

# Africans in Revolt vs. International Court

by Lawrence K. Freeman

Sept. 25—Led by the Ethiopian Prime Minister, the Ugandan President, and the Kenyan Parliament, a growing chorus of voices is being raised, and actions are being taken, against the International Criminal Court (ICC), including efforts to have the 34 African nations that signed the Rome Statue creating the ICC, remove themselves from the racist, globalist institution. Eleven years after the ICC was established in 2002, all eight cases the Court has investigated and tried involve African countries.

This movement against the ICC coincides with increasing demands by the West, led by the U.S., Great Britain, and France, to militarily intervene against nations under the pretext of “responsibility to protect—R2P” first called for by former British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Liberal hawks demanding military interventions based on so-called “humanitarian” concerns, such as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power and National Security Advisor Susan Rice, helped persuade Blair acolyte President Barack Obama, to invoke R2P for the purpose of overthrowing Libyan President Muammar Qaddafi. That illegal action has all but turned Libya into another Somalia-like failed state, ungovernable, and dominated by various al-Qaeda-linked militias. The disintegration of Libya has also wreaked havoc throughout the Sahel, by providing insurgents with modern weapons from Libyan arms depots.

The anti-ICC counter offensive includes the following:

- On Sept. 25, Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn, the rotating chairperson of the African

Union, in his address to the 68th session of the UN General Assembly, accused the ICC of having “degenerated into a political instrument targeting Africa and Africans.” He also criticized the Security Council for refusing to even respond to a request “to defer the proceedings initiated against President al-Bashir” of Sudan. Hailemariam went on to say that the decision of the ICC to try Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta

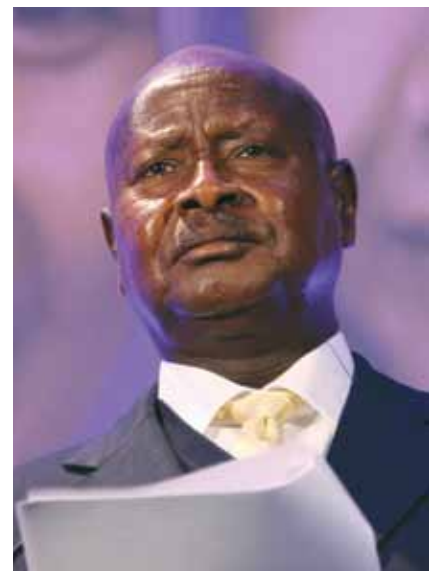
and Deputy President William Ruto was “adversely affecting the ability of the Kenyan leaders in discharging their constitutional responsibilities.”

- On the same date, Ugandan President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, in his address to the UN General Assembly, had this to say about the ICC: “The latest manifestation of arrogance is from the ICC in relation to the elected leaders of Kenya. Many African countries supported the setting up of the ICC because we abhor impunity. However, the ICC in a shallow, biased way, has continued to mishandle complex African issues. This is not acceptable. The ICC should



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stop. Our advice to them is from very capable actors who know what they are doing and saying. Kenya is recovering. We know the origin of past mistakes. The ICC way is not the right one to handle those mistakes.”

- Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, chairperson of the African Union Commission, in answer to a question at the “Africa Brain Trust” seminar of the Annual Legislative Conference of the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington D.C. Sept. 20, said that the AU had asked the UN Security Council to defer the ICC action against Sudanese President Bashir because he was an important factor for peace in Sudan. Zuma explained that there cannot be justice without peace, and that Bashir was necessary to help bring about peace.

- On Sept. 10, following discussions among the foreign ministers of Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, and Ethiopia, Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam sent a letter to the ICC arguing that it should allow the cases against Kenya’s President Kenyatta and Deputy President Ruto to be tried in Kenya. According to *The EastAfrican*, if the African states which are pressuring UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and the Security Council to act on their behalf against the ICC “fail to negotiate concessions . . . they will consider withdrawing from the ICC en masse.” African states may also decide to bring the issue before the General Assembly.

- Kenya’s parliament, on Sept. 5, voted to leave the ICC. However, for this to become official, it would have to be signed by President Kenyatta, and would take one year to go into effect. Thus, it would not affect the current ICC trials of Kenya’s leaders.

- At the initiative of Ugandan President Museveni, the AU will have an extraordinary Heads of State summit in October for the sole purpose of discussing “Africa’s relationship to the ICC,” where a mass withdrawal of the 34 African nations from the ICC could be on the agenda.

## A Weapon of the British Empire

The ICC is an instrument of the British Empire created by the former Nazi collaborator George Soros and his crony in overthrowing governments since 1986, Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, former U.K. Minister of State for Asia, Africa, and the United Nations (2007-09).<sup>1</sup>

Without the efforts of billionaire Soros, the ICC, a private organization, would not exist. British agent Soros financed the organizations that lobbied and organized for the ICC; Soros crony, Luis Moreno-Ocampo of Argentina, was the Court’s chief prosecutor, 2003-12.

The “Court” answers to no one—it was designed by the British Empire in precisely that way. It operates outside the authority of the UN or any sovereign nation-state. The ICC required funding from private interests, and speculator Soros was at the top of the list.

The three primary funders of Court, as of 2009, were: George Soros, through his various organizations, including the Open Society Institute, Human Rights Watch, and the Soros Foundation; the British Empire, through the U.K.’s Foreign and Commonwealth

Office, where Soros’s former business partner Malloch-Brown served from 2003-09; and the European Union’s “European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights,” whose initiatives are enmeshed with and co-managed by the Soros apparatus.

The creation of the ICC was never lawful and remains in violation of the sovereignty of nation-states. It would be more than appropriate for African nations to bring about its demise. It has already existed far too long.

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1. For more on the ICC, see Lawrence Freeman, “Fraudulent Indictment: British Imperialists Launch War on Sudan’s Sovereignty”; Lyndon LaRouche, “Is George Soros a Modern Rumpelstiltskin?; and “The ICC: British Imperialist Tool,” *EIR*, March 13, 2009.