“What is inside a bottle of drink!”: Medhane Tadesse and his Nostalgic Views.

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Who is Medhane Tadesse?

Long before his arrival to the podium of political discourse, Medhane Tadesse was attributed for his sound skills in producing scholarly articles particularly in urban history. A sound quality of his literary works were fairly reflected both in his BA senior essay (The History of Gaza Abashawl in Asmera) and his MA Senior Essays (Bar Salt Trade and the Urbanization of Mekelle) and his skills of political analysis with specific references to Eritrea and the illicit Islamic movements in the horn of Africa including Somalia.

Most of the time, both among native historians and expatriate attendants of Ethiopian History, Medhane was/is regarded as a young and fearless scholar for his unfailing courage of telling the “truth”. This was particularly demonstrated in his book which was published in 1999 and his articles on the roots of political Islam in the horn of Africa. On the other hand Medhane was famous for his amicable relations with former ex-political leaders with in the EPRDF. Consequently, owing to his lenience to them, he was used as the diplomatic-mouth of the group who were alienated from the front following the reformation (/EPRDF/) program of the front at all levels.

Although these are some of the fact files of Medhane Tadesse, the following points were repeatedly explained by him in several occasions.

- How genuine is he in telling us about the characteristic features of the developmental state?
- Does Ethiopia have the actual syndromes for the deficiency of lack of good governance, Human rights and the general pre-requisite criterions for a “Neo-liberal state”?
- What are his premises to conclude that Meles was used to read/write anything which deems necessary or helpful for his causes of argument?
Needless to mention that, Meles was not only a veracious reader, instead he was also a talented author, who produced a handful of literary articles including polemical and romantic fictions such as የብርሃብር ከእውነት መልክ and የግብር. Although these works were produced in Nome de Gure, people of your credible sources know that Meles’s talent was far beyond this.

In the argument of his (Medhane) version of a Developmental State, he has explicitly told us that he is indifferent not only with Meles (who has clearly presented his views on his draft work entitled African Development: Dead ends and new beginnings) but also with the founding pillars of developmental states in East Asia in general and South Korea in particular. For any lay reader it can be simply subsumed that Medhane is not immune from the syndrome of the power mongered, anarchist and toxic diaspora. Above all he has attempted to dwarf the values of our highly envisaged stability and social mobilization by adding an alien variable of ethnicity into it. Meanwhile, it is good to know that Medhane was a clandestine practitioner of Neo-liberalism for the last two decades.

Dear Medhane!

It is worth mentioning here your approach in dealing with the fiascos of the 2005, which you have baptized it as the Ethiopian Tiananmen of 2005. I don’t think you are naïve to the history of the Tiananmen Square protests of 1989, which is defined by the west as The Tiananmen Square massacre of 1989. Your articulation is indeed an attempt in calling for the development of a suffix in your political views against the EPRDF’s measures in minimizing the lethal effects of the pandemonium. In fact through the skillful leadership of our iconic leader the late Prime Minister Meles Zenawi, a bonanza in civilian causality which was anticipated and orchestrated by anarchist opposition parties was precluded. But how certain are you in the presence of an Ethiopian Tiananmen in 2005? Was this skillful handling of the issue of your Tiananmen of 2005 the basis of your hippocratic doctrine of Oriental Despotism?

In his previous work entitled Turning Conflicts to cooperation: Towards Energy –led integration in the horn of Africa, 2004, while criticizing Eritrea as a country that shoots to every direction,
he [Medhane] has praised EPRDF for its thoughtful leadership qualities vis-à-vis other leaders in the horn of Africa. He indeed depicted EPRDF’s leadership role as the major force behind realizing the possibilities of his professed cooperation.

It is indeed with a very deep sorrow and regret that I read his comment on our iconic leader as “The young revolutionary [Meles Zenawi], whose rise to prominence owed everything to quick study in the TPLF Cadre School, had little involvement in the war.” Wake up Medhane!!!!!

Meles has joined the armed struggle while he was only 19 years old. An age which makes him too young to be a guerilla fighter. To your knowledge Meles’s service as a guerilla fighter was far beyond what a 19 year old boy could accomplish by the then period. Contrary to this, what you have failed to notice was TPLF was not organized in a monolithic structure with the military wing having the ultimate power in every activities of the front. It has many combatant and non-combatant divisions and sub-divisions. Accordingly, Meles owing to his skillful intellect was assigned in the political indoctrination wing of the front, a task which was more risky than any other responsibilities in the front. During his tenure he has produced a handful of selfless and astute fighters who were determined to fight to the last drop of their blood. By any standard Meles’s contribution cannot be exposed to compromise so long as the degree of commitment and loyalty to the founding causes of the front were the conventionally accepted parameter of measurement. For instance I remember him (Meles) saying in the media “

In my previous articles “The Dogs Shall Continue Barking, While the Camel Still Keeps on Walking”: The Sorceries of Political Millenarianism, I have attempted not to tutor but at least to have a passing reference on the presence and preservation of collective leadership in EPRDF. This is indeed the living enduring legacy of the party. Cognizant of this fact, I can assure you that you are not yet insulating yourself from political naivety for you have failed to know the exact meaning of Oriental Despotism while using it as the metaphor of your views. Had EPRDF been the victim of “Oriental Despotism”, it would have been possible for you and people who are sailing in the same boat with you to disrupt the mass support endowed to the front by the Nations, Nationalities and Peoples of Ethiopia.
Dear Medhane!

It can be fairly generalized that, you must have had extremely severe months or years of debriefing by the toxic diaspora, who are politically naïve deep down to their bones. But as a close attendant of the developments that were taking place in the country for the last two decades, I truly believe that you will not fail to undo the changes of views you made on the flowering of a democratic culture, the successful peaceful power transfer, the constitutional conservation of basic human and democratic rights, etc. But it is with great sense of sorrow that people have realized that the Medhane of Addis Ababa is lost somewhere in the camps of the toxic diaspora.

In concurrence with this when a drunken person is asked to tell what is really inside a bottle of drink he may not give you the right answer so long as he is intoxicated by alcohol. Equivocally, if a keen scrutiny is made on your (Medhane’s) comment, no one can fail to not that Medhane is transformed into an explicit proponent of Neo-liberalism!!!!!!!!!!