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Soren Jessen-Petersen, Head of Independent Diplomat's DC Office and former Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Kosovo and head of UNMIK, will be participating in a discussion of how to reconcile the opposing claims of sovereignty and self-determination. The World Tonight, an international current affairs programme on BBC Radio 4, will host the discussion via its [website](#) for 7 days following the debut transmission on Tuesday 3 February 22:00 GMT.

### **EEZ Declaration by the Government of Western Sahara**

ID's client, the Government of Western Sahara (known as the 'Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic', or 'SADR') declared its exclusive economic zone (EEZ) on 21 January 2009, making official its exclusive rights to the oil, gas and fisheries resources offshore of the territory of Western Sahara.

After signing the new legislation, SADR President Mohamed Abdelaziz said: "This is an exciting moment for the Saharawi people. The EEZ declaration is an expression and exercise by the Saharawi people of their inalienable right to self-determination and permanent sovereignty over their natural resources. It is also a further step towards full statehood, and to taking control of our natural riches, which have been plundered illegally for many years by Morocco and other foreign interests".

[View the SADR's full press release](#)

### **Recent Press Coverage of Independent Diplomat and Staff**

[On a crusade to find justice](#), Metro UK, 21 January 2009

Independent Diplomat's Carne Ross is featured for his role as a diplomat and a contemporary Caped Crusader.

[\*Once and Future State\*](#), New Statesman, 22 January 2009

Carne Ross reviews *Understanding Somalia and Somaliland* by Professor Ioan Lewis of the LSE - Britain's, if not the world's, foremost expert on that country.

[\*Dr. Sein Win editorial - A new government for Burma\*](#), Wall Street Journal, 21 January 2009

Prime Minister Sein Win of the NCGUB, client of ID, outlines Burma's ongoing work towards a better future.

[\*Barack Obama: hope, fear...advice\*](#), Open Democracy, 19 January 2009

Carne Ross gives newly elected US President Barack Obama some words of advice.

[\*Sigurd Illing Visits Somaliland\*](#), Somaliland Press Online, 21 January 2009

Detailing the three-day visit of Sigurd Illing, Independent Diplomat's Head of Africa office, to Somaliland.

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