

participatory research to evaluate the Program. There is also a need to keep a link between Canadian and African NGOs working on issues of democratic development regionally, and those in Nigeria.

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Prof. Evan Potter

Canadian foreign policy on Nigeria needs serious reconsideration. It can be characterized as leadership without followers. On the other hand, Canada has enhanced its position in the Commonwealth because it has maintained its position.

Sanctions are a blunt instrument. Any attempt at an oil embargo would be met by serious sanction-busting. The US and Europe will not participate in an embargo, so how effective could it be?

Prof. Tim Shaw

Ways must be found to keep the world's attention on the situation in Nigeria. Positive and negative incentives include:

- visa restrictions on the ruling elite and their dependents
- freezing of assets
- codes of conduct
- the World Bank as a possible ally
- communications tools (airlines, telephone, internet, etc.)
- athletics sanctions
- targeted sanctions, particularly aimed at spare parts for Nigerian industry, and technology transfers
- linkages among woman and youth - such as the Nova Scotia/Gambia connection.

Retraining of the military has to be supported, and reinforcement of legal institutions.

Ayo Obe

The military regime can be hurt by visa restrictions. A sanction aimed at football would be terribly unpopular in Nigeria, but that's the point.

Release of the coup plotters and the Ogoni 19 would create a momentum in the country.

It will be difficult to get support from those West African countries whose leaders Abacha has bribed.

Diana Barikor-Wiwa

Soccer has been used by the regime to lift the peoples' spirits, so a ban on international competition would hurt the government. The elite send their children abroad to school, so visa restrictions could be an effective tool.

Oil sanctions are the only way, however, to effectively influence the military regime, because it is so dependent on oil revenues.

Leaflets, published in local languages, are the most effective way to mobilize people, especially in the Niger delta.

Dr. Kole Shettima

Nigerians listen to radio, so Canada should support Radio Kudirat and Radio Canada. Also, leafletting in local languages is important. Many people inside Nigeria do not know what is going on. They need to be informed.