

Zimbabwe Withstands British Assault

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In the seven weeks following Zimbabwe's March 29 election, the British financial oligarchy has thus far been unsuccessful in deploying their creation—the Movement for a Democratic Change (MDC), and its leader Morgan Tsvangirai—to effect regime change against President Robert Mugabe. Before the election was even completed, MDC opposition Presidential candidate Tsvangirai claimed he had won the Presidential race. The official presidential results from Zimbabwe's complicated "4 in 1" election were not released by the Zimbabwe Election Commission (ZEC), until May 2. Contrary to of Tsvangirai's "premature ejaculation" asserting his victory, there never were any election results that backed up his claim to victory. All responsible institutions estimated that both candidates had received less than the 50% majority required. Official figures released by the ZEC gave Tsvangirai 47.9%, Mugabe 43.2%, and Simba Makoni 8.9%. The ZEC, in compliance with its constitutional mandate, has announced that there will be a runoff election between Mugabe and Tsvangirai on June 27.

However, the British, who still fantasize about the "good old days" when Zimbabwe was their colony Southern Rhodesia (named after British imperialist Cecil Rhodes), shunned the rule of law in Zimbabwe, and sent their puppet Tsvangirai globe-trotting to rally support. He has not returned to Zimbabwe for six weeks, finding the situation more hospitable in Great Britain.

Immediately after the election, British Labor Party Prime Minister Gordon Brown used threats and intimidation to force the 14 nations that comprise the Southern African Development Community into convening an extraordinary summit of the SADC heads of state, to deal with what the British media called the Zimbabwe election crisis. After SADC refused to intervene into the sovereign affairs of Zimbabwe, Brown and company tried a similar tactic at the United Nations Security Council. Both attempts were thwarted by South African President Thabo Mbeki, who dismissed all the inflated hysteria by calmly insisting: "There is no crisis in Zimbabwe." Tsvangirai was further humiliated when the UN body refused to meet with him, because he was not a head of state, and did not represent any nation. Since Mbeki's effective leadership prevented British-directed regime change against Mugabe, Mbeki's historical ally, Mbeki has now come under vicious attack by Anglophile press sewer outlets, including the lying *Washington Post*.

All About Controlling the Land

The intention of the international economic warfare against Zimbabwe, which began in 1990 and has escalated for almost two decades (see *EIR*, April 18, 2008), has been to destroy the economy, creating severe hardship for its citizens, in an attempt to separate the people from Mugabe and his ZANU-PF party. The British hatred of Mugabe stems from his leadership, both from jail, and from "the bush" during the 13-year war of liberation from the British/Rhodesian colonizers, who never recognized the black Zimbabweans as human beings created in the image of the Creator, but rather as "walking beasts" to serve them. Mugabe further infuriated the City of London in 2000 by removing control of the land from the small minority of British/Rhodesian farmers, and giving it back to the people of Zimbabwe. This act of "hubris" against the British, finalized their determination to use the MDC as a vehicle to remove Mugabe, and reclaim the land with all its wealth. Contrary to false media reports that the Zimbabwe government is nationalizing all the foreign mining industries, the the new law simply requires that these extractive industries be majority-owned by Zimbabweans.

The Fraud of the 'Fraud' of the Elections

For the moment, the MDC has agreed to participate in the runoff presidential election, but Tsvangirai is claiming vote fraud in advance—unless various Western powers are allowed to "monitor" it. This is a duplicitous fraud itself. By all standards of developing nations, especially those in sub-Saharan Africa, the March 29 election conducted by the ZEC was a model of fairness and order, as many observers testify. Nowhere else on the continent has an opposition party won more seats in the House of Assembly than a ruling party, with the MDC securing 99 seats to ZANU-PF's 97, and its Presidential candidate getting more votes than the candidate of the ruling party. In the Nigerian election held in April 2007, which was monitored by every pro-democracy group imaginable from the United States and the European Union, the candidate from the ruling party, the People's Democratic Party (PDP) prevented well-known candidates of opposing parties from recording any vote that resembled a free and fair election. Vote fraud was massive, widespread, and acknowledged by all.

Over the weeks leading up to the runoff election, pressure will be applied to factions in the government and the ruling party to make a deal with the opposition to form a national unity government with the MDC. At the same time, the economic tourniquet will be tightened to further strangle the economy, while billions of dollars of financial assistance have been offered, to induce regime change. Under these conditions, nothing is certain, but since it is well known that the MDC is controlled lock, stock, and barrel by the British, Zimbabwean patriots will not be easily fooled into compromising with their mortal enemy, the British Empire.