

# Don't be a pawn for London's genocidal games against Nigeria

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All those lending their support to operations currently being conducted by the so-called National Democratic Coalition (Nadeco) of Nigeria are either witting tools or duped fools of a genocidal plan devised in London to obliterate Nigeria as a nation by plunging it into murderous civil war. Investigation into the London-headquartered so-called Nadeco operation shows it to be nothing but a wholly-owned and -operated franchise of Baroness Lynda Chalker, the British Minister of Overseas Development, a.k.a. the British Colonial Office.

On Aug. 28, Nadeco issued a letter to President Bill Clinton from its Washington, D.C. office, protesting the visit to the United States of 10 Nigerian leaders on the invitation of the Schiller Institute, founded by American statesman Lyndon LaRouche. The visiting delegation includes six members of the recently concluded Constitutional Conference in Nigeria, most notably Chief Odumegwu-Ojukwu, former head of state of the Republic of Biafra. Nadeco, in a letter signed by "Chief Ralph Obioha," claimed that the granting of visas to the Nigerian delegation violated a Presidential Proclamation against supporters of the Nigerian government of President Sani Abacha.

On Aug. 30, Nadeco led a rally against the delegation at the Embassy of Nigeria in Washington, with Randall Robinson of the Ford Foundation-funded TransAfrica Institute playing the role of lead rabble-rouser.

Nadeco's aims, according to one of its controllers, is to put the United States on a confrontation course with Nigeria, to force the overthrow of the Abacha government, and to reinstall in Nigeria Abacha's opponents, who can be depended upon to reinstate the Structural Adjustment Programs of the International Monetary Fund in Nigeria. This scenario is, in reality, a design to plunge Nigeria into murderous austerity and fratricidal civil war.

London's design for Nigeria is part of its plans to destroy the three most important nation-states of Africa—Nigeria, Sudan, and South Africa—and clear the continent for the full exploitation of its resources by such backers of Lynda Chalker as Unilever, Royal Dutch Shell, and Anglo-American Corporation, the primary underpinnings of the British monarchy.

## London's stooges against Nigeria

On June 8, 1995, Chalker declared war on the Abacha government, with a statement to the House of Commons that she would move to have Nigeria suspended from the British Commonwealth unless the Sani Abacha government were removed. Britain cut all aid to Nigeria in 1994.

On July 13, Chalker is known to have held her second meeting with Nadeco chairman Bolaji Akinyemi. As reported by *Africa Analysis* of July 14: "Akinyemi is encouraged by the signs that the former [sic] colonial power is willing to 'turn the screws' on the Abacha regime."

Chalker's pet operatives against Nigeria prominently include:

- **Moshood Abiola:** Now residing in jail in Nigeria, Abiola is one of the wealthiest businessmen of West Africa, who tried to buy the Nigerian presidency in elections in 1993. His credentials as the rallying point for a "democracy movement" for Nigeria have been tarnished by the fact that he made his fortune as the ITT bagman for the Mideast and Africa.

- **Randall Echols:** The official paid public relations agent for Abiola in the United States, Echols's office is right down the hall from that of Nadeco at 901 East Capitol Street in Washington. Echols was alerted by Henry Kissinger's Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington that a Nigeria delegation had been invited to the United States by the Schiller Institute, and promptly crossed the hall and instigated the Nadeco letter to Clinton. He then called upon TransAfrica, Interfaith Action, and "other grass roots organizations" to protest the delegation and to rally outside the Nigerian embassy on Aug. 30.

Echols told an inquirer on Aug. 30 that he works "closely with all" British organizations on Nigeria, and praised the report on Nigeria produced by the British Parliament Commission on Human Rights led by Lord Avebury. In contrast, the Clinton administration's relation with Nigeria, says Echols, "is disgraceful. . . . Until Clinton called Abacha on the telephone ten days ago, along with [British] Prime Minister [John] Major, the White House has not said anything specific about Nigeria. . . . If you want to know why it is such a curious battle, it is that Nigeria pumps about \$12-

14 billion worth of oil each year. We have Chevron and Mobil producing oil. . . . As long as we are getting oil out of this country, human rights and democracy be damned! That's really been the truth of the matter. . . . We have called for an oil embargo for the last couple years, which they have refused to consider."

● **Olusegun Obasanjo:** Now residing in jail in Nigeria, on charges of plotting a coup against Abacha in March 1995, Obasanjo is a former President of Nigeria. After leaving government, he was forwarded to the United Nations and to the United States. A frequenter of Kissinger's Center for Strategic and International Studies, he is a member of the board of the multibillion-dollar Ford Foundation, which is one of the few funders of London's Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House). Obasanjo was to be present as a speaker at a Chatham House conference in March on "Britain in the World," next to Lynda Chalker, but was precluded from speaking by his arrest in Nigeria.

● **Randall Robinson:** The executive director of TransAfrica, Randall Robinson has led the effort to turn Nigeria into the "new Haiti" for the Clinton administration. TransAfrica is heavily endowed with grants from the Obasanjo's Ford Foundation. Robinson is on the board of the New York Council on Foreign Relations, the official American sister to Chatham House. Two other board members of TransAfrica also overlap the CFR: Dr. Willard Johnson, also affiliated with the Ford Foundation, and James Joseph, who also is on the board of the Brookings Institution, and was in 1985 a fellow at Oxford University.

● **Bolaji Akinyemi:** Married to a British national, Akinyemi resides in London, where Nadeco is headquartered. The former foreign minister under the pro-International Monetary Fund Babangida regime from 1986-90, Akinyemi in 1993 called upon Abacha to step in and save Nigeria from disintegration, but then turned against the government, when Abacha failed to reward Akinyemi with the foreign minister portfolio. He moved to London, where he founded Nadeco with other disgruntled Nigerians. Nadeco was reportedly funded primarily by Abiola, but since June has come under the increasing direct sponsorship of Chalker. According to Nigerian sources, Chalker has opened the doors for Nadeco in Britain, enabling Nadeco operatives to get money from banks and universities to sustain their anti-Nigeria operations, after money from Abiola himself began to dry up. Prior to joining the Babangida government, Akinyemi was director of the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, the sister organization to Chatham House in Nigeria.

### **Lynda Chalker: London's pyromaniac in Africa**

According to Abiola's front man, Randall Echols, "If more people became outraged at what is occurring in Nigeria, and it got out of control, it will make Rwanda, Haiti, look like child's play. I think it is on the horizon."

That is precisely London's goal. Chalker's key man in Africa is Ugandan tin-pot dictator Yoweri Museveni, whose armed fight for power was bankrolled directly by Mashood Abiola. Through Museveni, Chalker has succeeded in turning the East African countries of Rwanda and Burundi into a killing field. Chalker instigated with Museveni the April 1994 invasion of Rwanda by the "Rwandan Patriotic Front," which is nothing more than a section of Museveni's National Resistance Army of Uganda. The results of the RPF invasion, in the context of the overthrow of the Hutu and first elected President of Burundi, Melchior Ndayaye, in October 1993, were completely predictable: a frenzy of panicked and desperate violence.

Chalker is not finished. With Chalker's backing, Uganda is now threatening a direct attack on Sudan, in retaliation for the military defeats of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army of John Garang, which has been bankrolled by the London's Lonrho Corporation, through Uganda.

Museveni has marauded Kenya, with the Ugandan-hatched February 18th Movement attacking Kenya along the border. Chalker, in a visit to Kenya in late July, declared war on Kenya's elected President Daniel arap Moi, in the same way she has declared war on Abacha in Nigeria, and has cut all bilateral aid to Kenya. On Aug. 1, President Moi denounced Chalker's colonialist behavior: "See this British lady, just a woman, comes to Kenya and says, 'Do this and do that.' It is as if she is handling kindergarten schools kids, she is like their headmistress. We must be respected. God gave us this country, and we must be respected."

Chalker has given the green light for more war in Rwanda, with the U.N.'s lifting of the arms embargo against Rwanda on Aug. 21. Chalker is the only official in the world to defend the RPF's massacre of 8,000 men, women, and mostly children at the Kibeho refugee camp in southwestern Rwanda. The RPF, which acts directly in conjunction with the Ugandan military and the Burundi Tutsi military, is now poised for war against Zaire.

In Burundi, Chalker has given the green light to the "ethnic cleansing" of this country, where Hutu intellectuals are being systematically murdered, along with male Hutu schoolchildren. When U.S. Ambassador Robert Krueger spoke out against the slaughter of Hutus, his life was threatened and his convoy was attacked.

Do not think that Chalker and her ilk will hesitate to carry out such atrocities in Nigeria. As Chalker noted when she triumphantly visited the cholera-stricken refugee camps of Goma, Zaire in June 1994: "Of course, when one comes face to face with death . . . in their hundreds, or as in Goma, in their thousands, I feel it. But I don't allow it to cloud my judgment."

Think again before you answer the "grass roots" call of Lynda Chalker's stooges in the United States. Are you willing to bear the murderous consequences of being a pawn in London's genocide in Africa?