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This contribution could have been, and still could be considered as, a Main Article given its length, depth and breadth. Yet Dr. James M. Dorsey prefers and prioritises speedy, timely and (thereby) frequent publications, and thus has not chosen the opportunity to let this contribution go through the peer-review process. The Editorial Board respects his wishes; it knows all too well how long and cumbersome the peer-review process can be. Nevertheless, any comments and criticisms from you, the reader, on the article are welcome and can be sent to info@ethnogeopolitics.org. These could then be published as Critical Responses in one or more next issues of the journal—in anonymized form if you wish so.

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