



Mo Gmable's Referendum on Resbia: Joke or Game Changer?

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Resbia. Pro-independence leader Mo Gmable, who was released from Ekkoy Maximum Security Prison on 29 March 2022, has been making headlines again claiming that a decisive move towards Resbia's independence would soon occur. In fact, after an initial media silence directly following his release, yesterday, Mr. Gmable publicly announced the "immediate launch" of a "secure online referendum", in which all inhabitants of Resbia are called to participate and cast their vote. The proposed questions are straightforward: "1. Are you in favour of an independent Resbia, to be henceforth known as the Democratic Republic of Resbia? Yes/No"; 2. Do you wish to elect Mr. Mo Gmable as the first President of the Democratic Republic of Resbia? Yes/No".

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Mr. Gmable, 63, has been claiming for over 35 years that Resbia, an island that became a province of the Middlelands in 1947 as a result of an exchange of territories with Glaktic, is being abused by the Middlelands, whose

successive governments, according to Mr. Gmable, have only been interested in “stealing its oil while abducting its citizens”.

As a matter of fact, the vast oil fields discovered on Resbia’s soil and off its coasts since 1955 have boosted the mainland’s interest in this previously largely ignored island. The infrastructure on Resbia has improved and its capital Lunzoo is now generally recognized as an attractive city to live in, boasting some of the highest skyscrapers in the world.

Yet, Mr. Gmable denounces the corruption of the Middlelands’ elites. According to him, they are “a gang of super-rich ‘Oil-e-guys’”, who literally “own each and every parcel of the island”. He accuses them of making “indecent money”, “stolen” from Resbia’s natural resources, with full support from “the corrupted regime in Ekkoy”, while Resbia’s common people remain among the poorest on the planet. He adds that Resbia’s inhabitants are “sick of being used to clean the mega yachts and villas of the Oil-e-guys based all along their sunny coastline”.

Mo Gmable’s voice vanished after he was sentenced to 9 years in prison for corruption by the Ekkoy High Criminal Court in 2015. Numerous States, in particular Westeros, Nordwald, Newfreelands and Romannos, contested the sentence and claimed that Mr. Gmable’s condemnation was entirely based upon fake accusations, and repeatedly called for his immediate release. They adopted a series of economic sanctions against individuals and companies from the Middlelands, including its President, Ha Le Koko.

After mounting pressures from within his inner circle, President Le KoKo, accepted to reduce the sentence, leading to Mo Gmable’s release on 29 March.