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The Ugandan hell behind London's Museveni myth

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“The West should save the morality lessons for later,” declared Jeffrey Sachs of the Harvard Institute for International Development, in its dealings with Laurent Kabila and his new Democratic Republic of the Congo. Arguing in the *New York Times* of May 29, Sachs, huckster for the International Monetary Fund throughout eastern Europe and Russia, held up the case of Uganda to motivate his embrace of Kabila. “The experience of neighboring Uganda is instructive,” Sachs said. “Since President Yoweri Museveni came to power in 1986, Uganda has recovered from the most harrowing depths of violence and economic collapse to become one of Africa’s fastest-growing countries, while improving its human rights record.”

The vast majority of Ugandans, however, would not recognize the Uganda Sachs is talking about. For them, the picture is far more grim. This report is to give *EIR* readers an insight into the Uganda *they* see.

Take an example. This item appeared on the pages of the Kampala daily *Monitor* on July 14: “Arua Member of Parliament Bakako Bakoru broke into tears and sobbed at Atutur Hospital, when she entered the labour ward and found three premature babies being incubated using charcoal stoves. Bakoru, a nurse, is a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Social Services who have been touring eastern Uganda districts of Pallisa, Kumi, and Soroti to assess the food situation there. Atutur Hospital, which was opened in November 1969, has been run down. Some patients sleep in wards with sewage flowing up to their beds. In the incubation room, the prematures are wrapped in cotton cloth and placed in baskets suspended on metallic stands. . . . The MP condemned the action, calling it murder. . . . During a meeting with the hospital staff, Bakoru spoke with tears rolling down her cheeks. The Medical Superintendent and the District Medical Officer told the MPs that neither the hospital nor the district had resources.”

Atutur Hospital is not an aberration, not an isolated case. Throughout Uganda, medical services are basically nonexistent. Throughout the rural areas, where 90% of the population lives and particularly in the entire eastern and northern sections



Uganda's Yoweri Museveni (right) meets with German President Roman Herzog in January 1996.

of the country, there are no medical services, there is no medicine. This, in a country where not only HIV, but also malaria, including the deadly cerebral malaria, tuberculosis, yellow fever, and sleeping sickness are on the dramatic increase. Uganda, the statistics show, is a country where *death is on the rise*.

How then, can Yoweri Museveni's Uganda, be pointed to as the model for Africa?

Curtain of lies

The "big lie" shows what is in store for Africa, if the British marcher-lord force coordinated out of Kampala—comprised of the Ugandan military of Museveni himself; the Rwandan Tutsi military of Rwandan Defense Minister Paul Kagame; the Eritrean force of Isaias Afwerki; the Angolan forces of José Dos Santos; the Tutsi military of Burundi; and the child-soldier force of Laurent Kabila, are permitted to continue their sweep across Africa.

Since 1990, the myth of Yoweri Museveni's Uganda has been used to justify the destruction of Rwanda, successive wars against Sudan, and the invasion and seizure of Zaire. The line coming from senior hornswoggler Jeffrey Sachs is precise: We can sweep under the rug the unpleasant realities of the forced death by murder, disease, and starvation of up to 500,000 Hutu refugees in eastern Zaire. They were killed by those who will re-create the "Uganda model" throughout Africa, and hence their deaths were a necessary consequence of this great advance.

This report is an attempt to look behind the curtain of lies that has been drawn, over the last seven years, in the pages of the Western press. The lie originates in London. As Ugandans understand very well, it is London that installed Museveni in power and London which runs Uganda today. It is London that has given Museveni full license to strip Uganda to feed his military machine, which in turn arms and directs the Rwandan-Eritrean-Burundi-Kabila combine threatening Africa today. It is the companies of the British Commonwealth, led by the Commonwealth Corporation, which follow behind the armies, taking the property titles on the wealth seized by Museveni's warlord forces.

Meanwhile, in Uganda, as in Rwanda, as in Burundi, as in Zaire, the vast majority of the population is being left to die.

In our report, *EIR* sets the record straight. Yoweri Museveni has been in power in Uganda for eleven years. In that time, there have never been free and fair elections, even according to the U.S. ambassador. In that time, there has been no recovery of the national economy; instead, productive capacities have been looted to fund London's wars. In that time, there has *never* been peace inside Uganda, and Museveni continues to wage a war of annihilation against a third of the country.

Unless the United States, as American statesman Lyndon LaRouche has called upon the Clinton administration to do, takes decisive action to call the British Privy Council to account for its holocaust in Africa, the hell that reigns in the disintegrated nation of Uganda will be the future for all African countries, for Ibero-America, for Asia, and for us all.