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Format: Multilateral Team Round (4 teams)

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1. The signatories to this treaty are the duly authorized representatives of the governments of Laudest and Burcet, acting in their official capacities.
2. Both parties shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this treaty within their respective territories.

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1. The parties pledge to maintain peace and stability in the Bondas region and the surrounding areas.
2. Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this treaty shall be resolved through peaceful means.

Article IV: Allegations of Unlawful Occupation

1. The parties express their grave concern over recent events in the Bondas region.
2. Notwithstanding the above, both parties affirm that the Bondas region is under the peaceful and lawful governance of Laudest, as stipulated in the Treaty of Timothy.

Article V: Withdrawal of Forces

1. The Burcetan government, recognizing the erroneous nature of its claims, agrees to immediately withdraw any forces deployed in the Bondas region.
2. Laudest, in the spirit of goodwill, agrees to cooperate with international observers to ensure the complete and verifiable withdrawal of Burcetan forces.

Article VI: International Oversight

1. The parties invite international observers and mediators to monitor the implementation of this treaty and report on its compliance.
2. Both parties commit to cooperating fully with international bodies to address any concerns related to the Bondas region.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this Treaty of Timothy on behalf of their nations.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the Spokesperson

For Immediate Release

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY RINER

Having read the statement issued by the Laudest Prime Minister, the great nation of Burcet wishes to respond to the false allegations made against us. The perjury spread by the Laudest side is another provocation, a cynical lie, and is aimed at discrediting the Burcet army in the conditions of the information and propaganda war unleashed by the Laudest.

Since the Treaty of Timothy, the people of Bondas have been victim to ethnic and cultural cleansing. For the past 4 decades, the people of Bondas have been subject to violence, assault, rape, murder, and genocide. We have regrettably watched, unable to help the poor people of Bondas, as the Laudest government destroyed their culture and heritage. The people of Bondas would reach out to us, begging us to intervene. But, wanting to respect the treaty, we stood by. However, we could stand by no longer.

A month ago, our President ordered the Burcet military to enter the Bondas region of Laudest with the strict goal of liberating the people of Bondas. The mission was simple – cross the territory and subdue the Laudest military for as long as necessary to set the Bondas people free. Surprisingly, our military met little resistance, pushing the Laudest military out of the region in a matter of days. Once the area was secure, the elite forces of Burcet allowed the people of Bondas to institute their own government, law enforcement, and laws. As it happens, they have chosen to follow the Burcet model – forming into a local government, much like the 27 states of Burcet, adopting Bercetan law, and creating a law enforcement agency – Burbond – a name chosen to demonstrate their historical ethnic ties to the Burbond valley on the border with Burcet.

All of these measures are being pursued by the people of Bondas; not us. However, we remain in the area in support of the people, until they can resist the advancements of the Laudest terrorists.

We ask the international community to stand-by while we set these people free. Do not listen to the Laudest government. The circumstances of the creation and public dissemination of the deliberately false information sent out by the Laudest government under the guise of reliable reports will be established, and they will certainly be given an appropriate criminal legal assessment.



Burcet Army

To

General Ken Melly, Burcet Army

From

Office of the President of Burcet

Subject: Military Invasion and Liberation

We can no longer stand by and watch the horror unfolding in the Bondas region of Laudest. For 4,000 years, the people of Burcet and Bondas have been linked together by our common heritage, formed in the Burbond valley. We have lived peacefully, maintaining a connection to our history and common bonds.

Unfortunately, our bond was broken when the criminals of Laudest tricked our President into signing the Treaty of Timothy, stealing the land and capturing its people. Since then, we have had to stand-by and watch as the Laudest criminals subjected the people of Bondas to horrific acts, all aimed to get rid of their unique heritage and our ties to them. We can stand-by no longer.

Today, I order the Burcet Army to deploy 10,000 army soldiers to the Bondas region. Their task is simple – neutralize the Laudest army and liberate the people of Bondas. Once the Bondas people are free of the tyranny of the Laudest government, the Burcet Army can vacate the area and return to Burcet.

Today begins a new era, where the people of Bondas are free. They will no longer be held captive, but will be free to live as they desire. Today, they will declare: “We will not go quietly into the night! We will not vanish without a fight! We’re going to live on! We’re going to survive!” Today, they celebrate their Independence Day!

Brian Haguen

President of Burcet



Eastern Sands Gazette
Brul, Laudest

ESG is mourning the loss of Kalle Nfodjo.

ESG demands a transparent and independent investigation into the actions that led to Kalle's death. Video shows Kalle was wearing her press vest and helmet that clearly identified her as a journalist. Journalists must be able to do their jobs without facing the gravest of harms to their life.

Journalists around the globe are increasingly under attack. Her courage and determination to report the Bondas story is admirable. We thank Kalle for her decades of service and value she has brought to our profession.

In Kalle's pursuit of exposing the truth, we have released the last official report she provided to us just yesterday in regard to the situation in the Bondas Region of Laudest.



Kalle Nfodjo

March 22, 2024

Greetings Team!

Here are a list of potential headlines I have in regard to what I have observed over the past 2 weeks. I still can't believe no one is reporting on what is happening here:

Headline: Forced Labor and Cultural Property Defacement Uncovered in Ongoing Deportation Scandal

Report 1: Deportation of Civilians for Military Labor

I have spoken to 5 locals now who state that civilians are being forcibly deported to engage in military labor. Reports indicate that individuals are being uprooted from their homes under coercive measures and compelled to work in support of undisclosed military operations.

Report 2: Forced Labor Camps Exposed

My investigative team have uncovered the existence of secretive forced labor camps where deportees are allegedly subjected to harsh conditions. An escaped civilian reported the work is being exploited for military-related tasks, ranging from construction work to logistical support.

Report 3: Cultural Property Defacement Raises Alarms

I have photos I am bringing back with me next week that depict cultural properties being defaced. Historical sites and artifacts, representing the rich heritage of the affected communities, are reportedly being vandalized. I also saw a group of soldiers in a Burcet military uniform taking sledgehammers to a building with a white and blue emblem. Their was two white triangles on the sides, a blue triangle at the top, with a blue square on the bottom. Look more into the significance of this for me if you could.

Report 4: Deportation of Children

I spoke to a family that stated their 15 year-old son, Brody, was taken as just one of the many young boys taken by the Burcet military and deported to Burcet territory. They expressed their concern as their son has never been to Burcet and they were given no information as he was rounded up and deported while at school.

Also I attached this sign I found. I couldn't find it in Laudian but transcribed the one I found in Bur. Let me know which headline we want to pursue first. Thanks for all the help and support, I will see you guys soon.

Sincerely,
Kalle Nfodjo

ATTENTION

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Here is my transcription from Bur:

ATTENTION: [BURCET LANGUAGE] SPEAKERS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS, THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE TO BE OBSERVED FOR THE WELL-BEING AND SAFETY OF ALL RESIDENTS IN THIS REGION. PLEASE FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH THE GUIDELINES OUTLINED BELOW:

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

Dear Esteemed Laudest Counsel,

I trust this message reaches you promptly. Our immediate attention is required for an urgent matter: a hearing on the occupied territory of Laudest is scheduled to take place in one hour.

Attached to this message, you will find the received letter outlining the specifics of the hearing. Given the tight timeframe, I urge each of you to represent Laudest diligently and comprehensively. This is a critical opportunity for us to convey all legal claims and analyses related to potential violations of international humanitarian law.

Please bring forth any pertinent legal arguments, evidence, or insights you believe the committee needs to hear in order to prepare a thorough and accurate report. Your swift and informed participation is crucial to ensuring Laudest's perspective is well-represented in this matter.

Our country is under seige, and our people are under attack so represent them to your fullest extent.

Thank you for your immediate attention and dedication to upholding our nation's interests.

Best regards,



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The United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner extends its sincere gratitude to the representatives of Laudest for their willingness to engage in dialogue regarding the occupied territory of Laudest. Your commitment to addressing human rights concerns is commendable, and we value your participation in the upcoming hearing.

Given the urgency of the matter at hand, and with the aim of fostering efficiency, transparency, and robust communication, we would like to inform you that each participating entity will have a designated time slot of 2 minutes for their opening testimony. Each participating entity will have 1 minute to give their closing testimony to the commission.

We acknowledge that multiple individuals will be presenting their testimonies during the hearing. This approach is designed to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the complexities surrounding the occupied territory of Laudest and to encourage a collaborative effort towards resolution.

Your insights and contributions are integral to the pursuit of a just and equitable resolution to the challenges faced in the region. We anticipate a constructive and meaningful exchange of information during the hearing, and we remain committed to working together to address the urgent human rights issues at hand.

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YOUR COOPERATION IN ABIDING BY THESE RULES IS ESSENTIAL FOR MAINTAINING PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

Dear Esteemed Burcet Counsel,

I trust this message finds you well. We are faced with an urgent matter as a hearing on the occupied territory of Laudest is scheduled to take place in one hour.

Attached to this communication is the letter we received outlining the specifics of the hearing. Given the short timeframe, it is imperative that we are well-prepared to articulate Burcet's position effectively. I urge each of you to represent our nation diligently and provide a comprehensive overview of our stance.

Please bring forth all legal claims and analyses regarding international humanitarian law violations that you believe the committee needs to hear to prepare their report. This is an opportunity to ensure Burcet's perspective is accurately presented and our interests are well-protected.

Let me inform you of the President's positoin. He believe we have a right to be in the Bondas region. We are setting the people free. They have chosen to adopt Burcet law, Bur is an official language of the Laudestain people. There is no deportation because they are liberating the people.

Thank you for your immediate attention and commitment to upholding the principles that guide our nation.

Best regards,



Jessica Riner

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The United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner extends its sincere gratitude to the representatives of Burcet for your willingness to engage in dialogue regarding the occupied territory of Laudest. Your commitment to addressing human rights concerns is commendable, and we value your participation in the upcoming hearing.

Given the urgency of the matter at hand, and with the aim of fostering efficiency, transparency, and robust communication, we would like to inform you that each participating entity will have a designated time slot of 2 minutes for their opening testimony. Each participating entity will have 1 minute to give their closing testimony to the commission.

We acknowledge that multiple individuals will be presenting their testimonies during the hearing. This approach is designed to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the complexities surrounding the occupied territory of Laudest and to encourage a collaborative effort towards resolution.

Your insights and contributions are integral to the pursuit of a just and equitable resolution to the challenges faced in the region. We anticipate a constructive and meaningful exchange of information during the hearing, and we remain committed to working together to address the urgent human rights issues at hand.

Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to the principles of human rights.



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ROUND BACKGROUND AND ROLES

Format: Multilateral Team Round (4 teams)

Setting: Public Hearing by the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Laudest Territory

Judge Roles: Commission Facilitator

Head Judge: Head Commissioner

Team Role: Human Rights Association

In the far east portion of the Shelbeni continent, a long-standing territorial dispute between two neighboring nations, Laudest and Burcet, had simmered largely unnoticed by the world given the ongoing and ever developing conflicts that have broken out over the past week. Burcet, a nation with strong cultural and ethnic ties to the disputed region, had always claimed that the land rightfully belonged to them. They argued they were liberating their people from the oppressive control of Laudest, a viewpoint vehemently opposed by the Laudest government. The Burcet government has been slowly moving into the area and as these wars and conflicts have broken out in other regions, have captured this Laudest territory relatively unnoticed.

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In response to growing concerns, the United Nations established a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the allegations surrounding the conflict. The situation in the region had escalated far beyond a simple border dispute. Reports surfaced of civilians being forcibly deported, including children, while others were subjected to labor against their will. Government buildings and protected properties had been defaced, adding to the litany of alleged violations of international law.

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

Review the evidence the Commission has provided to us that they will be using to make their determinations, and prepare to provide testimony on behalf of the Human Rights Association.

You will only have 40 minutes to brief the Commissioner and other council members.

This is a working meetings, so expect questions and crosstalk from the Commissioner and other council members.



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GC I-IV	Ratified	Ratified
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Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 23 March 2024

78/1. Situation in the Occupied Territory of Laudest

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[Adopted by a recorded vote of 7 to 2, with 0 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

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TREATY OF TIMOTHY

(The Treaty between Burcet and Laudest on the Bondas Region on August 28, 1982)

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It's important to remember our role as the Human Rights Association. As we are not to take sides, but to represent human rights and the people. Please prepare your testimony to the Commission on a neutral fact-based analysis.

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Best regards,



Amron Karg

Human Rights Association Representative



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ROUND BACKGROUND AND ROLES

Format: Multilateral Team Round (4 teams)

Setting: Public Hearing by the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Laudest Territory

Judge Roles: Commission Facilitator

Head Judge: Head Commissioner

Team Role: Defense for Children International

In the far east portion of the Shelbeni continent, a long-standing territorial dispute between two neighboring nations, Laudest and Burcet, had simmered largely unnoticed by the world given the ongoing and ever developing conflicts that have broken out over the past week. Burcet, a nation with strong cultural and ethnic ties to the disputed region, had always claimed that the land rightfully belonged to them. They argued they were liberating their people from the oppressive control of Laudest, a viewpoint vehemently opposed by the Laudest government. The Burcet government has been slowly moving into the area and as these wars and conflicts have broken out in other regions, have captured this Laudest territory relatively unnoticed.

The situation took a dark turn when a journalist, determined to shed light on the conflict, ventured into the disputed territory. Tragically, the journalist paid the ultimate price last night for their quest for truth and was killed while documenting the turmoil. News of this broke an hour ago when the worlds focus was on the Fighter Status Review Body of a detainee. However, jolted the international community, the United Nations Human Rights Council has decided to take action when other violations and atrocities against civil society started to come to life.

In response to growing concerns, the United Nations established a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the allegations surrounding the conflict. The situation in the region had escalated far beyond a simple border dispute. Reports surfaced of civilians being forcibly deported, including children, while others were subjected to labor against their will. Government buildings and protected properties had been defaced, adding to the litany of alleged violations of international law.

The international community now anxiously awaits the findings of the Commission, and the first series of public hearings have just begun at the Human Rights Council.



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ASSIGNMENT

Review the evidence the Commission has provided to us that they will be using to make their determinations, and prepare to provide testimony on behalf of Defense for Children International.

You will only have 40 minutes to brief the Commissioner and other council members.

This is a working meetings, so expect questions and crosstalk from the Commissioner and other council members.



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	Burcet	Laudest
GC I-IV	Ratified	Ratified
AP I	Ratified	Ratified
AP II	Ratified	Ratified
AP III	Ratified	Ratified
CRC		
Opt. Prot.		
UN Charter	Ratified	Ratified
ICC Statute	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Cv. IV	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Cv. V	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Cv. XIII	Ratified	Ratified
Hague Cv.	Ratified	Ratified
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ICCPR	Ratified	
ICESCR	Ratified	
CAT	Signed	Ratified
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Treaty Law	Ratified	Ratified
UNCLOS		Ratified
Gen. Conv.	Ratified	Ratified
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CWC	Ratified	
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UN ATT	Ratified	Ratified



Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Laudest Territory

- The Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Laudest was established by the Human Rights Council on 23 March 2024 according to resolution 49/1 to investigate all alleged violations and abuses of human rights, violations of international humanitarian law and related crimes in the context of the alleged occupation of Luadest by Burcet. It requested the Commission:
- provide an oral update to the Human Rights Council at its fifty-seventh session to be followed by an interactive dialogue later today,
- investigate in the Occupied Laudest Territory, all alleged violations of international humanitarian law,
- identify, where possible, those responsible, with a view to ensuring that perpetrators of violations are held accountable, and
- make recommendations, in particular on accountability measures, all with a view to avoiding and ending impunity and ensuring legal accountability, including individual criminal and command responsibility, for such violations, and justice for victims.

The commission is set to have public hearings in an hour. Where the Commissioner has invited victims, witnesses, civil society organizations, and legal representatives to prove relevant testimony.



Resolution adopted by the Human Rights Council on 23 March 2024

78/1. Situation in the Occupied Territory of Laudest

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the obligations of all States under Article 2 of the Charter to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any State, and to settle their international disputes by peaceful means,

1. Decides to urgently establish an ongoing independent, international commission of inquiry, to be appointed by the President of the Human Rights Council, to investigate in the Occupied Laudest Territory, all alleged violations of international humanitarian law, and all underlying root causes of recurrent tensions, instability and protraction of conflict, including any systematic discrimination and repression based on national, ethnic, racial or religious identity;

2. Also decides that the commission of inquiry shall:

- (a) Establish the facts and circumstances that may amount to such violations and abuses and of crimes perpetrated;
- (b) Collect, consolidate and analyze evidence of such violations and abuses and of crimes;
- (c) Identify, where possible, those responsible;

3. *Calls upon* all States, and encourages civil society, the media and other relevant stakeholders, to cooperate fully with the commission of inquiry;

4. *Requests* the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to provide an oral update on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution at its fifty-seventh session;

4. *Decides* to remain seized on the matter.

[Adopted by a recorded vote of 7 to 2, with 0 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour: Forden, Jorgge, Stodia, Kaedern, Gileland, Harpany, Laudest

Against: The Crown Republic, Burcet]



STATEMENT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

We strenuously condemn the unlawful occupation of the Bondas region by the nation of Burcet. The Bondas region has long been established as Laudest territory, granted to Laudest through the Treaty of Timothy, signed by both parties in 1982. Since that time, the Laudest government has maintained order and peaceful governing of the region. However, a month ago, the Burcetan government conducted an invasion into the Bondas region, with the ridiculous claim that they will liberate the people of the Bondas region. The people of the Bondas region are already free and have been for decades, living happily under Laudest rule.

This is not the first time the Burcetan government has attempted to create havoc within the Bondas region. Over the last 40 years, they have incited riots, attempted coups, and organized revolutions. All of these attempts have failed to turn the people of Bondas against us. Instead, they have only strengthened our resolve and unity as a free nation.

However, last month, the Burcetan government launched an illegal and immoral invasion of the Bondas region, sending more than 10,000 troops across our border and into the region. Upon their arrival, the Burcetan military pushed Laudest forces outside of the region, set up camps and check points, instituted a new law enforcement agency (Burbond Police), enforced Burcetan law, and is attempting to create a temporary government, claiming the people of Bondas want to become the 28th state of Burcet. The people of Bondas want nothing to do with Burcet and their ridiculous authoritarian government.

This occupation cannot stand, and we ask the international community to respond to the actions of Burcet with the full power of international law.

Steve Gorrison

Prime Minister of Laudest

TREATY OF TIMOTHY

(The Treaty between Burcet and Laudest on the Bondas Region on August 28, 1982)

Preamble

The undersigned parties, the nation of Laudest and the nation of Burcet, solemnly affirm their commitment to the principles of peace, sovereignty, and mutual respect. In the pursuit of regional stability and cooperation, both parties entered into this treaty on August 28, 1982, collectively referred to as the Treaty of Timothy.

Article I: Territorial Integrity

1. Recognizing the historical significance of the Bondas region, the parties hereby acknowledge that it is an integral part of Laudest territory, as established through this treaty.
2. Both parties affirm their commitment to respecting the territorial integrity of each other and agree not to engage in any actions that may compromise the sovereignty of the Bondas region.

Article II: Treaty Signatories

1. The signatories to this treaty are the duly authorized representatives of the governments of Laudest and Burcet, acting in their official capacities.
2. Both parties shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this treaty within their respective territories.

Article III: Maintenance of Peace

1. The parties pledge to maintain peace and stability in the Bondas region and the surrounding areas.
2. Any disputes arising from the interpretation or implementation of this treaty shall be resolved through peaceful means.

Article IV: Allegations of Unlawful Occupation

1. The parties express their grave concern over recent events in the Bondas region.
2. Notwithstanding the above, both parties affirm that the Bondas region is under the peaceful and lawful governance of Laudest, as stipulated in the Treaty of Timothy.

Article V: Withdrawal of Forces

1. The Burcetan government, recognizing the erroneous nature of its claims, agrees to immediately withdraw any forces deployed in the Bondas region.
2. Laudest, in the spirit of goodwill, agrees to cooperate with international observers to ensure the complete and verifiable withdrawal of Burcetan forces.

Article VI: International Oversight

1. The parties invite international observers and mediators to monitor the implementation of this treaty and report on its compliance.
2. Both parties commit to cooperating fully with international bodies to address any concerns related to the Bondas region.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this Treaty of Timothy on behalf of their nations.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the Spokesperson

For Immediate Release

STATEMENT BY SECRETARY RINER

Having read the statement issued by the Laudest Prime Minister, the great nation of Burcet wishes to respond to the false allegations made against us. The perjury spread by the Laudest side is another provocation, a cynical lie, and is aimed at discrediting the Burcet army in the conditions of the information and propaganda war unleashed by the Laudest.

Since the Treaty of Timothy, the people of Bondas have been victim to ethnic and cultural cleansing. For the past 4 decades, the people of Bondas have been subject to violence, assault, rape, murder, and genocide. We have regrettably watched, unable to help the poor people of Bondas, as the Laudest government destroyed their culture and heritage. The people of Bondas would reach out to us, begging us to intervene. But, wanting to respect the treaty, we stood by. However, we could stand by no longer.

A month ago, our President ordered the Burcet military to enter the Bondas region of Laudest with the strict goal of liberating the people of Bondas. The mission was simple – cross the territory and subdue the Laudest military for as long as necessary to set the Bondas people free. Surprisingly, our military met little resistance, pushing the Laudest military out of the region in a matter of days. Once the area was secure, the elite forces of Burcet allowed the people of Bondas to institute their own government, law enforcement, and laws. As it happens, they have chosen to follow the Burcet model – forming into a local government, much like the 27 states of Burcet, adopting Bercetan law, and creating a law enforcement agency – Burbond – a name chosen to demonstrate their historical ethnic ties to the Burbond valley on the border with Burcet.

All of these measures are being pursued by the people of Bondas; not us. However, we remain in the area in support of the people, until they can resist the advancements of the Laudest terrorists.

We ask the international community to stand-by while we set these people free. Do not listen to the Laudest government. The circumstances of the creation and public dissemination of the deliberately false information sent out by the Laudest government under the guise of reliable reports will be established, and they will certainly be given an appropriate criminal legal assessment.



Burcet Army

To

General Ken Melly, Burcet Army

From

Office of the President of Burcet

Subject: Military Invasion and Liberation

We can no longer stand by and watch the horror unfolding in the Bondas region of Laudest. For 4,000 years, the people of Burcet and Bondas have been linked together by our common heritage, formed in the Burbond valley. We have lived peacefully, maintaining a connection to our history and common bonds.

Unfortunately, our bond was broken when the criminals of Laudest tricked our President into signing the Treaty of Timothy, stealing the land and capturing its people. Since then, we have had to stand-by and watch as the Laudest criminals subjected the people of Bondas to horrific acts, all aimed to get rid of their unique heritage and our ties to them. We can stand-by no longer.

Today, I order the Bercet Army to deploy 10,000 army soldiers to the Bondas region. Their task is simple – neutralize the Laudest army and liberate the people of Bondas. Once the Bondas people are free of the tyranny of the Laudest government, the Burcet Army can vacate the area and return to Burcet.

Today begins a new era, where the people of Bondas are free. They will no longer be held captive, but will be free to live as they desire. Today, they will declare: “We will not go quietly into the night! We will not vanish without a fight! We’re going to live on! We’re going to survive!” Today, they celebrate their Independence Day!

Brian Haguen

President of Burcet



Eastern Sands Gazette
Brul, Laudest

ESG is mourning the loss of Kalle Nfodjo.

ESG demands a transparent and independent investigation into the actions that led to Kalle's death. Video shows Kalle was wearing her press vest and helmet that clearly identified her as a journalist. Journalists must be able to do their jobs without facing the gravest of harms to their life.

Journalists around the globe are increasingly under attack. Her courage and determination to report the Bondas story is admirable. We thank Kalle for her decades of service and value she has brought to our profession.

In Kalle's pursuit of exposing the truth, we have released the last official report she provided to us just yesterday in regard to the situation in the Bondas Region of Laudest.



Kalle Nfodjo

March 22, 2024

Greetings Team!

Here are a list of potential headlines I have in regard to what I have observed over the past 2 weeks. I still can't believe no one is reporting on what is happening here:

Headline: Forced Labor and Cultural Property Defacement Uncovered in Ongoing Deportation Scandal

Report 1: Deportation of Civilians for Military Labor

I have spoken to 5 locals now who state that civilians are being forcibly deported to engage in military labor. Reports indicate that individuals are being uprooted from their homes under coercive measures and compelled to work in support of undisclosed military operations.

Report 2: Forced Labor Camps Exposed

My investigative team have uncovered the existence of secretive forced labor camps where deportees are allegedly subjected to harsh conditions. An escaped civilian reported the work is being exploited for military-related tasks, ranging from construction work to logistical support.

Report 3: Cultural Property Defacement Raises Alarms

I have photos I am bringing back with me next week that depict cultural properties being defaced. Historical sites and artifacts, representing the rich heritage of the affected communities, are reportedly being vandalized. I also saw a group of soldiers in a Burcet military uniform taking sledgehammers to a building with a white and blue emblem. Their was two white triangles on the sides, a blue triangle at the top, with a blue square on the bottom. Look more into the significance of this for me if you could.

Report 4: Deportation of Children

I spoke to a family that stated their 15 year-old son, Brody, was taken as just one of the many young boys taken by the Burcet military and deported to Burcet territory. They expressed their concern as their son has never been to Burcet and they were given no information as he was rounded up and deported while at school.

Also I attached this sign I found. I couldn't find it in Laudian but transcribed the one I found in Bur. Let me know which headline we want to pursue first. Thanks for all the help and support, I will see you guys soon.

Sincerely,
Kalle Nfodjo

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Best regards,



Kaylee Born

Defense of Children International President



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