

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
(CAPE OF GOOD HOPE PROVINCIAL DIVISION)

Case no: 2807/05

In the matter between:

TREATMENT ACTION CAMPAIGN

Applicant

and

MATTHIAS RATH

First Respondent

DR RATH HEALTH FOUNDATION

Second Respondent

ANSWERING AFFIDAVIT

I, Ralf Langner, affirm and say:

1. I am international coordinator of the Dr. Rath Health Foundation in Berlin, Germany. I am a journalist by profession, and over the past seven years have been investigating the economic and political background of the investment groups behind the pharmaceutical industry.
2. This affidavit addresses the significance of a R1.4 million grant to the Treatment Action Campaign by multi-billionaire George Soros's Open Society Foundation.
3. *TIME* magazine has characterized financier Soros as a "modern-day Robin Hood," who robs from the rich to give to the poor countries of eastern Europe and Russia. It is claimed that Soros makes huge financial gains by speculating against western central banks, in order to use his profits to help the emerging post-communist economies of Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union, to assist them to create what he calls an "Open Society."

4. It is well known in financial circles that Soros's speculations against the British Pound brought him a personal profit of a billion dollars in a single day. What is less well known is the fact that Soros has at various times also attacked the currencies of Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Mexico. What Soros always leaves behind is a collapsed local market and the financial ruin of national investors.
5. The various Open Society institutions financed by George Soros in Eastern Europe have been actively involved in toppling Governments in this region. George Soros is open about the track record of his active involvement in the destabilization of governments in Eastern Europe: "*We do interfere in the internal affairs of states, but based on supporting people inside the country who take a certain stance. We have actually been quite effective in bringing about democratization, democratic regime change in Slovakia, Croatia and Yugoslavia, but that's by helping civil society in those countries to mobilise.*" BBC, September 9, 2003.
6. The methods employed by Soros supported organizations and movements is usefully described by the UK *Guardian* journalist Ian Traynor in a November 26, 2004 article entitled "US campaign behind the turmoil in Kiev," during the first phase of the coup in Ukraine: "*With their websites and stickers, their pranks and slogans aimed at banishing widespread fear of a corrupt regime, the democracy guerrillas of the Ukrainian Pora youth movement have already notched up a famous victory—whatever the outcome of the dangerous stand-off in Kiev. [T]he campaign is an American creation, a sophisticated and brilliantly conceived exercise in western branding and mass marketing that, in four countries in four years, has been used to try to salvage rigged elections and topple unsavoury regimes.*"
7. In this regard I would like to draw the court's attention to the annexed photographs showing the stereotype appearance of the demonstrations of the Soros financed youth movement revolutions in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. The similarities of slogans, logos and the participants' clothing, especially T-shirts, in all countries are obvious. In this matter I would like to point out the fact the TAC is giving its demonstrators free transport, free T-shirts and banners on its pickets against the South African Government. They now do so with the money from the Open Society Foundation of George Soros, and one has to wonder why a self-proclaimed people's movement needs such extra motivations to march for a cause, however noble it might be.
8. I personally attended several demonstrations in Belgrade, Yugoslavia in October 2000 where the Soros-financed youth movement "Otpor" organized a march against the parliament and set it on fire a day after I left the city. In the latter case the Milosvic regime collapsed, as did the whole of Yugoslavia, which then disintegrated into several now autonomous provinces.
9. I also was personally present at the last TAC march on the South African Parliament in February this year. What I witnessed in both cases was that

- few of the participants were really aware of what they were demonstrating for. In both cases, youthful crowds were attracted by music concerts. Quite different to a genuine people's movement, most the participants came for the music concert that was arranged, and after this the mass of the people dispersed. Of the "thousands of participants" that the South African media reported, only a few hundred were left after the concert ended and the march reached the parliament. It is disgusting for me to note that the bussed in people from the townships seemed clueless about the intention of the picket and that they were led like sheep by young white youths, who kept the mob together like shepherd dogs.
10. The donations of the Soros institutions in countries in Eastern Europe are usually dovetailed by the US organization "National Endowment for Democracy" that was been founded in the Reagan era to support US foreign interests. The direct collaboration and appreciation of this instrument of US foreign interests with Soros and his Open Society Foundation can be found at its website: www.ned.org.
 11. Soros's direct collaboration with the interests of the United States in countries that oppose its intrusive foreign politics were admitted by Soros itself in an article he wrote for the magazine "Alternet" on June 5, 2003: *"I spoke about my vision for a global open society and Wolfowitz, now deputy secretary of defense, seemed to be on the same wavelength. We had both participated in a small group called The Action Council for the Balkans, which was agitating for a more muscular policy against Slobodan Milosevic. We advocated military intervention in Bosnia much sooner than it happened. I remember a lively exchange with Colin Powell when I questioned the Powell doctrine of "we do deserts but we don't do mountains." I was very supportive of Madeleine Albright's activism on Kosovo, where I was in favor of a coalition of the willing: NATO intervention without United Nations authorization."*
 12. In the same article Soros confirms his interest and active role in shaping the future of African and Asian countries: "I am particularly concerned about Zimbabwe, where Robert Mugabe's regime is going from bad to worse. I also see Muammar Quaddafi as a dangerous troublemaker in Africa. I support a project on Burma, or Myanmar as it is now called, which backs Aung San Suu Kyi as the democratically elected leader. I have foundations in central Asia, and I would like to see regime change in countries such as Turkmenistan." (- where Soros also runs a foundation.)
 13. On one of Soros's own websites, www.sorostrading.com, appears an article about him in the *New York Times* on December 17, 1996: "Mr. Soros hopes that his giving will prompt other foundations to support risky projects and research. He said he knew that, like some of his early projects in Eastern Europe, China and South Africa, some American projects may fail."
 14. I do not know which of Soros's projects failed in South Africa and whether he is still interested in its realization. I do not know what he considers a suitable future for South African people, but I am deeply concerned about his motivation to fund an organization in this country that marches against

the government and publicly calls its political leaders “murderer”, “criminal”, “a liar” and “devious and dishonest.”

15. I note with interest that the TAC staged a music concert earlier this year in collaboration with the US corporation Levis Strauss under the slogan “Rage for the Revolution”.
16. Since the TAC is involving itself in political activity in South Africa with funding from the Open Society Foundation such as marches for jobs that have no relation to its call for treatment with AIDS drugs, the I consider a public debate about the possibly planned political destabilization of the South African Government essential for the future of this young democracy that I admire. Even more so, as Soros has beyond his political ambitions a strong financial interest in the future profits of the pharmaceutical industry.
17. Soros is co-sponsor of the multimillion dollar Perseus-Soros Biopharmaceutical Fund. This fund, according to the website of the Perseus merchant bank and private equity fund management company, invests its money in pharmaceutical companies that work on possible future medications. All investments are in a range of \$10 to 50 million.
18. A politically naive organization such as the TAC that is calling for the wider use of pharmaceutical drugs supports the financial interests of this fund. Like in so many other cases the TAC did not research the pharmaceutical interests of its funders or it is simply neglecting them.
19. Nothing is known about how Soros has invested the billion dollars in his Quantum Fund N.V. (a hedge fund) registered in the Dutch Antilles. The average yearly growth rate of 34% per year in the last ten years indicates that it has its assets in industries with a very high return on investment, a return typical in the pharmaceutical industry.

RALF LANGNER

SIGNED AND AFFIRMED BEFORE ME IN THE PRESCRIBED MANNER AT
CAPE TOWN ON THIS DAY OF APRIL 2005, THE DEPONENT HAVING
STATED THAT HE HAS CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTIONS TO TAKING THE

OATH AND THAT HE REGARDS THE AFFIRMATION AS BINDING ON HIS
CONSCIENCE.

COMMISSIONER OF OATHS

Yugoslavia 1998

Youth Movement “Otpor!” = “Enough!”



The Milosevic government of Yugoslavia was toppled in 1998 under the claim of “Vote Fraud”

In 1996 alone, George Soros donated 11.180.000 Dollar to unknown recipients in Yugoslavia (Time Magazine)

Soros controlled Foundations run offices in all ex-Yugoslavian countries and continue to influence many sectors of society, especially health. Example Croatia:

“HUMANITARIAN AID & MEDICINE

At first this program concentrated on the humanitarian aid, but as the war ended it shifted onto the transfer of new technologies and knowledge and improvement of the quality of medical care and health systems in all regions of Croatia. Although medical experts in the OSI Medical Program Board considered development of highly scientific medical insight a priority for Croatian medicine, more immediate systematic demands were object of the program. Innovation practices, learning, and specialist treatments, molecular medicine, transplantation medicine and physiology of aging remained in the focus as they could be promoted through the network program schemes. What was expected was that the significant and expertly implemented network programs (mental disabilities, palliative care, gerontology & geriatrics, emergency medicine, medical internet, harm reduction..), with frequent visits to prominent medical center.” The Soros Foundation Croatia <http://www.soros.hr/front/index.php?topic=text&id=2>

Georgia 2003

Youth movement “Kmara!” = “Enough!”



Georgian Government was toppled in 2003 under the claim of “Vote Fraud”

Listed Grants of the George Soros Open Society Institute to Georgia. Total donations to Georgia are unknown.

Grantee	Purpose of Grant	Amount
individual	To support professional development of junior faculty from the countries of the former Soviet Union.	\$15,000
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Scholarship	To study Social Work at Columbia University.	\$80,000
Scholarship	To study Social Work at Washington University.	\$60,000
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Fellowship	To support professional development of junior faculty from the countries of the former Soviet Union.	\$15,000
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Scholarship	To study Social Work in the United States.	\$65,000

Kyrgyzstan, 2005

Youth Movement “KelKel” = “Rebirth”



Kyrgyzsian Government toppled in 2005 under the claim of “Vote Fraud”

Listed Grants of the George Soros Open Society Institute to Kyrgyzsia:

Grantee	Purpose of Grant	Amount
Cornell University	To establish "The Center for Gender Studies - Kyrgyzstan".	\$9,650
individual	To support study in the field of law.	\$39,100
individual	To support study in the field of law.	\$40,600
individual	To support study in the field of public health.	\$52,900
individual	To support professional development of junior faculty from the countries of the former Soviet Union.	\$15,000
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Scholarship	To support professional development of junior faculty from the countries of the former Soviet Union.	\$36,000
Scholarship	To support study in the field of public policy.	\$86,600

36 recipients in total

Ukraine 2004

Youth Movement “Pora!” = “It’s Time!”



Ukrainian Government toppled in 2005 under the claim of “Vote Fraud”

In 1996 alone, George Soros donated 15.323.000 Dollar to unknown recipients in Ukraine (Time Magazine)

Listed Grants of the George Soros Open Society Institute to Ukraine:

Grantee	Purpose of Grant	Amount
individual	To support study in the field of law.	\$22,600
individual	To support study in the field of public administration.	\$65,600
individual	To support study in the field of public policy.	\$85,100
individual	To support study in the field of education.	\$55,400
individual	To support study in the field of law.	\$37,300
individual	To support study in the field of education.	\$48,100
individual	To support study in the field of public health.	\$63,700
Scholarship	To support study in the field of public health.	\$49,800
Scholarship	To support study in the field of public health.	\$62,200
Scholarship	To support study in the field of education.	\$41,800
Scholarship	To support study in the field of public policy.	\$38,400
Scholarship	To support study in the field of education.	\$41,300
Scholarship	To support study in the field of education.	\$32,300
Scholarship	To support study in the field of education.	\$28,000
Scholarship	To support study in the field of law.	\$31,900

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Albania, 2005

Youth Movement “MJAFT!” = “Enough”



Albanian election will be June 2005

In 1996 George Soros spend 10.219.000 US\$ to unknown recipients in Albania (Time Magazine)

Activities of the George Soros Open Society Institute for Albania:

Institutions Built by the Soros Foundation in Albania:

- Student advising centers–Tirane/Shkoder/Vlore
- Theatre hall "Black Box" at the Arts Academy
- Child development center
- Club of third age people "Matuzalem 969"
- Centers for conflict resolution and mediation
- Tirana legal aid society
- Legal clinic at the law faculty
- Training and service center for librarians
- Counseling center for women and young girls in Tirane, Pogradec, Shkoder and Berat
- Youth center – Shkoder, Pogradec
- Fellow's club
- The club "Friends of Open Society", Fier
- The "Health for all" center (ARCH)
- Public administration training institute
- Citizen assistance centers in the municipalities of Durres, Kucove, Berat
- Data bank
- Legal clinic for minors
- Internet center
- Center for gender studies

Source: <http://www.soros.al/English/Projects.htm>

Zimbabwe 2005



Understandably there are no direct recipients mentioned. This excerpt from www.soros.org sheds a light:



OSISA Interventions in Zimbabwe

OSI's Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA), based in South Africa, has been actively seeking to effect change in Zimbabwe that will curb human rights abuses and promote viable democracy. According to the Tawanda Mutasah, OSISA's executive director, the following initiatives are among those that the organization is focusing on, considering them major priorities:

- the establishment of a new constitutional framework, including the development of autonomous branches capable of performing a genuine checks and balances function;
- electoral reform that guarantees free and nonviolent elections;
- creating and maintaining independent radio stations free of government control;
- supporting private media as a counterbalance to government-controlled media outlets;
- developing the advocacy capacity of lawyers and human rights groups;
- strategizing about political transition in Zimbabwe once Mugabe leaves office;
- developing human rights advocacy groups, both in the country and without, that offer an alternative to the current regional mechanisms that have so far done little to condemn Mugabe's policies.

South Africa 2005 TAC



The Open Society Foundation of George Soros donated 1.4 Million rand to the TAC in 2004, the Amount for 2005 is unknown yet.

Mark Heywood from the TAC about the TAC's methods of motivation of its members: "From the outset, TAC expanded the human rights discourse that the ANC had accepted was integral to effective HIV prevention¹ to the demand for access to antiretroviral treatment for children and adults with AIDS, and people who volunteered for TAC made a 'Pledge to save Lives' promising to 'use my anger, fear, knowledge, emotions and care to win affordable treatment and care for people with HIV/AIDS.'" Source: www.tac.org.za

The New York Open Society funded the following individuals and Projects in South Africa.

Grantee	Purpose of Grant	Amount
<u>Scholarship</u>	To provide additional support to study at the Medical University of South Africa.	\$2,000
Abortion Access Project, Inc	To provide Susan Yanow's travel and participation costs at "Medical Abortion: An International Forum on Policies, Programmes and Services" on October 17-20, 2004, in Johannesburg, South Africa.	\$2,601
<u>individual</u>	To provide additional support to study at University of Southern Africa.	\$4,000
<u>Scholarship</u>	To provide additional support to study at Medical University of Southern Africa.	\$2,500
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<u>Scholarship</u>	To provide additional support to study at the Medical University of Southern Africa.	\$2,000
<u>Medical Education for South African Blacks, Inc.</u>	For general support.	\$10,000
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<u>Fellowship</u>	To fund the presentation and dissemination of findings about the rights of South Carolina citizens in the healthcare marketplace.	\$1,500
<u>individual</u>	Immigrant justice for low-income South Asians and Muslims via legal representation, self-advocacy and policy reform.	\$67,179
<u>Fifth Avenue Committee, Inc.</u>	To renew support for the Developing Justice in South Brooklyn project.	\$75,000
<u>Southeast Regional Economic Justice Network</u>	To support scholarships for 15 young people of color from the rural South to attend the Network's 12th Annual Gathering.	\$5,000
<u>Fellowship</u>	To support Green Worker Cooperatives (GWC), a project to develop and sustain worker-owned and democratically operated manufacturing businesses in the South Bronx that create eco-friendly products using eco-friendly methods.	\$57,551
<u>Scholarship</u>	To provide additional support to study at University of Pretoria.	\$2,500
<u>Scholarship</u>	To provide additional support to study at Technikon Pretoria.	\$2,500