been all along, self-serving in terms of Russian **rhetoric**. Sometimes I confess to not being sure whether the Russians pretend to think he was a terrorist, or are convinced that he was and in either case, that would suggest a certain detachment from reality on the part of the Russians.

Analysts say another key difference between the two men is that Mr. Maskhadov was willing to negotiate with Russian authorities while Mr. Basayev rejected any notion of talks.

John Russell is an expert on Chechnya from Bradford University. He says Mr. Maskhadov's death allows the Russian government to continue its policy of refusing to talk with Chechen separatists.

John Russell: What it does do, of course, is it allows Putin to say to the international community: who is there left to negotiate with? You may not agree that we have **rubbed out** an international terrorist, but you must agree that the only person left is an international terrorist, Basayev. So that by elevating Maskhadov to the same degree of **diabolical** international terrorism, they have actually provided a **scenario** in which the international community can't really insist that they [i.e., the Russians] sit down and talk with the remaining elements of the Chechen opposition.

注释

Osama bin Laden 奥萨马·本·拉登

rhetoric ['reterik] n. 花言巧语

rub out 抹去, 擦去, 这里指消灭

diabolical [daie'bolikel] adj. 恶魔的

scenario [si'na:riəu] n. 特定的情节



Mr. Russell says given the current situation, there is no chance of talks between the Russians and Chechen separatists.

John Russell: Maskhadov would have represented a body of moderate opinion that would have settled for less than out-

right Chechen independence. Basayev, I think, would not, and that's the difference, in some ways. There would be no obvious outcome of negotiations between the Russians and Basayev. There could have been a positive outcome for all concerned, if Maskhadov had survived to enter into negotiations.

Experts say the future for any peaceful solution to the Chechen conflict is **gloomy**. They say Russian forces will continue to hunt down Mr. Basayev. Analysts also say there is no doubt that he will engage in more terrorist acts.

Yo'av Karny sees another outcome, now that Mr. Maskhadov is dead.

Yo'av Karny: **Disintegration** of the independence movement. We should expect some violent **spasms** here and there, perhaps on a dramatic scale, perhaps more terrorism. But the independence movement as an organized entity is no longer. It cannot claim to speak on behalf of anyone other than its own **warlords**.

Chechen separatists have named Abdul-Khalim Saidullayev, a local religious leader, to succeed Aslan Maskhadov. Experts say very little is known about Mr. Saidullayev but they all agree that he neither has Aslan Maskhadov's stature nor his following.

For Focus, I'm Andre de Nesnera.

注释

gloomy ['glu:mi] adj. 黑暗的, 阴郁的, 令人沮丧的

disintegration [dis.inti'greiʃən] n. 瓦解

spasm ['spæzəm] n. 一阵发作, 痉挛, 这里指不断的冲突事件

warlord ['wɔ:lɔ:d] n. 军阀, 军阀式首脑

Britain Rejects Early Pullout from Iraq

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw says it would be “utterly irresponsible” to remove the U.S.-led multinational force from Iraq while work remains to train Iraqi security forces and reconstruct the **war-ravaged** country.

Mr. Straw made a statement in Parliament on the Iraq elections, in which he praised the determination of Iraqis to vote, despite the threats from Islamic militants.

Jack Straw: In **Sunni** areas in central Iraq, large groups of people defied terrorist **intimidation**, and walked several kilometers to polling stations to cast their votes. These elections were a moving demonstration that democracy and freedom are universal values to which people everywhere **aspire**.

Mr. Straw also rejected calls from anti-war lawmakers that Britain set a timetable to pull its troops out of Iraq.

Jack Straw: It would be utterly irresponsible for this House or this government to make a **premature** decision about the withdrawal of British or other forces. It is for the Iraqis themselves to make that judgment. If the Iraqi government today wanted to say that our **mandate** had ended,

注释

war-ravaged 被战争蹂躏的

Sunni ['suni:] n. 伊斯兰逊尼派

intimidation [in,timi'deɪʃən] n.

aspire [əs'paɪə] vi. 热望

premature [premə'tʃuə] adj. 未成熟的

mandate ['mændeɪt] n. 要求, 委任托管, 委任统治

we would leave tomorrow. But they understand fully that, without foreign forces on their soil for a period, they cannot rebuild their country and create the freedom and security and democracy that they all so **desperately** need.

In a related development, the Iraqi ambassador to Britain, Salah al-Shaikhly, told reporters Iraq needs support from the international military coalition, while it trains its own security forces. He also praised Iraqi voters for braving the terrorist threats.

Salah al-Shaikhly: All in all, I believe it was a day of **triumph** for the Iraqis. And I'm so glad to say that the voters have silenced the voices of doom and gloom, the prophets of misery, who were forecasting all sorts of destruction and **mayhem** in the country.

Meanwhile, the British Defense Ministry says nine airmen and one soldier are missing and presumed killed in the crash late Sunday of a military transport plane northwest of Baghdad.

A militant group, called **Ansar al-Islam**, claims it shot the plane down with an anti-tank missile. Britain says the cause of the crash remains under investigation.

Michael Drudge, VOA news, London.

注释

desperately ['despəritli] adv. 拼命地, 强烈地

triumph ['traɪəmf] n. 胜利, 成功

mayhem ['meihem] n. 故意的伤害罪行

Ansar al-Islam 伊斯兰辅助者组织