

ers was why the Iranians had given a platform to so many misfits and fantasists. Was it really genuine ignorance and naivety? Or had calculated Israel-bashing got out of hand? For example, in what way could V.T. Rajshekar have possibly furthered Iran's interests? A former journalist and the leader of the Dalit Voice movement that seeks to end the caste system in India, Rajshekar believes that the upper-caste Brahmins who form much of the ruling class in India are of the same racial stock as Jews. He presented a paper to the conference arguing the 'Jews of India,' – or the Brahmins – have perpetrated a 3,000-year Holocaust and 'kept it secret, buried under mountains of lies called Gandhian non-violence'.

Or take the case of the British writer Alexander Baron, with links to the far right, Islamists and anti-Zionist Jews, who also attended the conference. A former member of the ultra-nationalist British Movement, Baron is bizarrely also a current associate member of the Islamic Party of Britain. He is known to have attended and addressed the meetings of the far-right British National Party. In December 1997 Baron was charged with violation of the Malicious Communications Act. He was fined by a magistrates court in London in January 1998 for sending anti-Semitic leaflets to members of the Jewish community and to police stations and for publishing thousands of pages of racial hatred on the Internet, including anti-Semitic booklets.

Another guest of the government of President Ahmadinejad was Bernhard Schaub, who describes himself as a 'right-wing extremist'. A regular speaker in far-right and neo-Nazi circles in Switzerland and Germany, Schaub was indicted in 2005 for his anti-Semitic speech during a march of the far-right groups in the town of Aarau in the German-speaking sector of northern Switzerland. Schaub is a leading member of the far-right National Party of Switzerland, PNOS. Another white supremacist, he has declared, 'Europe is the homeland of the white race.' He has warned of a conspiracy that was under way under the banner of the 'New World Order', which, he says, is a vision of 'one world, with one government, one [mixed] race. ... This campaign is by no means finished. Its goal will be reached only when little Switzerland and all of Europe are finally forced into submission, ruled by one "chosen" people, one god (Yahweh), and one cult – the Holocaust.' He told the conference in Tehran: 'We European strugglers for right and truth here want to call out to the Islamic realm: