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Switzerland, violating human rights is standard procedure

On 11 September 2020, the website of the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights (OHCHR) published a press release entitled “Switzerland’s new ‘terrorism’ definition sets a dangerous precedent worldwide, UN human rights experts warn”. Five UN human rights experts declared that “Switzerland’s draft anti-terrorism legislation violates international human rights standards by expanding the definition of terrorism, and would set a dangerous precedent for the suppression of political dissent worldwide”.

In information sent to Swiss citizens regarding the vote on new laws to be held on 13 June 2021, the Swiss government grossly misrepresented the case for expanding the terrorism law. Among its justifications was a request for more latitude to operate from the Swiss Intelligence Services (SRC), which is a highly politicized organization whose reports lack independence, as are those of all the Swiss intelligence services. The director of SRC, Jean-Philippe Gaudin, is notorious for his pro-Atlanticist propaganda.

The Swiss government blatantly lies or completely misrepresents the case for each of the five potential new laws on which Swiss citizens are being asked to vote. As a result, several lawsuits are in the process of being filed. Government-sanctioned voting fraud has been amply documented in the case of previous laws that Swiss voters had to decide on. One egregious example was the case of “Monnaie pleine”, about which the Chancellery in Bern was caught lying to its citizens on no less than 20 different points.

In 2013, the Geneva-based Coordination intercommunautaire contre l’antisémitisme et la diffamation (CICAD; Intercommunity Coordination against Anti-Semitism and Defamation) filed a lawsuit against a Swiss blogger who disagreed with the official narratives on Palestine and the birth of the State of Israel. The trial was plagued with false allegations and outright lies about the defendant, which employed the usual trope of “anti-Semitism” designed to stifle debate and obliterate dissent. The OHCHR is familiar with this ploy.

The defendant was indisputably framed by three prosecutors, namely, Laurence Schmid-Piquerez, Nathalie Magnenat-Fuchs and Olivier Jornot, with the full complicity of the defendant’s lawyer, Me. Pierre Bayenet. It is noteworthy that Jornot and Bayenet were going head to head in the local elections for the prosecutor’s office at that time. The blogger was sentenced to five months’ imprisonment for political reasons. His cell partner was of Jewish descent and fully agreed with his views; after their release from prison they remained friends.

For approximately 20 years, a Ukrainian-Israeli “businessman” called Igor Kolomoisky has lived in Geneva with members of his family. He is accused of war crimes, crimes against humanity, theft and embezzlement of Ukrainian state money amounting to billions of dollars. He openly launders this money in Switzerland, where he operates freely, with the full complicity of the Swiss government, the SRC and all the three-letter agencies carrying the flag of a NATO ally.

Igor Kolomoisky is also a financial backer of the Azov Battalion in the Ukraine, a notorious anti-Jewish, neo-Nazi armed group guilty of a plethora of atrocities that, if the Geneva Convention applied to NATO allies, would likely result in several thousand of these mercenaries receiving life sentences. Kolomoisky has also openly called for the assassination of his opponents, including offering bounties for their heads.

To quote CICAD’s own website, “Mais que fait la CICAD?” (What CICAD does), it is noteworthy that no mainstream journalist has ever mentioned the fact that Igor Kolomoisky is directly linked to a neo-Nazi mercenary group that admires Stepan Bandera.

It is noteworthy that pseudo-journalist Roman Protasevich, recently arrested in Belarus under suspicious circumstances, is also a notorious long-term member of the Ukrainian Azov Battalion. He has taken pictures of himself on his way out of the US State Department in Washington, D.C. and bragged on social media about “long conversations” with his handlers.

ProtonMail, an encrypted e-mail platform operating out of Switzerland, has played a key role in building the false narrative propagated in the mainstream media. Human rights activists should be wary of using their services.

On 27 March 2007, *Le Temps* published an article, now censored, which revealed how the higher echelons of the Geneva Police were all freemasons. It described a deep crisis manifesting in multiple recurrent blunders either covered-up or exposed depending on the allegiances of the perpetrators, gangbangs on police premises, settling of accounts between officers, sacking of inspectors without them being able to be heard, Nazi chants, and more. It also described how certain officers, outraged by the anti-democratic antics of high-ranking officers, resorted to surveilling them in order to gather evidence.

On 15 January 2021, a prominent Swiss banker prematurely passed away. He was widely considered to be one of the largest firearms collectors in Switzerland, if not the largest. In order to acquire firearms in Switzerland, one must sign a document (PAA) confirming that one is not dependent on drugs, especially hard drugs.

It is widely known, even in local police, media and political circles, that this banker was a cocaine and heroin addict for roughly 35 years. There are numerous first-hand accounts of how cocaine was imported with the collusion of a high-ranking diplomat under the cover of diplomatic courier.

This cocaine, widely known to be the best quality ever to have been available in Geneva, was used for many years by many prominent people and intellectuals, including at least one politician who was knowingly filmed while taking it. Everyone knew where the drugs were coming from and this banker's habit was widely known. This is an excellent example of how Swiss laws are applied unequally.

On 7 October 2019, a well-known Swiss activist who initiated several referendums, François de Siebenthal, received a visit at 2 a.m. at his home in Lausanne from two police officers from Geneva. Waking his neighbours and his children, for half an hour they pressured him to allow them to search his apartment, without giving their names, without being in possession of a search warrant and without jurisdictional authority. The following morning at 10 a.m., a lady from the Judicial Police in Geneva called to apologize and stated that the visit had had no connection with their department and that it had been the result of a strictly political decision emanating from higher echelons. He is currently harassed for no valid legal reason by various politically connected individuals and prosecutors.

From 2005 to 2007, PACE's main UN representative was at the forefront of a legal fight to prevent the construction of two buildings on a site listed as Swiss heritage in a small village called Colombier in the Canton of Neuchâtel. He repeatedly demonstrated that the project was plagued by wrongdoing, which is a further example of the extent of corruption in local politics in Switzerland.

He was also threatened on several occasions and at least one of his family's tenants, a kindergarten, was threatened in heavy-handed, mafia-like tactics with being closed down. This case is well documented and in the public domain.

During his investigations, he received the help of a local police officer, a good man, who was also tired of the shenanigans of local politicians. This officer had committed a minor offence prior to this case, which was promptly resurrected by local police forces and the officer was arrested and handcuffed in front of his children as they were leaving school. He was promptly prosecuted. This could not have happened without the knowledge of the police chief of the Canton of Neuchâtel at the time, Col. André Duvillard, but it is unclear whether the prosecutor, Mr. Pierre Cornu, deliberately framed him.

In 2007, PACE's main UN representative was informed at a meeting with several neighbours about a story involving an old lady who had donated 900 thousand Swiss francs (approximately US\$ 1 million) to the local administration for the purpose of developing a home for the elderly on a local site. All the witnesses stated that the money had been embezzled by local elected individuals and their friends. The following morning, he was unofficially summoned to the local police station, strip-searched, and advised to stop being nosy and to leave the country, otherwise drugs would be found in his possession. When informed of this, Col. André Duvillard threatened him with a lawsuit.

These examples are not unique to Switzerland, but are emblematic of the functioning of all Western corporatocracies. All have become tyrannies based on a cult of neoliberal ideology that operates in fear of transparency and strives to eliminate all light, truth, opposition and creativity. When corruption is endemic, it can lead only to violence.
