

### Geithner/Rothschild/Kissinger forced \$20 billion onto losing Bank of America to save financial system!!

**Bank of America 'forced to conceal' Merrill rescue facts**  
 Pressure from Fed and Treasury chiefs to complete purchase of Merrill Lynch despite 'staggering' losses **By James Quinn.**  
 Ken Lewis's position at the helm of Bank of America looked increasingly uncertain after it emerged he stopped short of pulling out of the deal to buy loss-making Merrill Lynch after Bush's Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson threatened to oust him and his entire board.

**B of A Investors Lied To And Cheated!**  
**Mr Lewis BoA's chairman and chief executive, also knowingly hid the state of Merrill Lynch's "staggering" losses from shareholders at the behest of former Treasury Secretary Paulson and Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke.**

The revelations were contained in testimony from Mr Lewis and Mr Paulson sent by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo to the Securities and Exchange Commission and Congressional leaders Chris Dodd and Barney Frank.

Mr Cuomo believes he has uncovered "facts that raise questions about the transparency" of the Treasury's \$700bn bank bail-out programme "as well as about corporate governance and disclosure practices at Bank of America."

Investors have already expressed serious concern that BoA did not attempt to pull out of the merger with Merrill, given the investment bank racked up losses of \$15.84bn in the fourth quarter of 2008. The loss required BoA to take on an extra \$20bn of Treasury funding as well as an \$118bn loan-loss guarantee.

The documents paint all three men in a bad light. Mr Lewis, though initially keen to pull out of the Merrill deal after revealing the extent of what he calls the "staggering amount of deterioration in its finances," claimed he caved in after being threatened by Mr Paulson on December 21, ten days before the sale was due to complete.

"That makes it simple. Let's deescalate," Mr Lewis told Mr Paulson, with reference to his original plan to invoke a material adverse clause (MAC) to get out of the Merrill deal.

Mr Paulson later testified to Mr Cuomo that he only threatened Mr Lewis "at the request of Chairman Bernanke." As part of his testimony, Mr Lewis claimed that he was told by the two men not to disclose that he had considered invoking the MAC, and admitted that BoA shareholders were being asked to shoulder some of the damage from the Merrill losses.

**Bank of America chief 'told to buy Merrill or face sack'**  
 Bank boss claims US treasury told him to seal \$50bn deal and keep quiet about brokerage's huge losses

The US government threatened to eject the entire board of Bank of Amer-

ica if the firm pulled out of a \$50bn take-over of troubled Merrill Lynch according to new documents set to inflame a bitter shareholder dispute at America's wealthiest bank.

In potentially explosive testimony to regulators, Bank of America's chief executive, **Ken Lewis, has claimed the US treasury ordered him to press ahead with a buyout of Merrill and to keep quiet about the Wall Street brokerage's mounting losses.**

Lewis's account was revealed today in a letter to Congressional lawmakers from New York's attorney general, Andrew Cuomo, who has raised concern that Bank of America's shareholders were kept in the dark about liabilities inherited from Merrill.

**The former treasury secretary Henry Paulson stepped in, saying he would use the government's bail-out powers to sack Bank of America's board unless it completed the deal.**

In an allegation which has sparked questions about an over-reach of government power, Lewis maintains that Paulson and the Federal Reserve's chairman, **Ben Bernanke, told him to keep Merrill's losses to himself: "I was instructed that 'we do not want a public disclosure.'"**

The saga sheds new light on feverish behind-the-scenes negotiations as government officials scrambled to stabilise the financial system in the wake of the collapse of Lehman Brothers and Bear Stearns. Merrill has been attacked for distributing \$3.6bn in bonuses to its staff in spite of its losses.

Paulson confirmed to Cuomo's office that he threatened to oust Bank of America's board.

A union-backed investor group, Change to Win, condemned Lewis's conduct: "Assuming Mr Lewis's version of the Paulson and Bernanke discussions is accurate, he and his board violated their legal duties to shareholders in order to protect their own employment interests. Their failure to provide timely disclosure of Merrill's troubled condition ultimately has had devastating consequences for shareholders."

**Geithner, the new U.S. treasury secretary and a former employee of Henry Kissinger (Dr. Death) is considered responsible for Madoff's \$50 billion serial robbery because he ignored repeated warnings about the Madoff scheme as given to him in person and in writing by chartered accountant Markolf and others. Markolf was only able to testify in Congress after the fact. Geithner worked in the Securities Exchange Commission. Kissinger, of course, was/is Rothschild's point man.**

### Was Canadian Soldier Murdered To Hide Canada's Policy Secrets?

Canadian soldier found dead on Afghan base JES-SICA LEEDER Globe and Mail

Kandahar, Afghanistan — The Canadian military and government remained tight-lipped Friday after a female soldier was found dead in her room at the Kandahar airbase.

Investigators are still working to piece together the circumstances of the 30-year-old's death, meaning few details about the incident or Maj. Mendes herself are being released. However, a military spokesman here did say that "enemy action has been ruled out."

Coalition troops from Canada and around the world gathered on the tarmac at Kandahar Airfield to bid a final farewell to Major Michelle Mendes. The 30-year-old soldier, based in Ottawa, was found dead Thursday in an accommodation room on the sprawling air base.

She was assigned to Task Force Kandahar, Canada's headquarters operation. Her specific trade at headquarters has not been publicly specified and it is unclear how long she had been in theatre.

According to public records, this is not Maj. Mendes' first deployment to Afghanistan. She first deployed here in 2006 as a captain with the **Ottawa-based 154 Squadron working in intelligence**, according to a community newspaper profile published in August of that year.

In that **Colborne Chronicle** Maj. Mendes' mother, Dianne Knight, explained that her daughter, who graduated with a history degree in 2001 from Kingston's Royal Military College, wanted "an entire career in the army." Originally, Ms. Knight said in the article, her daughter planned to go into the infantry, but **opted instead for intelligence.**

"I was thrilled," Ms. Knight said. "It's right up her alley. She spends the majority of her time reading and analyzing things, and she's so good at it."

At the time, Ms. Knight said her daughter's outlook regarding the deployment was positive.

"I wouldn't say she's upset about going at all. A lot of her friends have been and come back, and a lot of her friends were going when she was going. She has a very positive attitude," she said.

The newspaper profile identified her husband as Victor Mendes, who was at the time a soccer coach at RMC.

Maj. Mendes' death is less than 2 months after Defence Minister MacKay announced a \$21-million plan to deliver better care to Canadian soldiers who are suffering from physical or mental wounds, including post-traumatic stress disorder.

The plan was a response to a damning report by the military's ombudsman who slammed the government for being slow to implement better care for soldiers suffering operational stress injuries — a need flagged in 2002.

The military is still struggling with the stigma their culture attaches to mental health problems.

It is unclear whether the death of Maj. Mendes has a mental health component, and those details are

likely to remain fuzzy for quite some time. Typically, few details are released about the circumstances of non-combat soldier deaths and media queries about them are often stonewalled due to ongoing military investigations or privacy concerns.

Only 4 other soldiers have died in non-combat scenarios in Afghanistan since Canada deployed forces here, but details of the cases are scant.

Military officials have only publicly acknowledged two of the cases were suicides.

One was the case of Major Raymond Ruckpaul, 42, who was found dead of a bullet wound in his Kabul sleeping quarters in August, 2007.

And officials recently determined the circumstance of the March, 2008, death of Bombardier Jérémie Ouellet was a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The 22-year-old artilleryman's body was found in his sleeping accommodations at the Kandahar base. At the time, a military investigation into his death was immediately launched. Members of his family have spoken out to say he was "not the type to commit suicide."

In 2007, Master Corporal Anthony Klumpenhower, 25, died at Kandahar Air Field after falling from a communications tower.

The most high-profile non-combat death of a Canadian in Kandahar has been that of Corporal Kevin Megeny, a 25-year-old east coast reservist, who died in hospital on base in March, 2007, after suffering a gunshot wound to his chest. His tent mate, Corporal Matthew Wilcox, also a reservist, was charged after a lengthy military investigation with multiple offences, including manslaughter, criminal negligence causing death and negligent performance of duty.

Although Cpl. Wilcox's proceedings have not been resolved, the case has stayed in headlines largely because the B.C. doctor who treated Cpl. Megeny published a graphic account of the soldier's final moments in the U.S. magazine *Mother Jones*. The story, which outraged Cpl. Megeny's family, describes the bullet having entered "his right chest, just below the armpit." It also contains the account of a witness who was "just walking by his tent and heard the shot", which "sounded like a 9-mm."

It remains unclear whether the weapon was discharged accidentally or not.

Outside of Afghanistan, two other Canadian soldiers died in non-combat-related incidents over the past year. Last July, Corporal Brendan Downey was found dead in his sleeping quarters at Camp Mirage, a little-known Canadian Forces base in the Arabian Desert that offers logistics support to troops in Afghanistan.

And last March, Corporal Stuart Howard Langridge of Victoria, B.C., was found dead in his room at Edmonton Garrison. Little has been said about his death, although investigators said early on that foul play had been ruled out.

### Galloway Sues Harper's Kenney including Canadian Jewish Groups For Libel

**British MP Galloway says he'll sue Kenney, Jewish groups for libel** CBC News

A British MP barred from entering Canada for a speaking tour this year said he informed federal **Immigration Minister Jason Kenney** and the heads of two Canadian Jewish groups that he intends to file a libel suit against them.

British MP George Galloway, was barred entry by the Canada Border Services Agency ahead of scheduled appearances at several Canadian anti-war events. (*Hatem Mousa/Associated Press*)

George Galloway said he has given formal notice of the libel action to Kenney, Kenney's spokesman Alykhan Velshi, the Canadian Jewish Congress, CJC's chief executive Bernie Farber, CJC co-president Sylvain Aitbol and B'nai Brith Canada CEO Frank Dimant.

"I welcome robust criticism, but the comments made about me crossed the line," Galloway, an outspoken supporter of the Palestinian cause, said in a statement released by his Canadian lawyer.

"They are not only untrue, they are outrageous. As an elected member of the British Parliament, I am compelled to exercise my legal right to clear my name."

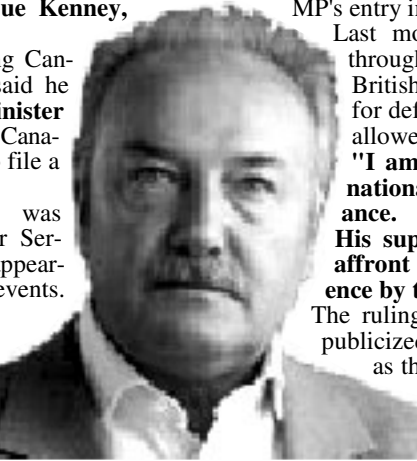
CJC spokesman Jordan Kerbel confirmed the group's national office in Ottawa was served with a notice of libel action.

Farber also said he was surprised to hear of Galloway's libel claim.

"All I can tell you is there is nothing I can think of that we would have said that would warrant any libel action," Farber said. "The only thing he has done is use the media to get his message across." (*Editor's Note: "In our experience, the only thing Zionists have done in Canada is to bar the media from doing its job."*)

Anita Bromberg, B'nai Brith Canada's national director of legal affairs, said the organization received a lengthy notice of intention.

Bromberg told CBCNews.ca the notice names Dimant only, and cites a statement he made that was quoted in an article published on March 26 in the *Jewish Tribune*, a weekly newspaper that is a subsidiary of B'nai Brith. Border agency barred



MP's entry in March

Last month, while speaking to an audience in Ottawa through a video internet connection from New York, the British MP threatened to sue the CJC's Farber and CTV for defamation over "comments [Farber] made that [CTV] allowed him to make."

"I am not a terrorist. I am not a threat to Canada's national security," Galloway said during the appearance.

**His supporters in Canada called the CBSA ruling an affront to free speech that smacked of political interference by the Conservative government.**

The ruling came just weeks after Galloway made a highly publicized trip to the Gaza Strip to deliver humanitarian aid as the coastal territory, still reeling from Israel's 3-week offensive against Hamas aimed at curbing Palestinian militant rocket attacks.

The anti-war advocate and member of the British Parliament since 1987 said he took an ambulance, wheelchairs, food and medicine to the Gaza Strip last month but is not a supporter of Hamas, which is listed as a banned terrorist organization in Canada and has called for Israel's destruction.

**He gave \$45,000 in relief money to the elected Hamas government, but said that's what any aid group or non-governmental organization trying to help Palestinians would do.**

### How The Asian Crisis Was Created By The Illuminati And BIS

**By Benjamin Fulford** Many people, including some who should know better like Nobel prize winning economist Paul Krugman, believe the Asian crisis was an accident. It was no such thing. It was a deliberately planned attack aimed at stealing much of Asia's wealth and weakening the Asian tigers.

The attack on Asia was two-pronged with one prong hitting South East Asia and the other aimed at Japan.

To attack Japan, the privately owned BIS (not accountable to any government on earth) changed its international banking rules in a way that deliberately weakened Japanese banks. They then forced (through threats of violence against Japan) the Japanese authorities to bankrupt one of their big so-called city banks. The Japanese chose the smallest of them: Hokkaido Takushoku Bank. When HTK went bankrupt over 1000 viable companies in Northern Japan were forced into insolvency. This meant that loans other Japanese banks had made to them had to be declared "bad." The result was that all Japanese banks suddenly saw their BIS capital to asset ratio fall below the 8% needed to be allowed to engage in international banking. That meant they were all forced to "immediately" withdraw all their international loans, mostly made to Asia.

The Asian countries, meanwhile, were made extra vulnerable by a deliberate influx of "hot" money that created bubbles. As soon as the Japanese withdrew their loans, the "hot" money was also taken away, destroying the Asian economies. President Mahatir of Malaysia saved his country by seeing through the ruse and preventing the sudden withdrawal of "hot" money.

After the Asian economies collapsed, the carpet-baggers came in. "Hedge funds" and investment funds linked to the oligarchs came marching in and, using Japanese money, they bought up

much of Asia's economic infrastructure at a deep discount. If the BIS and the IMF etc. were really concerned about economic development they would first of all never have forced HKT bank to go under in a disorderly manner. They would have also figured out a way for the Japanese banks to do something like issue subordinated bonds so they could bolster their BIS capital and not be forced to suddenly vacate Asia.

The criminals who carried this out think they got away with it but the Asians have long memories and they have identified the perpetrators of this attack.

The American economy has been subjected to a similar financial attack by the same group of criminals. They would do well to identify these gangsters and put them out of business for ever.

Benjamin Fulford, friend of *Toronto Street News*, was a victim of horrible bullying by Bob Rae's brother when their fathers were in the Canadian diplomatic core in Mexico.

Swine Flu = Martial law 'Draconian' powers seen to contain swine flu

Regional governments can invoke "draconian" powers if the swine flu virus reaches a worst-case scenario, from monitoring people in their own homes to seizing control of entire economies... Australia has also approved the isolation of suspected sufferers against their will. Australia's pandemic action plan, a draft of which is publicly available on the Internet, reveals the government potentially has recourse to even more extreme measures should the threat escalate. The plan, which was updated in April, allows for "extraordinary measures" including the power to manage the supply of goods and services, giving it effective control over the economy.

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