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Gore's Racist Assault Against Malaysia

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To anyone who is familiar with the history of Al Gore's racist, anti-development, imperialist policies toward developing nations, it comes as no surprise to find him campaigning today against the phony "threat" of global warming allegedly posed by the process of industrialization. His hatred of any developing nation that refuses to follow the orders of the Anglo-Dutch financiers' "Washington Consensus" is particularly evident in the case of Malaysia. EIR has recently learned that Gore is again interfering in Malaysian internal affairs, conspiring again with Anwar Ibrahim (a "shared asset" of Gore and Paul Wolfowitz) to bring down the majority party in Malaysia and take control himself, on behalf of his colonial sponsors. Here is a brief review of Gore's past evil deeds in Malaysia:

In November 1998, President Clinton had to skip an important meeting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum (APEC) in Kuala Lumpur, because of a military crisis in the Balkans (which had been instigated by Vice President Al Gore and his pal, diplomat and investment banker Richard Holbrooke). Clinton sent Gore in his place to represent the United States. Only two months earlier, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad had implemented currency controls and fixed currency rates, to counter the attack on the Asian currencies by George Soros and his fellow hedge fund speculators.

Clinton had been considering what he referred to as a "new international financial architecture," which would have seen the Malaysian move towards currency controls as a possible model for developing nations to protect themselves within a new monetary framework.

However, rather than building the needed relationship between the United States and Malaysia, Gore launched a public assault on Prime Minister Mahathir, and in defense of the deposed former Finance Minister Anwar Ibrahim, who had defended the IMF's conditionalities and rejected Mahathir's sovereign controls. As Finance Minister (and Deputy Prime Minister), Anwar had implemented an "IMF austerity policy without the IMF," before Mahathir dumped him.

'We Should Fry Him'

Gore was the featured speaker at the APEC forum on Nov. 16, sharing the podium with Mahathir. Outside the conference



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Al Gore rides the circuit for his global warming fraud (here, at George Washington University in May 2007).

center, anarchists supporting Anwar were rioting in the streets, making calls to bring down the government. Claiming that Malaysia could not protect his security, Gore demanded that the hotel management shut down the air conditioning, supposedly to prevent his enemies from putting poison in the ventilation system. Then, before a sweaty audience, Gore incited the anarchists: "Democracy can give the stamp of legitimacy that reforms must have in order to be effective, and so, among nations who suffer economic crises, we continue to hear calls for democracy, calls for reform, in many languages. People power. *Reformasi*. We hear them today, right here, right now, among the brave people of Malaysia."

Trade Minister Rafidah Aziz called it "the most disgusting speech I've heard in my life," while Foreign Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (now the Prime Minister) said: "Malaysia finds the incitement by the U.S. government to lawlessness by certain elements within the country, to use undemocratic means in order to overthrow a constitutionally elected government, most abhorrent. Malaysians do not take kindly to sanctimonious sermonizing from any foreign quarter, especially the United States, a country which is known to have committed gross violations of human rights."

Dr. Mahathir was more direct: "We should fry him. Al Gore does not love Malaysia nor its people. Al Gore and his government only want to manipulate and control our country."

Gore did not apologize, but told Russian Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov (another target of Gore's intended "regime change"), "That is the American message, and I am proud to



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Anwar Ibrahim (center) meets with buddy Paul Wolfowitz (with back to camera). Anwar is working with a small group in Malaysia to oust the governing coalition.

deliver it here and anywhere I go. Moving into the 21st Century with a strong economy really requires democracy and self-government.”

Anwar’s Friends to the Rescue

Two days after the 1998 Gore tirade in Kuala Lumpur, when the *Asian Wall Street Journal* offered the jailed Anwar Ibrahim its editorial page, Anwar showed his allegiance to the international financial institutions, and to colonial policy: “Instead of pointing the finger at speculators and blaming ‘unrealistic demands’ set by international agencies acting as lenders of last resort, Asian nations would do well to put their houses in order first,” he wrote. Asian nations must end “ambitious plans for outlandish projects,” commit themselves “to wiping out corruption and nepotism,” remove tariff barriers and eradicate “subsidies, monopolies and favoritism.... So many vested interests are at stake. Unless the gale of creative destruction is unleashed on these rent-seeking and parasitic corporate activities [i.e., national industries], the Asian economy will never regain its past vigor.”

It is clear he means the “past vigor” of the colonial era, with the colonies providing raw materials and cheap labor, but certainly no “ambitious plans for outlandish projects” in their own self-interest.

A few weeks later, speculator George Soros returned the favor in a speech at Johns Hopkins University, calling for Anwar to be released, while accusing Dr. Mahathir of supporting his “cronies” at the expense of the economy, concluding: “So I think what needs to happen, is, he needs to be removed from power.”

In August 2000, when Anwar Ibrahim was convicted of corruption and sodomy after a 14-month trial, his pal Al Gore, then in the heat of his Presidential campaign against George W. Bush, took time out from his campaign to speak out against

the rule of law: “I am deeply disturbed by the verdicts handed down in Malaysia in the case of Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.... The show trial [he was] forced to endure mocked the international standards of justice.”

Among Friends in Washington

When Anwar was released from prison in 2004, he was greeted by his two closest allies in the West, Al Gore and Paul Wolfowitz. It was probably Wolfowitz, then at the center of running a military version of “regime change” in Iraq, who arranged for Anwar to get a position at the Johns Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, where Wolfowitz had been the dean. Anwar also got a position at St. Anthony’s College at Oxford, England, where he met with Gore, who was by this time running a hedge fund in London, Generation Investment Management. Anwar also spent time with his old friends from the British oligarchy, Chris Patten, former high lord of Hong Kong, and Gordon Brown, the current Prime Minister.

Returning to Washington, Anwar found another lucrative position working for Wolfowitz at the World Bank, imposing conditions on developing nations that reject his warped form of “democracy.” He also took on the leadership of a project promoted by Dick Cheney and his daughter Liz, for “regime change” through subversion in the Arab world, called Foundation for the Future. When Wolfowitz had to find a place to send his then-girlfriend because of a potential conflict of interest at the World Bank, Anwar took her in with open arms, turning his “anti-corruption” head the other way when Wolfowitz corruptly arranged to pay her a bloated tax-free salary on the World Bank tab. Wolfowitz was soon ousted from his post over this hypocritical stunt, although the representatives of the developing nations at the World Bank had plenty of other, more serious, reasons to throw the bum out.

In February 2006, Gore shared the stage with Anwar at the Jeddah Economic Forum in Saudi Arabia. Gore shared another position with a different Malaysian in 2007; both he and Dr. Mahathir were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Although Gore won, for the genocidal pack of lies in his film “An Inconvenient Truth,” the real inconvenient truth is that Gore is committed to the “Peace of the Grave” for millions of the world’s poor.

Anwar Ibrahim is back in politics in Malaysia now. He has pasted together a coalition of his own small following, with the Islamic fundamentalist party and the racial parties representing the fraction of the Chinese and Indian minorities, which refuse to work with the government coalition. Although these parties won only a third of the parliamentary seats, that is far more than the opposition has won in recent elections, and Anwar is bragging that he can “persuade” some government MPs to switch sides. Is the green fascist Al Gore part of that persuasion?