



*Scottish National Congress Steering Group*

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## The Great Pain Robbery?

Commenting on the revelations contained in the Salvo paper, Iain Lawson, speaking on behalf of the Liberation Movement and as Chair of the Scottish National Congress Steering Group, said, "These discoveries are hugely important and will have a big impact on the fight for Independence going forward. As Scots face a winter with many having to choose between eating or heating, the realisation that London has been involved in long term fraud and deception that has allowed the British State to steal hundreds of billions of pounds in assets, (natural resources), from the rightful owners, the Scottish people, will cause great anger in Scotland.

How appropriate that in the same week that England's Supreme Court announced that Scotland is not a colony, while simultaneously ruling we had no rights to vote on our own Constitutional future without London's permission, we are revealing today the scale of the fraud these colonial masters have been inflicting on Scotland for decades. A fraud that explains why Scotland remains poor despite discovering vast oil and natural gas wealth. And the same rip off is occurring with our renewable as it did with our oil and gas."

Concluding, Mr Lawson said, " We hope the Scottish Government, armed with the proof of this extensive fraud, will act and join with the Liberation Movement to challenge it in the International Court. In any event, the first job of the Scottish National Congress, now nearing its formal launch, will be preparing the case to take to the International Court of Justice. We will seek a ruling that the colonial style appropriation of the assets of the sovereign territory of Scotland is fraudulent and clearly illegal and seek a remedy in terms of legal requirements in line with international law for compensation.

Once the Scottish Liberation Movement reaches a substantial membership, around 100 thousand, and achieves recognition by the UN, we shall do what the Scottish Government, as the legislative arm of the Westminster Government in Scotland, cannot do. We shall seek proper remedy directly in the International Court to end the theft of our national resources.

If Scots want to end these flagrant injustices, they should join Liberation.Scot to enable our application for formal recognition as the legitimate Liberation Movement in Scotland to be approved as quickly as possible.

The People's voice must be heard and recognised. Scotland's People are sovereign and it is time for that sovereignty to be upheld.

Excerpt from 'Reclaiming the Rights of the Sovereign Territorial Nation of Scotland'

We therefore call on our fellow Scots and the international community to support the campaign of the Scottish Liberation Movement to restore the rights of the sovereign territorial nation of Scotland under international law, to remove the 'administrative' control of the British state from the assets owned by the Scottish people and to obtain for this nation the restitution owed to them by the British state for its fraudulent appropriation of Scotland's natural resources over many decades and of the benefits that should have accrued to the Scottish people as the lawful and exclusive owners of these resources.

#### NOTE

It should be noted that the earlier paper from Salvo highlighting the Claim of Right 1689 had a huge impact on the debate about Scotland's future. The COR now forms a prominent role in the Independence debate, led to a Parliamentary debate on Independence and was responsible for the creation and growth of two new related Independence organisations both of which grow rapidly and already involve many thousands of members. Liberation targets 100,000 members which will enable recognition from the United Nations.

BOTH Salvo and Liberation are strictly non party political and contain members from many parties and even more from none.

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