

# George Soros Owns the Court Indicting Bashir

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Billionaire speculator George Soros funds the International Criminal Court (ICC) at The Hague, which is seeking to arrest Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir. Though the Court is affiliated with the United Nations, Soros largely directed the lobbying campaign that led to the Court's creation in 2002-03. The Court's charge of "genocide" against President Bashir carries the special irony that its sponsor, Soros, once worked for the apparatus of Adolf Eichmann, who was carrying out the extermination of the Jews of Hungary in 1944.<sup>1</sup>

Apart from Soros, the funders of the International Criminal Court are the British empire, through the United King-

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1. See "George Soros: Hit-Man for the British Oligarchy," *EIR*, July 4, 2008. The full dossier is at [www.larouchepac.com](http://www.larouchepac.com).



*The LaRouche PAC's pamphlet "on the man destroying the Democratic Party."*

dom's Foreign and Commonwealth Office; 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 Soros organization also directly funded another agency at The Hague, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, which prosecuted Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. He died during his trial, under suspicious circumstances, in 1997.

Soros's **Open Society Institute**, on March 19, 2008, published brief accounts of the recipients of its Justice Initiative grant, including the following:

"International Criminal Court: The Justice Initiative works closely with the International Criminal Court (ICC), helping it function as efficiently and effectively as possible. Among other activities, the Justice Initiative assists local human rights advocates in gathering and presenting information of use to the ICC, pursues advocacy and public education with governments to secure support for the ICC, and contributes to building the capacity of ICC staff on a range of issues."

The ICC's offices are in the capital of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, by arrangement with the Dutch government and in close cooperation with the Dutch royal family. **Princess**

**Mabel of Orange Nassau**, daughter-in-law of Queen Beatrix, is a Soros employee, who runs his relations with the European Union.

On Jan. 22, 2007, Princess Mabel told The Hague International Model United Nations assembly, on behalf of the Soros Open Society Institute: "We pushed for the creation of the International Criminal Court, which is now based in The Hague and turning this city into the international capital for justice. These courts send a clear message to presidents ... like those in Rwanda and Cambodia and right now in Darfur..."

Soros finances and largely controls the **Coalition for the International Criminal Court**, which lobbied for the ICC's creation and now helps direct ICC activities. **Richard Dicker** of Soros's **Human Rights Watch** group is a founder and permanent steering committee member of the Coalition. (The Coalition is headed by William Pace, executive director of the Soros-funded World Federalism Movement.)

The London *Guardian* wrote (Feb. 12, 2004) sardonically about the Milosevic trial, "Richard Dicker, the trial's observer for Human Rights Watch, announced himself 'impressed' by the prosecution's case. Cynics might say that as George Soros, Human Rights Watch's benefactor, finances the tribunal, Dicker might not be expected to say anything else."

On Dec. 14, 2005, the Open Society Institute (OSI) brought its ICC prosecutor, **Luis Moreno-Ocampo**, to New York for a public forum on the Court. Their press release explained:

"Luis Moreno-Ocampo, the International Criminal Court's Chief Prosecutor, described the role of the Court in preventing atrocities.... Moreno-Ocampo's visit to OSI was part of the Restoring American Leadership roundtable series, a project of OSI and the Security and Peace Initiative, which is a joint initiative of the Center for American Progress and The Century Foundation....

"Moreno-Ocampo was in New York City to address the



Robert Scoble  
*Princess Mabel of Orange Nassau*



UN/Paulo Filgueiras  
*Richard Dicker*

United Nations Security Council, where he presented a progress report detailing the latest developments in the Court's investigations into war crimes in Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Sudan."

### Anglo-Dutch Spooks

The European Union's **Democracy and Human Rights Instrument**, which funds the administration of the ICC, was begun in 1993 as an imperial covert arm under the title **European Democracy Initiative**.

The group was founded by British spook **Edward McMillan-Scott**, who is currently a vice president of the European Parliament, in charge of relations to the EuroMed parliamentary assembly, comprising MPs from the EU, North Africa, and the Middle East.

In his intrigues with respect to Arab countries, McMillan-Scott fancies himself a reincarnation of his relative Lawrence of Arabia, whose photograph graces the McMillan-Scott website.

Following the collapse of the Soviet bloc, McMillan-Scott worked in tandem with George Soros in Eastern Europe and Russia, setting up networks in aid of oligarchs, looters, and regime-changers.

On May 14, 1993, two days after Britain's Queen Elizabeth II addressed the European Parliament in Strasbourg, that body established a "European Democracy Initiative." It was to "provide financial aid ... through parliamentary institutions and to non-governmental organizations ... for general civic education and to stabilize and reinforce democratic principles in non-EC countries; also, to ... develop the concept of civil society in countries where human rights, multi-party systems, the rule of law and economic freedom have been lacking...." The Initiative was officially modelled on the U.S. **National Endowment for Democracy (NED)**, then notorious for its central role in the 1980s Iran-Contra adventures.

In an interview with *EIR* reporter Mark Burdman on May 27, 1993, McMillan-Scott said his brainchild, the Democracy Initiative, would be working with the NED, with Britain's foreign office-sponsored Westminster Fund for Democracy, and with the U.S.-based **George Soros Foundation**.

McMillan-Scott now heads the Democracy Caucus within the European Parliament. On his website, he says bluntly that the Caucus "believes Europe needs a 'European Endowment for Democracy' ... to operate as a deniable, expert and flexible agency at arms-length from the EU, although possibly funded by it."



European Parliament  
*Edward McMillan-Scott*

### Death by Diamonds: Africa's Apocalypse

Anglo-Dutch cartels in oil, strategic minerals, and diamonds, have looted and despoiled Africa for decades, since that continent's nominal independence from the European empires. They have employed regime-changes and manipulated wars involving the cartels' private armies, British special forces and other criminal "irregulars."

In recent years, the destruction has intensified under the cover of a reform movement guided by this same imperial force, aiming to end national sovereignty and erase all resisting African governments. Headed by George Soros, in open collaboration with the cartels themselves, this movement is leading the continent into chaos, perpetual war, enforced backwardness, unchecked pandemics, and starvation.

One side of this nightmare is the **Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)**. It began when the Soros's **Publish What You Pay** group, aided by propaganda from the Soros-funded **Global Witness** group, demanded that nations with valuable natural resources be compelled to turn over to multinational cartels and to the British government, all records of their transactions on these resources—so as "to stop bribes"!

In 2002, then-British Prime Minister Tony Blair announced, in Johannesburg, that he had accepted this Soros proposal. In 2003, Blair formed the EITI as a London-based global agency, which would seek to pull in the United States and attempt to enforce open domination over world resources. Led originally by Anglo-Dutch Shell Oil, DeBeers, and Anglo American, EITI's participating corporations now include include such mining companies as AngloGold Ashanti, Barrick Gold, BHP Billiton, DeBeers, Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Gold Fields, Katanga Mining Limited, Newmont, Rio Tinto; and oil companies such as Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Eni, ExxonMobil, Hess, Pemex, and Petrobras.

In 2006, EITI's governing secretariat was set up in Norway and placed under Soros management, with money from the Open Society Institute, and with EITI board members from Soros agencies such as Publish What You Pay, Revenue Watch Institute, and Global Witness.

"Conflict diamonds" have provided the propaganda power behind the Soros Initiative. As world opinion was revulsed by accounts of genocidal wars over African diamonds, gems used as currency by mafias, mercenaries, and militias, the Soros group Global Witness, in tandem with the top diamond companies, shaped the issue of "blood diamonds" toward London's objectives.

In 2000, the **World Diamond Council** was set up in Brussels, led by DeBeers of London and South Africa; by DeBeers agent **Maurice Tempelman**, head of the New York-based Lazare Kaplan diamond company; and by Israeli diamond billionaire **Dan Gertler** and his family. The World Diamond Council's "reforms" of the industry's looting are approved by Global Witness and are an integral part of the EITI's agenda.

Belgian-born Maurice Tempelman started out in the

former Belgian Congo. He participated in the work-up to the British coup against Ghana's nationalist President Kwami Nkruma, and later became the number-one U.S.-based affiliate of DeBeers and London's world diamond cartel. A power in the post-JFK Democratic Party alongside Felix Rohatyn and George Soros, Tempelsman is a director of the National Democratic Institute component of the NED.

Dan Gertler is the grandson of Moshe Schnitzer, founder of Israel's diamond industry, and the nephew of Schmuel Schnitzer, vice chairman of the World Diamond Council. In the Bush-Cheney era, Gertler has taken over from Tempelsman the role of unofficial representative of the U.S. government in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In partnership with other Israeli billionaires and with rightist politicians such as Avigdor Lieberman, Gertler arranged with former Congo President Laurent Kabila to set up a diamond monopoly, in exchange for Israeli arms and military training.

In 2006, Gertler gave arms trafficker John Bredenkamp \$60 million for mineral property in Congo, shortly before police raided Bredenkamp's home and office in England in the (soon aborted) probe of BAE Systems arms-deals corruption in South Africa. The Bredenkamp deal allowed Gertler to become top shareholder in London's Camec, the copper and cobalt mining giant in Congo.

With this apparatus behind him, George Soros is doing to Africa what he did in his native Hungary in 1944, when he helped the Nazi occupiers in the extermination of the Jews.