

A Nigerian Scammer In London

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Although the 419 scam is associated with Nigeria, it is renowned, or rather infamous, internationally. The Australian Government **warns against it**, and wherever you are on the globe, you may well receive an e-mail from someone involved in this enterprise. While not all Nigerian scams emanate from Nigeria, not all are to be found solely in cyberspace either. One such scammer is at large in London; if you run into her, be sure to give her a wide berth.

Alexia Thomas runs something called the Independent Diplomat Commission, which in spite of its grand sounding title is a private limited company. What does it do? That is the question! Its videos can be found all over YouTube, and the organisation has offices as far afield as Coventry and Swindon, but although it appears to be extremely well funded, appearances can be deceptive. All but the Central London office are mailing addresses.

The IDC appears too to be a fantasy vehicle for its founder; that appearance is *not* deceptive.



Alexia Thomas

Alexia Thomas styles herself Her Knowledgeable Professor Alexia Thomas; she has a degree in what and from where? That is another question. She is also known as or has been known as Lizzy Henz. As it is less likely someone calling herself Professor Alexia Thomas would change her name to Lizzy Henz, it is reasonable to assume the latter came first, and indeed a little research reveals this to be the case. She was born in Nigeria, and her first vocation was as a singer. A mother of four, when she and her husband separated, he took custody of their offspring.

How she came to the UK is probably not important, how she is continuing to run the Independent Diplomat Commission is something of a mystery, because in August 2010 she was convicted at Southwark Crown Court – as Lizzy Henz – on eight counts of providing immigration advice and services while not qualified to do so. She was charging people £35 each for an identity card, and then £1500 for an engagement fee.

If that sounds a routine offence of fraud deserving of criminal sanction, it does not tell the whole story, because she was also found to be suffering from persecutory delusions, grandiose ideas, and an abnormal affective state with agitation. Anyone reviewing her

other projects, which includes the Manifesto Mandate 21st Century, might well come to the same conclusion. It is best not to advertise them here, suffice it to say that it is clear they require a great deal of funding, and it is likewise unclear where any of this money is coming from.

Don't be too surprised if Professor Alexia Thomas has her collar felt again in the near future, and don't be surprised either if instead of being whisked off to prison she is collected by the men in white coats, because she is clearly three sandwiches short of a picnic.

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