

Relinquishing Diasporic Views

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Dear Ato Siye Abrha!

History has it Ethiopian leaders since the down of ancient civilizations were highly preoccupied with the task of building their powers on the expense of their subjects. Be it during the dynastic or military dictatorship rules, the nation and its people were atrophied by the never ending inhuman demands of their “leaders”. With the increase in the intensity of the harsh leadership roles of the dynastic/military junta rulers the true sons and daughters of Ethiopia, irrespective of their differences in their ethnic, religious, language, social and economic backgrounds has called up on the end of the harsh rules unanimously. Many have gone to the bushes and took arms and continued to fight the regimes as guerilla fighters. Their collective actions of opposition against the former and the latter regimes had come into an end in 1991 when the military dictatorship rule of Mengistu and his friends in uniform was put into its final resting place.

EPRDF has been ruling Ethiopia since the downfall of the military dictatorship of Col. Mengistu Hailemariam. The party has been progressively evaluating itself basically on the basis of unpitying self-criticism. Hence, as a result of this righteous doctrine a number of individuals, groups and cliques, who were with odd roles in the overall activities of the front, were filtered out for good.

For almost every adult Ethiopian and expatriate scholar or politician, who claims to have a good understanding in the development of events particularly in post 1991 Ethiopia, it is crystal clear that, EPRDF has passed through a massive task of strengthening its leadership particularly on the basis of purity of its leaders from ambivalent political views, corruption particularly of nepotism and embezzlements. In this way many were defeated by the righteous doctrine of the front.

Ato Siye was second to none among senior officials who spent their entire post 1991 political carrier in personal/family ventures. And as it was clearly articulated in various EPRDF mainstreamed official party accounts there was no room of excuse for such delinquent and rapacious leaders. Thus, Ato Siye

by dint of his delinquent actions has kissed goodbye his alignment with EPRDF on his own occur.

Currently, he has emerged with a new phase of a zero-sum political game which was/is growing as the brainchild of opposition groups from the diaspora. But as history has it again this is not going to bear any impact for EPRDF shall continue to function stronger than any time ever.

Dear Ato Siye!

This time it is good to have your explicit views on our beloved, visionary and prudent leader H.E. Prime Minister Meles Zenawi and his vanguard party EPRDF. Nevertheless, the people of Ethiopia as usual has scrutinized your orations and articulations as amateurish, opinionated and impotent ideas that can't hinder the state ventures which were put in to effect under the custody of our prudent leader H.E. Prime Minister Meles. Meanwhile, it is suffice to remind you and your diasporic cliques on the ways on how your attitudes towards EPRDF should be articulated in prospects.

- EPRDF was/is not established on the basis of the personal interest of individuals or groups as you and your friends in the diaspora understand it. EPRDF is still firmly established on the collective arguments of all its farsighted members both at the leadership and grassroots' levels. As history has it there was/is not even a single moment in which the front was compelled to think, do and understand things on the personalized views or principles of individuals.
- You ("Siye") as a gruella fighter and higher government official under have passed through a number of years preserving the constitutional integrity of the question of the equality of nations, nationalities and peoples of Ethiopia. A cause which you have fought for about 17 years. Hence, it is unpalatable to see you cooperating with power mongering and narrow-minded ethno-nationalist opposition groups whom you were fighting against previously. This is what makes particularly you and your cliques **unfit** to assume leadership roles after the ተሃድሶ movement which highly reformed EPRDF to come up with the charismatic leadership of our iconic leader H.E. Prime Minister Meles.
- Ato Siye we all know that your prime objective is how to get into power. But it will be none less than a daylight robbery to see you and your cliques in the diaspora assuming public power. Because, your previous

tenure of leadership has given us a great lesson on how corrupt and arrogant official you were. As an Amharic proverb has it “ሰንተዋወቅ አንተናነቅ”.

Generally it can be fairly said that, all your view are not yet immune from the influence of hypocrisy, arrogance and narrow ethno-nationalism which are again the enduring legacies of power mongering diasporic politicians. Please open your eyes widely and *relinquish your diasporic views!*