

# Christian Solidarity International loses NGO status at UN

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The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) voted to remove Christian Solidarity International's non-governmental organization (NGO) "consultative status" on Oct. 26, on the basis of a charge by Sudan that CSI had colluded with terrorists. The announcement was made in an press release issued by ECOSOC.

CSI has used the guise of "Christianity" to engage in a British-style "Great Game" policy of encouraging tribal and ethnic warfare around the world, often by supporting terrorist insurgencies, to overthrow governments and destroy nations. Sudan has long been a prime target.

The vote to eliminate CSI's NGO status was 26 in favor, 14 against, and 12 abstaining. The United States had proposed a compromise, of suspending the NGO's consultative status for three years. U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has lavished praise and money on the terrorist leader cited in the bill of indictment against CSI, namely, John Garang, the head of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army, whose rebel gang seeks to break away southern Sudan by force.

Although Sudan had earlier filed complaints that CSI, through its "slave-redemption" program, has been aiding and abetting a "slave trade" in SPLA-controlled southern Sudan, this was not the "straw that broke the camel's back." The main reason why ECOSOC decided to remove CSI's NGO status, is that CSI had used the terrorist Garang — who has been waging a dirty war, murdering civilian men, women, and children — to represent it before the UN Commission on Human Rights in March of this year. As for the question of "slave redemption," Garang is himself one of the leading "slavers," forcing tribes like the Dinkas and Nuers, as well as Christians, to be beasts of burden for his terrorist army.

*EIR* has elsewhere traced the question of slavery in Sudan back to the inter-tribal warfare that the British encouraged during its colonial rule of Sudan. However, as the United Nations has reported, not only is there no proof that the Khartoum government is involved in modern-day slavery in Sudan, but it has criticized CSI for creating a phony "slave market" where ethnic tribal members and Christians are taken prisoner for the sole purpose of having CSI redeem them for a profit.

*EIR* has for years reported that CSI has been aiding and

abetting terrorists such as Garang in their war against the Khartoum government. Baroness Caroline Cox, who headed the British branch of CSI before it split off to form a so-called "independent group," had been caught by a Washington, D.C.-based journalist soliciting sophisticated weapons, including Stinger missiles, on behalf of Garang's forces. And, together with the former Israeli intelligence operative Yossef Bodansky, who now works as a "terrorism expert" for Congressional Republicans, Cox has repeatedly made fantastic charges that the Khartoum government had received weapons of mass destruction (especially chemical warfare agents and their means of production) from Iraq that were being hidden in Sudan. It is ironic, given Bodansky's GOP credentials, that one of the reports that Cox circulated to this effect had been drafted by the head of the Communist Party in Egypt.

While the Swiss headquarters of CSI claimed that it would have nothing to do with the sort of arms-trafficking that Cox had been caught in, there is no real policy difference between Cox and the CSI headquarters in Switzerland on destabilizing Sudan, the Transcaucasus (over Nagorno-Karabakh), China, Myanmar, and other sovereign nation-states where both organizations are supporting insurgents who are frequently little more than terrorists — all in the name of protecting "Christianity." Baroness Cox, for example, has made 44 trips to Nagorno-Karabakh, to keep Armenia and Azerbaijan embroiled in conflict.

## Turf wars

In reality, CSI-Britain decided to break off from CSI headquarters in Switzerland because of an turf war over fundraising contacts and Swiss demands for greater administrative control over CSI worldwide. CSI in the United States also decided to break away from CSI headquarters in Switzerland for the same reasons, even though CSI-U.S. remains active in the same regions mentioned above. CSI-U.S. has also been especially active in support of a narco-terrorist "Christian" minority in Myanmar that is in conflict with the anti-drug policies of the Yangon government. Yet, CSI-U.S. continues to get the support of U.S. Congressmen, especially U.S. Reps. Frank Wolf (R-Va.) and Chris Smith (R-N.J.).

The chief aide to Cox, Stuart Windsor, who claims to have close ties to the British royal family, has frequently used his contacts from his previous employer, the British intelligence electronic eavesdropping center of Cheltenham GCHQ — which, among other things, monitors the dozens of terrorist organizations headquarters that have safe haven in London. Windsor uses his sources at Cheltenham GCHQ to support the British branch of CSI's activities in destabilizing governments around the world.

CSI-Britain has applied for separate NGO status. But, if anything, CSI-Britain has even closer ties with terrorists such as Garang, than does the Swiss headquarters that was just stripped of its NGO status.