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Yemen foreign minister says U.S. helps make its terrorism

SAN'A, Yemen (AP) — The United States itself bears some responsibility for the attack on the USS Cole because it helped create the terrorists who now consider America their worst enemy, Yemen's foreign minister said Monday.

Speaking in an interview with the Associated Press, Foreign Minister Abdulkader Bajammal also said Yemen wants to work closely with the United States to combat terrorism.

"The operation was not Yemeni, not pure Yemeni," Bajammal said. "It is a network involving so many countries. Terrorism has no nation."

No one has yet been charged in the Oct. 12 bombing of the USS Cole, which killed 17 sailors and wounded 39. Asked if any indictments were forthcoming, Bajammal said he had no information, noting it was not his area of responsibility.

Bajammal said if any Yemenis are found to have been involved, they may have simply been corrupt bureaucrats who provided logistical help in exchange for "a little baksheesh," — or payoffs — not out of ideology. "We are a victim of terrorism, not a

source of terrorism," Bajammal added.

The attack on the Cole followed anti-U.S. and anti-Israeli protests in Yemen and across an Arab world enraged by violence in Palestinian areas. Nearly 300 people have been killed in Israeli-Palestinian clashes since September.

The roots of anti-American terrorism are older and deeper, running back to the 1980s when one of the last-gasp Cold War battles was

waged in the rugged mountain valleys of Afghanistan.

Bajammal said that his investigation was continuing, but he could not comment on the identity of the Yemeni or other Arab groups of the Afghan war who were in the Cole attack.

He said, "Terrorism can occur by accident. It is a phenomenon. Just as the United States created a man like national terrorist) Carlos, who side created the Afghan war, we have inherited the remnants of the Cold War."

In Washington, a senior official said the Clinton administration rejects any suggestion that the United States is somehow responsible for the Cole attack. He spoke in a tone of anonymity.

Yemen, whose central government is struggling to expand its authority over tribal areas, has long been a haven for Muslim extremists, including groups linked to Saudi Arabia's Osama bin Laden, a leader of the Afghan war who today is the No. 1 terrorist suspect.

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War on drugs moves to Colombia

U.S.-backed plan promises government funds to coca growers who destroy crop; many are skeptical that promises will be kept

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Yanking a coca bush from the ground and planting a magnolia tree in its place, officials kicked off an ambitious program to eradicate drug crops in the heart of Colombia's cocaine-producing region.

During the weekend ceremony in southern Colombia's Putumayo province, about 700 peasant farmers agreed to destroy their coca plots in return for government aid to adopt alternative, and legal, livelihoods.

The crop-substitution program is the "soft side" of a U.S.-backed military push into the region, in which remaining coca fields will be seized by government troops and destroyed by aerial fumigation. The pact was signed Saturday in the village of Santa Ana and will

be offered to other farmers in Putumayo in the coming months.

For the coca growers, the deal to wipe out their own crops sounds good on paper. Many are skeptical the promises will become reality. And there is little likelihood the initiative will sharply reduce the scale of the upcoming military offensive.

In return for seeds, technical assistance, better roads and electricity, communities living off coca pledge to instead be growing food crops and tending chicken coops within a year. Later, officials say, they will invite farmers into more lucrative long-term projects such as cattle-raising, fish farms and rubber plantations.

The government says the alternative develop-

ment program is backed by nearly \$250 million in government aid, in addition to tens of millions of dollars in expected international funding.

These so-called programs face a myriad of obstacles. Foremost is security.

Colombia's largest leftist guerrilla army, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, controls much of rural Putumayo and earns huge profits by protecting the cocaine-producing plantations and "taxing" the growers.

Battling more than 2,000 FARC fighters for control of Putumayo and profits from its lucrative cocaine trade are at least 600 members of a right-wing paramilitary group, the United Self-Defense Forces

of Colombia, or UESF. The FARC supports alternative development over forced eradication, but it is to be seen when guerrillas will go with plans aimed at eliminating one of their sources of income.

A \$1.3 billion package includes U.S. special forces for 3,000 Colombian troops given the task of eradicating the coca fields.

The United States is pledging more than \$1 million for alternative development programs, says White House czar Barry McCaffrey last week that such programs cannot succeed until Colombia's political military "have established security on the ground."

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