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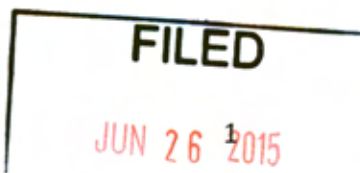
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

I have the honour to inform you that for over 20 years the Republic of The Gambia found herself being choked by Yahya Jammeh on the false pretext of guaranteed accountability, transparency and probity for her people. In his Junta days, Yahya Jammeh promised Gambians and non-Gambians freedom and everything pertaining to good governance. In his own words, he said "***we will not allow dictatorship in this country***". Many people particularly the masses deeply trusted him because they wanted something different and also a time-table of 2 years of transitional rule was embraced upon. But what was to follow years later was completely more of a bad omen than a blessing.

On 29th September 1996, the first Presidential election following the July 22nd Coup d'état led by Yahya Jammeh was held. The Provisional Independent Electoral Commission (PIEC) presided by its then Chairman Gabriel Roberts helped Yahya Jammeh to win the election by 55.77%. The opposition political parties cried out foul but all fell on deaf ears. Yahya Jammeh in his anonymous manipulative tactics succeeded in not only self-transitioning himself from a military person into a civilian politician but also unfairly commandeered all state logistics and materials necessary to ensure that he would always win on top of numerous terrorization and harassments meted out to political opponents with arrests and detention in some cases.

Five years later in 2001, the man employed the same methods including other thug-tactics used to make sure he stays in power. Again he won with an insignificant narrow margin of just 52.8% against all opposing political parties.

Quickly, Yahya Jammeh noticed that the emerging muscles and strength of the Opposition forces combined, therefore brutally adopted more contingency plans against his political opposition.



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By this time it became clear that the Gambian president, Mr Jammeh, is a mad dictator blaming the European Union regarding the Gambians migrants and his willing to remove The Gambia from the Africa Union.

In his drive of dictatorial instincts, he has openly bragged to the opposition in The Gambia to this day that he will rule for a 'million years' meaning what is to follow was going to be violent and wicked. Injustices and the lack of the rule of law and order reined in. And since then Gambians and non-Gambians have been living in hard times and theirs ups and downs are terribly dire to bear which made them to realize that it is only going to get worse now rather than better.

✓ Silence, Fear, marginalization of the weak, political dis-empowerment of any individual or group has become the order of the day just for him to subjugate and dominate the people.

As a consequence, he was declared re-elected in the September 2006 Presidential vote by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) because he had it easy. Successively, the same mechanisms were applied in the 2011 Presidential election which too was declared in his favour. Yahya Jammeh no longer thinks policy issues are important. He is more concern with his political survival and party dominance than the state. And his divide and conquer scheme oddly had turned The Gambia into silence mongerers. He has turned elections into a form of political intimidation, bullying and violence and he doesn't care what the public wants. Proudly, he thinks that he is unshakeable and leadership means much more to him than the welfare of Gambians.

✓ Yahya Jammeh is a brutal killer and a murderer responsible of a lot of atrocities as well as the deaths and disappearances of abundant people whose statistics would be difficult to be listed down. Disappearances have become the new Gambian phenomenon.

Other than those who give him good image, he has dealt a big blow to journalists and media houses in the country including the Gambia Press Union.

Yahya has soured The Gambia's economy and his attempts to create a mechanized-agricultural powered system of country had all failed woefully due to the fact that this was introduced in order for him to keep on looting the treasury. He promised Gambians to run their lives but in the contrary he left them in so much desperation that Gambian youth abandon their country to embark on high sea water journeys to Europe and other destinations overseas in search of better living. And you are more conversant with the stories of such diabolical voyages than myself.

He has dismantled the Gambia's economy to a point whereby he has started printing money in higher denominations the recent one being the injection of D200 notes in the currency market. Today the Gambian Dalasi is worthless against other world currencies.

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Yahya Jammeh is in captive of the relatives of suspects involved in the 30 December 2014 attempted coup d'état against his government and seizes this opportunity to unleash terror on our people. The chaos has reached epic that anything could happen to anybody at anytime.

The state of the country at the moment is very shameful, a waste and honestly speaking nothing to be proud about. Yahya has blown the lives of Gambians away and has achieved this through having tricked Gambians into false hopes that he will upgrade their lives into luxurious paradise on earth only to drastically dash that. The situation in Gambia today is cagey and she needs help and change as the current situation and atmosphere is full of uncertainties and repression talkless of the human rights record.

✓ Furthermore, and as you may be aware we have an upcoming Presidential election in 2016, and I am one of the Presidential candidates.

✓ However, Free and fair elections are not possible given the current situation in the country as it would only legitimize a brutal and merciless Dictator in the process. And my personal security too is a concern especially before, during and after the elections. So do other candidates.

✓ In my capacity as the Secretary General of NTCG, It is in this light that I write to apply and request for you Mr. Secretary General to consider the deployment of UN Forces to the Gambia to support during the Presidential election.

Thank you for your usual understanding.

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