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THE DARK SIDE OF THE 2019 NOBEL PEACE LAUREATE PM ABIY AHMED

PM Abiy Ahmed of Ethiopia, who came to power following the resignation of his predecessor, promised to bring about positive changes to Ethiopia, in his April 3, 2018, inaugural speech to the parliament. Instead, his modus operandi has been divide-and-rule that has plunged the country into much more inter-ethnic conflicts in the south, west, and northwest regions. Moreover, assassinations of key figures like the patriot Semegnew Bekele, Chief Engineer of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), the Administrator of Amhara State, and members of his cabinet, top-level army generals, and many others under the pretext of an attempted coup. More recently, the Oromo folk singer and activist Hachalu Hundesa was gunned down in Addis Ababa, throwing the country into chaos. These atrocities are exposing the PM's true intent - staying in power at all costs. He has thrown out the Federal constitution of the country and is working toward a centralized rule under his dictatorship. As per the constitution, elections scheduled for August 2020 have been postponed indefinitely under the pretext of COVID-19 although no preparations were evident before the virus.

The Oromia state has been under Federal Army control for a while because of opposition to the PM's heavy-handed rule. Telephone and internet services were cut off from the state well before the rest of the country experienced the recent three-week shutdown. With communication blackout, the PM believes that his atrocities will remain buried. That is contrary to what history shows. As one analyst put it, **"Abiy is not the philosopher-king; he is an authoritarian who is failing to govern by sophistry... 'Hard power' is the primary tool of 'persuasion' he has in his armament, which he is already deploying to quell his political opponents."**

The PM's peace declaration with neighboring Eritrea was an international sham. Nothing has changed as the borders remain closed. What the PM and the Eritrean dictator agreed upon under the umbrella of peace is kept secret. So are the contents of the one-on-one meetings held frequently by the two leaders. Unfortunately, the political ploy fooled the Nobel Peace Prize Committee enough, into awarding the PM the prize. Some research into the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and Amnesty International (AI) reports, would have shown the PM's dark side. In 2018 over a million Somalis were internally displaced from Oromia, the state from where the PM hails, due to ethnic violence. **Chatham House reports that in 2018 Ethiopia had a total of nearly 3 million internally displaced, the highest in the world. The PM has yet to help the women and children victims.**

In 2011 PM Meles Zenawi initiated the visionary hydropower project, the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) across the Blue Nile. This is to fight poverty by providing electricity to over 60% of Ethiopians who still live in darkness and generate foreign currency by selling the power to other countries. The dam is fully funded by the Ethiopian people. It is designed not to harm but actually to help the downstream countries of the Sudan and Egypt as well. Unfortunately, Egypt wants to maintain its lion's share of the water by shamelessly sticking to its colonial-era treaties with its colonizer, to which Ethiopia was never a party. Again, for unknown reasons, Ethiopia's PM appears to be committing treason by bending to Egypt's interests over the interests of his people.

The biggest threat to the PM's legitimacy is the Tigray State's firm stand to stick to the Federal constitution including holding state elections. It is expected that the PM will attempt to disrupt Tigray's planned elections and to inflict a genocidal blow of the likes of Rwanda or Bosnia, if necessary. In his own words, the PM declared on Ethiopian TV, **"Make no mistake, ...youths may die, mothers may cry, and villages may set on fire...we are prepared, more than ever before, to take any action to deter any effort to carry out elections..."**

WE CALL UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO DETER PM ABIY AHMED'S SINISTER PLOY OF GENOCIDE AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF TIGRAY!