

Who Were The Two Richest Men At The Paris March?

More than a million and a half people marched in Paris. And perhaps, somewhere in the crowd, unknown to us, was George Soros, or Bill Gates, or Warren Buffett, or some Russian visiting Paris. Not impossible, but doubtful; they are busy, they are making money, they leave those physical expressions to others. One may guess that the Mexican Carlos Slim, whose origins are Lebanese Christian, didn't take the time. And the Russian rich might well have supported the march, but "from the beautiful distance" (*iz prekrasnogo daleka*).

But let's try to guess at who the two richest men at the march were. I think the richest one, and one not noted, was the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. He came not to score a political point but because the United Arab Emirates, and especially Abu Dhabi, are now run by people alarmed about the True Believers, and about those in their immediate neighborhood – Qatar comes at once to mind – that have chosen to support the Muslim Brotherhood (in its Egyptian, Gazan, Libyan, Syrian embodiments), and the Muslim Brotherhood is just one step on the way to the Truest Believers of the Al-Nusra Front, and the Islamic State. Sheikh Abdullah, son of Zayed, surely has – every member of the Al Nahyan ruling family at that level has – at least several hundred million dollars, as his family has tens of billions. They are no different, that is, from the Al Saud in Saudi Arabia, the Al Thani in Qatar, the Al Maktoum in Dubai, the Al This and the Al That who have been the recipients of colossal revenues, all due not to spectacular industry on the part of a hard-working populace, nor from entrepreneurial or inventive flair, but solely because of an accident of geology, an accident of geology that has led to the largest transfer of wealth in human history, nearly \$25

trillion since 1973 alone, from oil and gas users, to the Muslim members of OPEC. He, Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, is almost certainly the richest man to have appeared at the Paris march (or that part of it which, quite separate from the mass of marchers, included the “world leaders” and other dignitaries – Sarkozy, Carla Bruni, and so on – who had their separate march on the Boulevard Voltaire, well-protected by snipers in place on the heights, and police, and bodyguards galore.

But who was the second richest man at the march? Oh, that would be Mahmoud Abbas, or Abu Mazen. He has at least \$100 million to his name, and his sons working – or “working” – in the Gulf are said to have earned – “earned” – at least several tens of millions more. Mahmoud Abbas got his money in a way that has something in common with the fortune that Sheikh Abdullah did. He didn’t have to work for it, he didn’t have to invent anything, or invest brilliantly. All he had to do was be himself. Sheikh Abdullah was himself, and as himself, the son of Zayed, ruler of Abu Dhabi, he came into his cut of the family fortune, which in turn is based on a cut of the national, Abu Dhabi, fortune, to which the Al Nahyan are allowed to help themselves.

Mahmoud Abbas was for decades the most loyal of henchmen to Yassir Arafat. When Arafat died, it was discovered that several billion dollars that had been provided by Western donors to the “Palestinians” (the PLO, Fatah, the Palestine Authority, call the rulers collectively what you will) had simply disappeared, was nowhere to be found. It was money that Arafat, keeper of the bank accounts, had diverted to himself. Abbas had been doing okay before Arafat died, but once he had died, Mahmoud Abbas came into his own. In the West those who govern us openly praise Diversity, in the Muslim East those who rule quietly sing to themselves praises of Diversion of Public Wealth into their own pockets. And that is how Mahmoud Abbas managed to acquire for himself at least \$100 million.

And that is what allow us to conclude that the Richest Man at the Paris March was Sheikh Abdullah of Abu Dhabi, a country that has plenty of oil, and that the Second Richest Man at the Paris March was Mahmoud Abbas, who rules over Ramallah, and whose wealth comes entirely from the foreign aid that Infidel governments keep supplying, and supplying, and supplying, coute que coute, to the "Palestinians" and their thinly-disguised Jihad against Israel, a Jihad that has no end. .