



Alifiya's Presentation

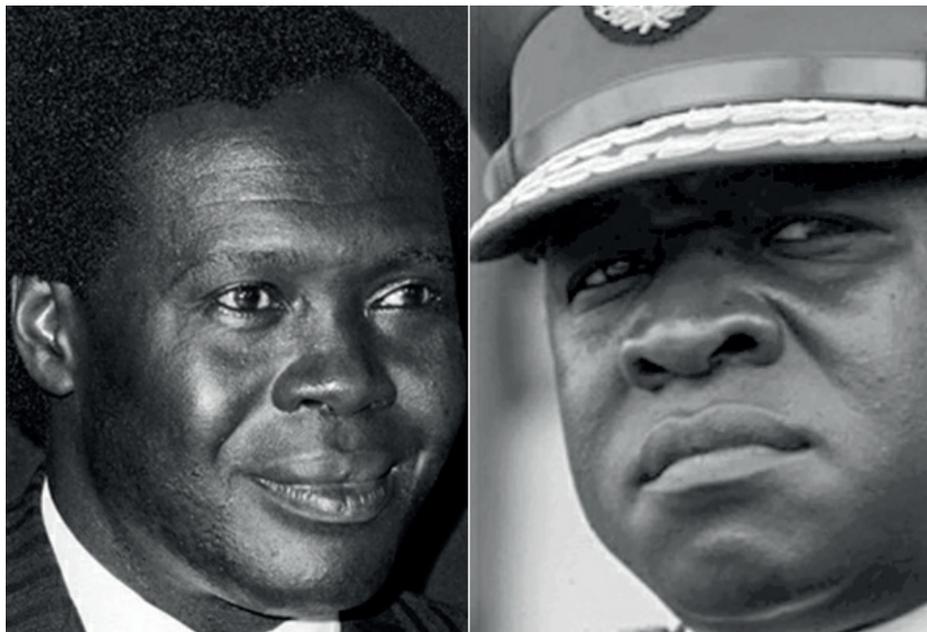
I chose to do My Graduation Speech on an obscure historical figure who goes by the name of Idi Amin Dada. Amin was born between 1923-28 in Koboko or Kampala, Uganda exact place of date and place of birth both unknown and died in 2003 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia at the age of around 78yrs.

He was abandoned by his father Andreas Nyabire of Kakwa ethnic group who had converted from Roman Catholic to Islam in 1910 and changed his name to Amin Dada, from a young age he grew up with his mother's family and mother Assa Aatte (1904-1970), in a farming town in North Western Uganda.

In Bombo 1941 he enrolled in Islamic school until he dropped out with only fourth grade English language under his belt and later joined the army. He became known as the "Butcher of Uganda" for his brutality from 1971 to 1979. He had estimated five wives, two of which he mutilated, estimated 43 children.

The International Commission of Jurists estimated the death toll at no fewer than 80,000 and more likely around 300,000. An estimate compiled by exile organizations with the help of Amnesty International puts the number killed at 500,000.

In 1971, General Idi Amin Dada led a military rebellion to overthrow current Ugandan President, Milton Obote, having learned that Obote was planning to arrest him for misappropriating army funds, Amin seized power in a military coup on 25 January 1971, while Obote was attending a Commonwealth summit meeting in Singapore. He declared himself the third president of Uganda and sent out groups of people to hunt down and murder Obote supporters.



Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Army Chief of Staff, and Chief of Air Staff. He announced that he was suspending certain provisions of the Ugandan constitution, and soon instituted an Advisory Defence Council composed of military officers with himself as the chairman. In 1972, he began to give orders to assemble and kill soldiers of the Acholi and Lango tribes.

In fact, Obote was a member of the Lango which in Amin's view turned the entire tribe into his enemy, accused Obote's government of corruption and preferential treatment of the Lango region. The death toll rose as each individual was murdered through torturing and their bodies were disposed off in the Nile River.

Another event that occurred in 1972 was the expulsion of Asians from Uganda. Over 60 000 Asians were ordered to leave the country in the span of 90 days because Amin claimed that Indians were hoarding wealth and goods along with sabotaging the Ugandan economy. In August 1972, Amin declared what he called an "economic war", a set of policies that included the expropriation of properties owned by Asians and Europeans.





There were many rumours amongst exiled Indians that the real reason for expulsion was not fully known. In 1976, Amin was involved in the Air France aircraft 156 non-Jewish hostages who did not hold Israeli passports were released and flown to safety, while 83 Jews and Israeli citizens, as well as 20 others who refused to abandon them (among whom were the captain and crew of the hijacked Air France jet), continued to be held hostage.



Hijacked by Palestinians and forced to land in Entebbe, Uganda. Jewish and Israeli citizens were held as hostages however many were released and others rescued and flown home via Kenya. Thousands of people gathered at Israel's Ben Gurion airport to welcome the hostage's home from Entebbe. It was emotional as survivors reunited with their relatives but not long after, celebrations took over the streets of Israel.

However, this resulted in the death of seven hijackers, forty-five Ugandan soldiers and one Israeli soldier. Amin retaliated by killing hundreds of Kenyans living in Uganda.

In November 1978, after Amin's vice president, General Mustafa Adrisi, was injured in a car accident, troops loyal to him mutinied. Amin sent troops against the mutineers, some of whom had fled across the Tanzanian border. Amin accused Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere of waging war against Uganda, ordered the invasion of Tanzanian territory, and formally annexed a section of the Kagera Region across the boundary.

In 1978, Amin ordered an attack on Tanzania for also offering shelter to Obote. Julius Nyerere, president of Tanzania offered not only Obote but 20 000 other refugees attempting to flee from Amin's violence. He invaded Tanzanian territory, forcefully seizing control of the section of the Kagera Region.

I have two personal experiences relating to Idi Amin. In fact, my mother and her family were exiled from Uganda in November 1972. As I had mentioned before, Amin order 60 000 Asians to leave the country in the span of 90 days. The ethnic cleansing of Indians in Uganda was due to Indophobia, in which the Ugandan government claimed that the Indians were hoarding wealth and goods as well as "sabotaging" the Ugandan economy.



My grandfather had no idea what to do or where to go because as he had never stepped foot outside Uganda before so any move he made from that point on, was way out of his comfort zone.





A humanitarian organization that provides emergency assistance by the name of Red Cross answered their prayers.

They had suggested taking my mother's family to Canada and my grandfather had agreed unaware of what to expect. They hardly had time to gather their belongings properly. My mother, being only 3 at the time was forced to leave behind her favourite toys and storybooks. As the time went on, my grandparents fell in love with Canada. They recall it was simple to receive medical care, find jobs and attend school but most importantly live in an environment that was safe, stable and secure for the rights of all individuals regardless of faith, customs and ethnicity.

The second personal experience I have is my sister's trip to Uganda in 2013. She visited Idi Amin's torture chambers. The first picture is the pathway to the torture chambers. This is the inside of them where it would be filled with water and wired live with electricity and the minute someone fell into it, they'd get zapped and die. Decomposed of dead bodies would be found in the Nile River.

