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AND FOR A FULLY DEMOCRATIC PROCESS OF GOVERNMENT

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## A BRITISH DEPENDENCY AND A ONE-PARTY STATE WITH A CONSTITUTION REMINISCENT OF 1930s GERMANY

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Sark's constitution is in the hands of one man. In breach of international law, it has no legal standing and no place in the 21st century.



Under Sark's constitution, Michael Beaumont's powers extend to controlling the jurisdiction as well as the judiciary, which is run by his appointed judge for life, who is untrained and unqualified in legal matters.



Under Sark's constitution, the Island's police force is a Constable and an Assistant Constable / Vintegnier, who are approved by the Island judge and the feudal lord before being "elected" in parliament. They have no police training or experience and are answerable to the appointed Island judge Reg Guille.



Under Sark's Reform Law 2008, elections took place which were supposed to introduce democracy. They were rigged to ensure that the Assembly was filled with feudal Establishment supporters, many of whom are paid employees of the Island / State.



Under Sark's constitution, the parliamentary meetings take place under the watchful eye of Michael Beaumont, feudal lord, his appointed Island judge, and court officials also appointed by him - like a 1930s Germany-style military court.



The president of parliament is none other than the Island Judge, who is unelected and has no experience in local government or administration. Mr Guille is in breach of and in contempt of a ruling of the UK's Court of Appeal. He continues to control the debate by deciding who speaks and when.

He orchestrates the Agenda and he is assisted by Mr Edric Baker, Chairman of the Douzaine, an all-powerful committee, and the recently arrived "Chief Minister" Charles Maitland in parliament where there is no debate and no opposition party.



Under Sark's constitution, the feudal lord's power is extended through parliament and passed to the Island's 18 committees, who enforce and administrate the laws. There is no separation of powers because it is the members of parliament who sit on the committees. The committees act as foot soldiers for the feudal lord and, displaying an attitude akin to fascism, they habitually send out letters that terrorise people, threatening with imprisonment or legal action when in most cases no crime has been committed.

Feudalism is not about politics, where there is a difference of opinion, debate and opposition. Instead, as all those who have had to leave on the early morning boat will testify, it is an autocratic and brutal regime where its supporters follow with unstinting loyalty and power is handed down with patronage and favour; the mindset is no different to that of Stalin's Russia or Germany in the 1930s. Regardless of Ms Crowe's recommendations and Lord McNally's "let's do it now", you can rest assured that the entrenched Chairmen of Sark's various committees have no intention of giving up their positions of power.