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Under the present neocolonial ruling elite leading our Motherland, our diplomatic life has been turned into a circus within which these pathetic leaders ceaselessly make a fool out of the Black continent.

We are constantly humiliated diplomatically in our interactions with foreign entities because of the lack of vision, rectitude and dignity of the puppeteered elite ruling over Black Africa.

In fact, one important reason why the neocolonial age that has befallen our precious African continent must be abolished by any means necessary, is that it has enthroned everywhere in power on the Black continent a clique of incompetent leaders that will never be able to challenge the status quo of Black Africa's humiliating powerless position within the arena of the nations of the world through the submissive, weak and senseless diplomacy, they practice. An example of this disastrous diplomacy was shown to us all during the so called African Peace Mission in Ukraine last week.

First of all it was a delusional visit. Were these African leaders really thinking that they could broker peace in Ukraine? If yes, then they are literally out of touch with reality, Africa is the most oppressed continent in the world, the poorest of all thanks to the lack of vision and stupidity of our leaders. A continent that has been turned into the playground of confrontation of imperialist powers. How then could Africa bring peace in a proxy Ukrainian conflict opposing the two nations with the largest nuclear arsenals on the planet: the United States and Russia?

The visit was certainly a waste of time and money, if African leaders wanted to display their skills in mediation, there are a lot of conflicts on our Motherland where these skills could have been used. Sudan, the newest African country to fall into civil war, a bloody conflict through which morally bankrupt military leaders are destroying the country by engaging in a senseless series of clashes could have been a good place for them to start any so called peace mission.

Secondly, if they went to Ukraine to demand peace because we are highly dependent on Ukraine's grains, that's a problem too.

As the South African president Cyril Ramaphosa pathetically said in front of Russian president Vladimir Putin "...we are being negatively affected in terms of our economies, the prices of commodities have gone up, particularly grain and fertilizer." A similar assertion was reiterated by the African Union Chairperson, the president of Comoros Azali Assoumani who said during the same encounter that the war in Ukraine was for Africa a source of "...unprecedented problems in the sphere of food security and energy security."

Let's not sugarcoat these statements, the motivation of the visit itself can be classified as an humiliation for us. In all truth, the meeting could be interpreted as Africa demanding an end of the war, just because it can't feed itself and is highly dependent on Ukraine's grains to feed its masses and fertilize its field. Literally Africa begging for grains in Ukraine by asking all actors to stop the war. This again is as much unacceptable as it is unnecessary. Why? Because the Black continent should have never been living under such an humiliating predicament in the first place. We should have never been dependent of Ukraine for grains, we have enough lands and resources that could have been used for that very purpose, some of the most arable lands on planet Earth are located on the Motherland.

The truth of the matter is that they went to humiliate us in Ukraine because we are not food sufficient, food security is a myth on the Black continent, a crisis made worse by the war in Ukraine

which stops the flow of much neeeded grains, needed for our nutritional needs.

The problem with this whole thing, the underlying motivation of this visit is that, we depend on others to feed us, we are so incapable of taking care of ourselves, that we have fallen into an humiliating dependency to foreign markets to feed our populations.

That's the Africa they have created under the neocolonial system that they all serve, an enormous mess. That's the Africa our rulers lead right now, one totally subjugated by neocolonialism, especially from an economic standpoint.

Indeed, as I've said in countless previous writings, the present capitalist Black African economy is a sin and a colossal affront to Black dignity. It's an economy based upon the exploitation of our natural resources by foreign actors, for the benefit of foreign actors. An economy geared towards the safety and profits of the international market and not the well-being of the Black African peoples. Under such a scamming economic system, we Black Africans produce what we don't eat, and eat what we don't produce.

In this particular case, pertaining to the nutritional needs of our masses, the flaws of the neoliberal capitalist economic system of globalization that all Black African leaders suscribe to is too exposed to be ignored.

They went there because Africa needs grains to feed itself, Ukraine where it gets it is at war, the African ruling elite wants the war to stop to avoid that this issue of Ukrainian grains degenerate into bigger local problems that might affect the stability of their governments. This is the solution to the issue for Black African leaders, thus the peace mission in the Ukraine.

Well, this is the most horrible way of addressing such a critical problem. The right thing to do is to secure our nutritional independence, and create the conditions of food security on the Black continent, so as to avoid depending on foreign countries for such a critical affair as the nutritional needs of Black African populations.

Then they gaslight....on the aftermath of the visit president Ramaphosa said that the mission was "impactful", another grotesque lie, the mission was a failure, a delusional one at that. Which again proves that the Black continent will never gets anywhere under the leadership of the present ruling elite, it ain't got no great ideas and vision of restoration of Black African dignity.

This present neocolonial ruling elite that is currently in power in 99% of Black African republics will keep us under subjugation forever, we will never regain both our true independence and dignity. As long as they keep ruling over us, we will always be the laughing stock of the world, it was proven as such again in Ukraine.

We must do away with the age of constant humiliations in our interactions with the world, we must do away with the economic dependency to abroad, we must do away with the neocolonial leadership and neocolonial system destroying us. It's time for a new Black Africa.

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OPINION

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The presidential election opposing the two largest political parties in Sierra Leone, which are the current ruling SLPP (Sierra Leone People's Party) of sitting president Maada Bio and the former ruling party APC(All People's Congress) of former Chief of Central Bank Kamara, has ended with the controversial victory of the outgoing president.

Bio was proclaimed victor of the electoral contest last Tuesday and sworn in shortly hours later, on the same day. Nevertheless, the facts remain that his election was extremely controversial. It was so first of all because the election was marred in blatant fraud and irregularities. From a weird census before the election to a highly questionable ballots counting process after it, a lot was done to ensure a swift victory of the ruling party SLPP in the first round.

The election was apparently so bizarre that even Bio's western backers like the United States, the United Kingdom and the European Union took note of this questionable electoral process in their congratulatory declaration to the newly elected president. Furthermore, the NEW (National Election Watch) an organization composed of a hundreds registered civil society and non-governmental organisations, that deployed about 6000 observers to monitor the election, also said based on their investigations and data received last monday that Bio couldn't have gathered more than 53 percent of the votes (55 percent is required to avoid a runoff) while Kamara couldn't get more than 49 percent. Well on Tuesday it was announced that Bio was reelected, with 56.17 percent while Kamara came second with 41.16 percent, a result defying all statistical parameters.

However, I must clearly state that the allegations and suspicions of fraud in that Sierra Leonean election are but a minor issue for me, the bigger problem being the overall impact of Western style democracy in the country and in Black Africa in general, this is what we must reflect upon.

Democracy as it exists today in this modern neoliberal capitalist world living under the boot of American hegemony, is a lie. On the African continent, the most exploited in the world, where neocolonialism has suceeded to colonialism, it's an even bigger lie.

It is a lie because despite Western style democracy being sold to us as the panacea to our problems by the powers that be, the status quo of our subjugation to the evil global world order is still unchanged. Our destinies are decided in foreign capitals. Imperialist will prevail over popular will on our Motherland.

So then how could democracy exist on our soil? Knowing that we have become an entity under absolute neocolonial subjugation, one which wealth is blatantly exploited and stolen everyday by foreign hostile forces under the guise of international trade. Democracy in Black Africa does not mean power to the people but power to the puppets, the neocolonial agents.

The most pressing political need in Black Africa is not the emulation of Western style democracy but rather a struggle to totally destroy the neocolonial system.

The truth that the blind can't see is that the application of Western style democracy in Black Africa has done nothing but entrenched neocolonial regimes and elites in power in all Black African countries. Democracy has always been a propaganda based illusion, giving the masses of Africa a sense of control that they do not pratically have.

The cyclical elections that we witness all the time in Africa are nothing more than miserable popularity contests between agents of the same neocolonial

system that channel the popular will towards nothing. Not a thing of a deeply beneficial nature has come out of the lie of democracy in Africa. For the Black continent, the promotion of democracy by the system doesn't have anything to do with the slogan "power to the people" or else but everything to do with an historic attempt for the legitimization of the neocolonial system and its agents called head of states or presidents.

Specifically speaking of Sierra Leone though, I would say that nothing was new in that general election. It was the same worthless democratic game between the main two parties SLPP and APC (both faithful to the neocolonial system) that happened again. Nothing will change, the masses will still be economically oppressed by the rotten neocolonial system destroying the country.

In Sierra Leone and beyond, a revolution (aiming among other significantly important things at the radical political redemption of the Motherland) and not so called Western inspired democratic elections will bring about our common salvation as Black Africans.

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IN-DEPTH

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UNDERSTANDING WAGNER'S MUTINY

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> *....since when was it ever a good idea to put one's trust in mercenaries? The Kremlin learned it the hard way last week. Will Black African countries using mercenaries ever get that point?*

NBA

The internal military conflict that has been brewing for months within Russia's military establishment, opposing the leader of the PMC Wagner Yeveghny Prighozin to the Russian military brass mainly the Minister of Defense, General Sergey Shoigu and his close asociate chief of general staff, General Valery Gerassimov, exploded last week into a full blown politico-military crisis treatening the safety of the Russian state itself. In this article we will return on the major events of that chaotic day and the causes that led to the crisis.

A BREWING CONFLICT

We must reckon that what has played out in the streets of Moscow last week is the continuation of a long standing dispute within the Russian military establishment, based on the botched prosecution of the war in the Ukraine by the government of Vladimir Putin.

Indeed after being pushed back from Kiev and its vicinity during the first weeks of the war, Russia will resort more and more to using parallel private armies to fight its war in the Ukraine. We must note that this was authorized by Putin even though illegal from the standpoint of Russian law. But it was seemingly done, to allow the Russian army to preserve itself for the later stages of the war, possibly in case of a wider confrontation with NATO. Many private Russian military groups will therefore start to play a more important role in the conflict.

The Chechens for instance, under the leadership of Ramzan Kadyrov and organized within the Akhmat Brigade will play a fundamental role in the battle for Mariupol, that they will eventually seized for Russia on May 20th of last year. In the East, in Donestk and Luhansk, pro-Russian militias will fulfill the same role of defense of Russian interests in the region. It is under this same context that the Wagner Group will enter the war in Ukraine, with the blessing of Putin himself.

The group will fight one of the most vicious and violent battles of the war, in Bakhmut. The longest battles of this war that lasted almost a year months. At the end of which, following brutal combat operations and hostilities, in which the group lost about 20 000 soldiers, the Wagner Group liberated Bakhmut (now called Artemyosk) on May 21st, 2023 for Russia, in the face of the face of the relentless assaults and counter-assaults of the Ukrainian's trained NATO army.

But from Bakhmut we did not only hear about Wagner's grinding fight to victory in which the group lost some of its best fighters. We also heard about the alleged dysfunctions plaguing the Russian Armed Forces as they engaged in this fight that will determine the survival of Russia as we know it.

Yeveghny Prigozhin, Wagner's CEO has been vocal about the lack of ammunition and other equipments needed for its troops to achieve victory. In many audio and video recordings including, a graphic one that went viral online where Prigozhin stands next to the dead bodies of deceased Wagner's fighters, in which he clearly blames the Russian military brass for what he considered to be the unnecessary deaths of his fighters due to grotesque military mismanagement. Prigozhin specifically held Minister of Defense Gen. Shoigu and the Chief of Staff, Gen. Gerassimov responsible.

These were the problems that Prigozhin was vocal about, however the bigger problem is that nothing was done about it. These grievances were not addressed but ignored, letting the fissure between Wagner's leader and Defense Minister Sergey Shoigu grow bigger and more intense to the point of animosity.

At no point did the Russian President Vladimir Putin intervene to fix the problem, so as to bring Prigozhin and Shoigu together. This is the root cause of the mutiny, frictions within the Russian military establishment that were left to run rampant by the head of state Vladimir Putin. Had Putin intervened in time, to settle the problem, this crisis would have never degenerated into the mutiny that we saw last week from friday to Saturday.

Then an extremely upset Prigozhin went further last Friday again by publicly asserting that the invasion of Ukraine was based on a lie. A declaration that infuriated the Russian FSB (Federal Security Bureau) as well as too many who like me want to see Russia defeat the West in Ukraine. Even though it is not truly a false declaration, because the reasons given by Vladimir Putin to invade Ukraine do not add up.

What I mean by that is that if Putin claims to be in Ukraine to stop NATO or to avoid having NATO at Russia's borders, why then is he silent about Finland? A country sharing a longer border with Russia than Ukraine, that just joined the alliance during the war in Ukraine, without repercussions.

If Putin claim to be in Ukraine to denazify the country, then he is simply chasing the ghost of Adolph Hitler in a country where Neo-Nazi groups are present but only as marginal actors not the main leading groups deciding of Ukraine's anti-Russia politico-military stance. It is not Adolph Hitler or a so called powerful Nazi party that has turned Ukraine into an enemy of Russia, it is Western powers led by the United States which did it, it is America that organized behind closed doors the colored revolution of 2014 that overthrew President Yanukovich and replaced him with Jewish pro-Western puppet presidents, Petro Poroshenko and now Vlodimir Zelensky.

Ukraine constitutes a problem and potentially a danger for Russia, but it is a dangerous state set up and armed by the Americans based on their desire for absolute hegemony that can only be achieved on the European continent through a weakened and weakening Russian Federation.

Lastly, If Putin invaded Ukraine to avoid an impending offensive on the Donbas and Luhansk against the separatists, like many have suggested, there is nothing that really proves that a major offensive was being prepared by Ukrainian troops on the eve of Russia's invasion...

Don't get it twisted, yes Russia should have invaded Ukraine, but only to liberate it from Western influence.

The problem of Ukraine that opposes it to Russia is not Nazism(National Socialism) but Westernism, which today means total unrestricted American Hegemony, the dictatorial domination of the plutocratic American empire over the world.

Ukraine is being used as a battering ram by the United States of America to bring about a gradual weakening and ultimately a collapse of the Russian Federation. Putin was right in invading Ukraine but the reasons he gave were shady at best....I digress.

Moreover, the fact that Prigozhin made these remarks on the false reasons that Putin gave for the Ukraine war, doesn't necessarily mean that Prigozhin is against the war, as someone who has advocated a stronger military approach to the war in Ulraine, he was more likely just exposing the inconsistencies in the reasons for the war given by Putin, which of course strategically affect the ability of Russia to decisively and quickly ending the conflict militarily.

But obviouly, the Russian establishment didnt agree with Prigozhin because following the remarks, the Russian FSB (Federal Security Bureau) opened up that same day an investigation against Prigozhin.

Shortly after that, to add to the confusion, a field camp of the "musicians" as Wagner's fighters are commonly called was targeted by a rocket strike. Who striked it? Was there really a bombing? Hard to tell. What we do now is that in the heat of the moment Prigozhin blamed Shoigu for the strike. This latest accusation was following another one made by Prigozhin three weeks prior, at that time the Russian army was accused of having mined Wagner's withdrawal route out of Bakhmut.

After angrily annoucing and decrying the strike on that very same eventful Friday, Wagner's leader snapped, he had enough and decided to take his grievances to Moscow.

This is how the mutiny that many enemies of Russia expected to actually be a coup attempt, started. Despite the fact that Prigozhin made clear from the get go that this protest was not about overthrowing Putin but to address the problems plaguing Russian armed forces on the battlefield in Ukraine, Russia's Western enemies were already rejoicing at the prospect of a Russian civil war.

THE MARCH ON MOSCOW

If anything Progozhin's march towards Moscow exposed the somewhat undeniable popular and military support that his critics of Russia's military establishment have allowed him to secured. If it wasn't so, Wagner could not have gotten as close as 2 hrs from Moscow without a fight. But then this is exactly what happened, a easy advance towards Russia's capital.

Wagner entering back into Russia from its Ukrainian field camps happened without a single shot being fired, border guards did not opposed Prigozhin and his men. In fact there was only minimal passive resistance along the way.

Rostov on Don, one of Russia's major Southern cities, where its military command for the Ukraine war is located was occupied without resistance by Wagner, the Southern military district's headquarters itself fell to the mercenaries. While along the way the few military aircrafts that were seen as a threat by the PMC's were shot down by the mutineers.

In Rostov, the populations came on the streets to greet and show their support for the "musicians" proving the desire for many Russians to see changes in the way the war is being handled by the government of Vladimir Putin.
In spite of the president himself calling the situation an act of treason against Russia early on last Saturday. The mercenaries will get as close as 120 miles away from Moscow in the town of Lipstek.

There, in a mind blowing turn of events, at a moment when all Western nations which hate Russia were delighting themselves at the thought of "Russians killing Russians", Prigozhin ordered its troops to stop the march and return to their field camps to "avoid shedding Russian blood". The mutiny ended. Russia was saved from an internal conflict that would have monstrously weakened it in its confrontation with NATO in the Ukraine.

BELARUSIAN NEGOTIATIONS

When the dust settled, it became known that the worse was avoided through negotiations led by Belarussian president Lukashenko. Concessions were made on both sides, in exchange for Prigozhin to stop advancing towards Moscow, the Russian government accepted to drop the

the charges against him while allowing him to go into exile in Belarus with his troops.

This indicates the weakness of the "coup attempt" argument and strengthen the explanation of the situation by a fissure and misunderstanding within Russia's military establishment. Most likely these misunderstandings were addressed during the negotiations, which led to Prigozhin backtracking and Russia dropping the charges. Both parties realizing that their disagreements about the prosecution of the war in Ukraine was spiraling out of control, pulled back.

Was it really a coup attempt as both the Western media and pro-Russian's government media claim? if yes, then why were the charges against Prigozhin dropped by Russia? Why would a "traitor" be allowed to stay across the border in a neighboring allied country?

What played out last week was a classic mutiny, one threatening to degenerate into something worse, but a mutiny nonetheless, not a military coup aiming at overthrowing Russian president Vladimir Putin.

CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WAR IN UKRAINE

There's no doubt that the Wagner's mutiny will have consequences for the war in Ukraine. To what extent is what remains to be determined. What is clear is that the removal of Wagner from the Ukrainian battlefield will only weakened Russia's military engagement in the war.

The horrible battle for Bakhmut has demonstrated Wagner's military resilience and the fact that the PMC has now become a world class fighting force capable of involving itself in modern high intensity warfare successfully.

In Bakhmut, Wagner vanquished the Ukrainian army, which is nothing more at this point than an emanation of the evil collective West' military might in its attempt to destroy Russia. Wagner fully defeated the West in Bakhmut on behalf of Russia, de facto asserting itself as Russia most effective fighting force in Ukraine. The removal of such a force from the Ukrainian battlefield will undoubtedly negatively affect Russia's military performance unless the void created by Wagner's removal from Ukraine is quickly addressed through Wagner's replacement by another equally decisive fighting force dedicated to Russia's victory in Ukraine.

Besides Wagner's exile in Belarus could also be used as a way to reintegrate Wagner on the Ukrainian battlefield as a strike group that can target Kiev from its new bases of operations in Belarus. Russia indeed would gain a lot by opening up a new front and would put more pressure on Ukraine, and push it to divert much needed forces on other fronts to secure the Ukrainian capital Kyev.

In the end Russia will only hurt itself by not using Wagner's indisputable military strengths in Ukraine and will gain more by fiding a way to reintegrate the group back into the Ukraine war.

FALLOUT IN AFRICA

In Africa where Russia has been using Wagner as a way to expand its imperialist clout, the fallout of last week mutiny is still yet to be seen.

A possible reorganization regarding the tactical presence of Wagner's mercernaries stationed in the Central African Republic, Mali and Libya is highly likely if the problem "Prigozhin vs Russian Military establishment" persists. If there is no "reconciliation" we shouldn't be surprised to see Wagner being removed from Africa by the Kremlin itself.

Regular Russian troops or other private military contractors might also start playing a greater role in Russia's foreign African policy, by gaining more financial support from Moscow now that the "Wagnerites" are seemingly deemed untrustworthy by the Kremlin. But since when was it ever a good idea to put one's trust in mercenaries? The Kremlin learned it the hard way last week. Will Black African countries using mercenaries ever get that point?

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Due to the Wagner group growing influence on the Black continent, the events of Moscow were followed attentively in many African capitals where the Mercenary group is active. But where really is Wagner in Africa? Where does the group operate exactly and what role does it play in the security infrastructure of the countries in which it operates?

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Wagner has been active in the Central African Republic since at least 2018 as an auxiliary security force used by president Tchouadera. The group has a presence in major diamond and gold mines located in the country. A front company linked to Prigozhin called "M Finance LLC Security Service" hold tremendous sway in the country. It is not a secret that Wagner involved in resource extraction schemes due to its partnership with the Tchouadera regime. In fact, Tchouadera himself was able to maintain his sit in power during the civil war ravaging the country due to Wagner's participation in the conflict on the side of the Central African Army.

SUDAN

In Sudan too Wagner has been able to maintain a considerable influence despite the tumultuous political events that have shaken the country in the last past years.

It entered Sudan in 2018 at the request of former president Omar Al Bashir. Since then it has established strong ties to Sudan's military establishment especially with the RSF (Rapid Support Force) of warlord Gen. Dagalo. When Bashir was overthrown in 2019 following months long protests, Wagner helped the Sudanese military in crushing the popular will as well as monopolizing power for itself.

A Prigozhin linked company named "Meroe Gold" has allegedly gained extensive profits by exploiting Sudanese gold. Wagner has also been accused of passively throwing its support behind Dagalo in the current civil war opposing him to General Al Burhan. As of now, many sources are claiming that Wagner's armed mercenaries are not present in Sudan, however the same cannot be said about the group's financial interests within the country.

Mozambique

In Mozambique Wagner's presence was short lived. It came in the country in September 2019 following Russia's forgiving as much as 90% of the Mozambican debt. It will attempt to help the Mozambican regime in its fight against the Islamic insurgency devastating the Northern Mozambican region of Cabo Delgado. It will however withdraw from the country in November of the same year after 7 of its mercenaries were ambushed and gruesomely killed by the Jihadists. End of the story.

MALI

The Black African country where Wagner enjoys the largest popular support is Mali. Indeed the West African country since the arrival of the junta led by Colonel Goita has constantly strengthened its cooperation with Wagner in order to replace the traditional French military control that the country has witnessed from its inception as a former French colony. Practically speaking in Mali, French military influence has been replaced by a Russian one, at the forefront of which is the Wagner Group, which as a tool of Moscow's foreign policy has been leading Russian efforts to increase the Bear's influence in the West

African republic. Since December 2021 the Wagner Group has been training the Malian Army that is currently engaged in a civil war against Jihadist groups affiliated to Al Qaeda and the Islamic State. Later on it will start taking part to combat operations against the Jihadists. The Western press has been frequently accusing Wagner of committing atrocities against civilians in complicity with the FAMA (Armed Forces of Mali), although to this day no serious independent investigations have proven those allegations.

So far the presence of Wagner has helped the junta in avoiding a fall of the capital Bamako to Al Qaeda and a total collapse of the country. The advance of JNIM, Al Qaeda's affiliate towards Bamako has somewhat been halted for now.

Nevertheless, after the recent events of Moscow that have both weakened Wagner inside Russia while simultaneously weakening its relationship to the Kremlin, the question is now: for how much longer will Wagner be able to protect the Malian capital?

LIBYA

Another country where Wagner has played a major role in Africa is Lybia. Since October 2018 the group has seemingly been active there.

Involving itself in another civil war, this time on the side of warlord and leader of the LNA(Libyan National Army), Field Marshal Khalifa Aftar based in Eastern Lybia.

The LNA would benefit from Wagner support in the civil war opposing it to the GNA (Government of National Accord) based in Tripoli, and controlling much of Western Libya. It will participate in the Battle for Tripoli in April of 2019, which will end up in a failure.

Wagner in Libya has been accused of murdering civilians and also of using chemical weapons in the conflict. The group also has extensive business interests in the Eastern part of the country. Like everywhere else on the continent where it operates, its military presence guarantees it, access to the exploitation of natural resources.

POINT OF VIEW ON WAGNER'S PRESENCE ON THE BLACK CONTINENT

In 1513 Italian diplomat Niccolo Machiavelli wrote in his famous literary work 'The prince' that " Mercenaries and auxiliaries are useless and dangerous; and if one holds his state based on these arms, he will stand neither firm nor safe". This in essence sums up my perspective on the usage of foreign mercenaries by our governments to fulfill our security needs. The security problems of this continent will not be fixed by foreign mercenaries. The sure consequence of relying on them will ultimately be an increase of foreign imperialist influences on our Motherland. Even the blind can see that the addictive reliance on foreign solutions to cure African problems has historically been a disaster for us, as such the recourse to foreign private military contractors like the Wagner Group in Black Africa will certainly not be an exception.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

ADF: EXPANSION OF JIHAD IN THE GREAT LAKES

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> *Open your eyes Black Africans, this Jihadist problem brings to light the realization that our own governments are incapable of protecting us, and are literally letting the Black continent sink into chaos by allowing the Jihadist threat to metastasize in our midst.*

On the date of June 16th, 2023, the Lubirhiria High school located in Mpondwe, Kasese district in Western Uganda, exactly 1.2 miles away from the Congolese border was savagely attacked by ISCAP (Islamic State Central African Province), the Islamic State's affiliate in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) formely known as the ADF (Allied Democratic Forces). The assaillants came from Congo, launched their attack in the middle of the night and withdrew as if nothing happened. This shocking brutal terror attack targeting innocent and unsuspecting civilians, left about 40 people dead among them, 37 students.

It is not only the extremely high number of victims that is upsetting but above all the inhumane manner in which they were treated by ISCAP jihadists that is even more infuriating. Many of these innocent students were literally hacked to death, while some were beheaded and others, burnt to death or gunned down. It was a massacre, pure and simple, one of the many comitted by ISCAP, in alignment with the atrocities and crimes against humanity it has comitted across the border in the DRC. These inhumane of the Islamist group are both majorly deplorable as well as unacceptable, demonstrating the barbaric nature of the enemy and its thirst for blood.

WHO ARE THE ASSAILANTS?

The ADF originally a Ugandan rebel group created in 1996 to overthrow president Museveni. Was initially a merger of many anti-Musseveni Ugandan rebel groups such as the NALU (National Army for the Liberation of Uganda) alongside local elements of the islamic organization "Tabligh Jamaat".

The group will at first operate under the name ADF-NALU in Western Uganda in the later parts of the 90's before moving its bases of operations across the border to Eastern Congo in order to find sanctuary in the highly unstable region of North-Kivu and avoid being destroyed by the Ugandan army. It will stay there for two decades engaging in terrorism against the local populations and low intensity guerilla warfare against the FARDC (Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of Cong) and UN forces.

During its exile in the DRC, the ADF will survive many operations designed to annihilate it, while establishing ties with other Islamic armed movements like Al Shabaab in Somalia.

In 2015, its founder Jamil Mukulu was arrested in Tanzania by security forces and extradited to Uganda where he is still awaiting trial. The arrest of its leader will not stop the ADF from engaging in its terrorist activities. As Mukulu was rotting in prison, a new leader will emerged to replace him. A replacement which transformed the movement into what it has become today, a surrogate of ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria). The name of this criminal islamist terrorist is Musa Baluku, who in 2018 will officially pledged allegiance to the Islamic terror group.

FROM ADF TO ISCAP

Since then the group has been atracting more support from ISIS which elevated it to the rank of Wilayat or province of the terrorist "State" thus the name ISCAP. This move has only increased and strengthened the terror activities of the ADF that is now coordinating its activities with other branches of ISIS in Black Africa, especially the ISM (Islamic State Mozambique).

Right now the danger is ceaselessly becoming worse, ISCAP through its countless brutal attacks mostly targeting non-muslims civilians, particularly christians has become one of the

deadliest franchises of the Islamic State on the Black Continent. Since last year it has invaded the neighboring Congolese province of Ituri from its hideouts located in North-Kivu.

In October-November 2021 the ADF under the Black banner of ISIS has marked its return in Uganda through a series of bombings. It carried out four bombings between October 23rd and November 16th in and around Kampala. From that point on, the goal of the Islamic State was clear: exporting the jihad into Uganda.

For this to manifest though, Western Uganda must be destabilized through terrorism, a strategy of geographical expansion used in other parts of the continent by other Islamic State associates. I therefore postulate, that the massacre at Lubirhiria High School is actually part of a wider strategy of expansion of Jihad in the Great Lakes, more precisely in Western Uganda.

It is a Jihadist war that has been declared on the Black continent. A war being waged against us by the Islamic State and Al Qaeda's local affiliates. The problem is that our incompetent neocolonial governments have proven themselves to be incapable of supressing the Jihadist threats all across Black Africa. In all corners of the Motherland we now have expanding clusters of Jihadists activities glowingly threatening rural Black African populations. They are constantly massacred, brutally abused and oppressed by the Jihadists, who leave long trails of blood behind their paths in almost total impunity.

This Jihadist madness must be stopped all across Black Africa before its too late. Before the whole continent is engulfed in a generalized religious war of extreme intensity. The menace must be dealt with even if our corrupt governments are too inefficient to do so. Other parallel means allowing us to bypass our pathetic governments' inability to defend the populations must not be ruled out.

Open your eyes Black Africans, this Jihadist problem brings to light the realization that our own governments are incapable of protecting us, and are literally letting the Black continent sink into chaos by allowing the Jihadist threat to metastasize in our midst. It is due to this fact, that the center of gravity of global Jihad has now moved to the African continent. We must crushed the ADF monster and all Jihadist groups before it's too late!

For me, one thing is indisputable, in the great lakes and beyond we must defeat the Jihad and finally liberate ourselves altogether from the Abrahamic poison of Christianity and Islam in order to secure our religious independence!

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