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### **PREAMBLE**

**Tigray, an absolute of recitation with its natives of mosaic, the back-bone of Abyssinian history and the centre-point of Ethiopian civilization.**

**Leadership is important for modern civilization in any part of the world. Management guides the economy, the life style, the socio-cultural barricade and more. Leadership is the tool for the youth to assimilate and make them more productive and encourages them for innovation.**

**I have heard the recent Audio- video interview of a patriotic and dedicated investor and business man Ayite DAWIT GEBREIGZIABHER. It is an extra ordinary speech. I have a high regard for him for not only bringing the issue to the people of Tigray, but also to the Diaspora inhabitant Tigrayans as a whole.**

**I had an opportunity to travel to Ethiopia after 30 years of exile life. My main trip was not only to have sightseeing, but also to invest and return back for good. I have seen good developments in Southern Region with a potential opportunity of Industrial villages under construction and development. I had also a great opportunity to see the fast industrial growth in Debre Birhan city. Management was fast quick with a reliable services fulfillment.**

### **GENERAL CRITICISIM**

**Criticism and self criticism is a precursor of excellent supremacy and directs to a modern evolution in any part of the ball. Criticism is not a salutation by all; it could be unpleasant for some and courageous for others.**

**My article is independent and neutral from the three articles posted on Aiga Foru: Mr. Dawit Gebreigziabher's solid comment was defended by Mr.Goitom and by Mr. Binyam Fitsum.**

**The German-born physicist Albert Einstein developed the first of his ground breaking theories while he was working as a clerk in the Swiss patent office in Bern. His first notion was to learn from his clangers and accept vilification and opinion from others.**

**'If you can't ingest your undertone predicament in a smart way, then, you can't find the proper trend of your expedition. Acknowledging your Achilles' heel is a shrewd trophy to lilac the unsinkable journey'. I think this will answer the argument between Mr. Goitom and Ato Dawit. I could say to Mr. Goitom; if you are immobile and want to drive the aged Cadillac, then, you can't think of the new**

Rolls-Royces. The ball is changing on an hourly or even second basis. If you can't catch with the Technology now, you could be vanished or you will be gulp down. Ato Dawit's alarm has nothing to do with political affairs or individual headship; but rather with the growth and transformation of Tigray.

The focal impediment in developing countries such as our Nation, the leadership and the hierarchy of bureaucrats at all times thinks they are doing everything accurate. Let alone African leaders, the leaders of the developed nation are always leading their party and nation under the umbrella of criticism and self-criticism. I have gone thru the dialogue and the critique of Mr Dawit, which is very constructive and emotional. The notion is the centre of our attention to all Tigrayans and devotee of the arm struggle. The critique is a fact and has a lot of sympathetic and substantial facts.

Mr. Dawit is not known to me, but from his biography, I find out he is an archetypal Tigrayan nationalistic and determined to work for the betterment of Tigray and its people. He has been generously investing and putting his wealth for the development of the nation.

As medical team, we stopover at the Referral hospital; fastidious building but no flair, not even clean water to wash hands after surgical procedure.

We travel to the small towns and villages, nonentity is encourages. Farmers are forced to pay for fertilizer from REST a firm with an ambiguity for corruption.

There is no industrial precinct and there is no innovation on pipe line.

## **THE PERSUMPTION OF INVESTMENT**

In an economic sense, an investment is the purchase of goods that are not consumed today but are used in the future to create wealth.

In finance, an investment is a monetary asset purchased with the idea that the asset will provide income in the future or appreciate and be sold at a higher price.

If we build a manufacturing unit now in Tigray, it is going to manufacture goods and the investment is going to generate jobs to institutions or university graduates there in the province.

But we have to make sure not to get 'making an investment' and 'speculating' confused. Investing usually involves the creation of wealth whereas speculating is often a zero-sum game; wealth is not created. Although speculators are often making informed decisions, speculation cannot usually be categorized as traditional investing.

## THE INVESTMENT DIALOGUE IN TIGRAY

I was missing from Tigray ever since early 1970 and never been back until lately. After a lot of sessions and back-up from extended family members and the Diaspora, I took the excursion in 2012 and 2014 for appraisal on potential venture devices. We can not firmly disagree with that there is no transformation in Tigray. There are small amounts of touchable strengthening progress, but it is not as it should in 20 years time. The industrial sector is still far behind diffident compared to the other province where I had sight seeing.

The agro-economy is at a standstill in the ancient society classification. The peasantry is way back as it used to be. There are significant schools, health care centres and few pebbly roads in the pastoral areas. Clean water is at a halt vision in the pastoral cultivator general public. Metropolitan expansion is at a sky-scraping velocity. Nevertheless, the unemployment is very high due-to the number of people moving to the metropolis from inaccessible for improved life and job opportunity.

The investment prospect in Tigray hypothetically exists; however, is not perceptible and feasible to the financier as there are bottle necks in the wake of door. Some statistical data studies point out that, most of the affluent Tigrayans favoured to invest in other parts of Ethiopia rather than in Tigray. Why? The Local Government tax policy is garish and aggressive and a lot of investors have been put in detention centre for inconsequential deceitfulness. They could have been disciplined and be given a strict warning with some financial punishment. This has a significant impact on the regional economy and entail to other investors. Why should I invest if the law doesn't retract and give any assurance? Investment creates jobs and increases the revenue of the State Government. In the developed world, investors are exempted from tax for certain years in order to attract others and generate supplementary jobs. But in Tigray, this kind of inducement is not practiced.

In the Debre Birhan City, Amhara Region, the local Government gives exceptional consideration to new investors and has successfully achieved its goals. It is one of the Industrial hubs now in the Nation. In Tigray, it is to the contrary. There some individuals on the table; but they are only to hold-up the work-flow. You don't get an immediate answer and a solution for any diagram.

A statistical data from a variety of sources, including the Ethiopian investment bureau and the development bank and other financial institutions designated the following flow of chart on Investment growth in Ethiopia for 2014-15 financial years:

<u>Region</u>	<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>yearly growth%</u>
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Addis Ababa	Industrial	25
Oromya	Industrial	30
Amahara	Industrial	15
Southern	Industrial	10
Dire Dawa	Industrial	8
Gambella	Industrial	5
Somalia	Industrial	3
Tigray	Industrial	3
Afar	Industrial	1

For instance, if we see Mesfin Engineering; it was one of hardly any good of-hope for Tigray when it was established 24 years ago. But now, the Military Engineering Corporation has the leading hand position.

The Hotel and Tourism industry figure shows as Addis Ababa, Awssa and Bahir Dar as the major investment focus centres of the Nation. Tigray at a halt is out of the calculation due to some perceptible impediment; such as shortage of water and the classification of the ladder of decree etc.

#### TIGRAY TODAY

Coming back to Mr. Dawit's argument; I absolutely have the same judgment that the bureaucrats in Tigray are analogous as in the minuscule of Eritrea. People are not untied and all is frightened to gossip openly. The cities are not out of harm's way at darkness. I had hard-nosed by a lot of robbery under the shadowy night during my trip of last year. There is no Law and order with the taxi drivers. Amharic is more powerful than the inhabitant Tigrigna verbal communication. Juvenile citizens are la-di-dah by the narcotic Chatt and alcohol. There is no any leisure centres for formative years group in the suburbs excepting bars and music shops. Team game activity is almost deceased. Tigray used to be the principal hub for Ethiopian football, basketball and bicycle in the old days.

Officeholder may disagree with our observations, it is vigorous to do so; but the reality is that there solid information to prove the letdown of the entire segments. Another good example could be the ruin position of Mekelle University. It was the second top university since late 2012 and ranked under 3346 under in the world class. Now, it is padding at the back door in 3rd place Ethiopia and 6647 in the globally.

Taken as a whole, in Tigray, there is room for progress to the next phase and even be the principal in the Ethiopian cutback financial segment if, and only if, there is a sober change in management and avoid sleaze from the grass-root level and willing to accept constrictive dialogues and bring about a new hallucination by its leaders .

## **WRAPPING UP**

The late Prime Minister Meles Zenawi said in one occasion to the adolescence group “if you touch the tail of a Tiger you need to drive it to the very end, once you lose it, you will never recuperate over again”. We need to be more cohesive than ever in all commands, but we should not be affronted if we get some downbeat and odious feedbacks from the stakeholders. If we mislay the qualitative management we might end up in the cinders hands.

I think, the memorandum from Mr. Dawit Gebreigziabher has given a comprehensible memorandum to the central Government to instantaneously act in response and feat on the hierarchy of Tigray region and replace it with a new vigorous group if we want a real development and transformation.

Raising revenue is not financially viable viability, but rather exerts a pull on and encourages investors to come & creates jobs and increases the National economy. Tigray has the highest number of youth nomads compared to the rest of the nation.

A leadership change in Tigray is a compulsory not a choice. It has happened in Axum prior to the departure of the late prime Minister and it should be repeated in Mekelle now.

Tigray needs to be the upfront leader in the Ethiopian Socioeconomic transformation. Tigray should be in front on the industrialized hub and economic transformation. The new age group of Tigray should be more productive not be addicted to unusual habit.

The Administration in Tigray is more or less identical with the one in Asmara. The only dissimilarity is that the youth in Tigray are given a new pattern masticate Chatt to keep them shut down. Whereas, the youth in Eritrea has to dole out a military service and keep them on unpaid work indefinitely. The Tigrayan youth group is morally wrecked and indistinct life style.

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