

No Regrets, No Regression!

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My Family and I join his family, his comrades and all Ethiopians and Africans of goodwill in celebrating his life, his vision and his work. His memory, vision and mission will live with us eternally. Make no mistake Meles, the man, may have passed on but he did not leave before awakening a giant nation, a nation that was in a slumber for a millennium, and a new generation of Ethiopians who are dedicated and motivated like never before to preserve their gains and press on the path of democratization, development and prosperity.

Meles will continue to live in all of us, particularly in a new breed of Ethiopians who are dedicated and ready to work to realize the renaissance and glory of their great country and continent. The memory of Meles and of all those (Bixotu) who sacrificed their lives for this great Nation will burn in our hearts like an eternal Flame.

May God accept his soul in peace and keep him in his favour. PMMZ, RIP.
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So in the spirit of his sacrifice, let's join hands in tribute to the great Tegadalay Meles Zenawi, the late Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and build a modern Stella in Axum in the custom and tradition of our Sabawi and Axumawi heritage right beside all his great ancestors and immortalize his essence and his *raison d'être*.

My family and I propose the following entries, for starters, as part of the inscription.

This marker was erected to commemorate a great man His Excellency the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Meles Zenawi:

- A States man, who respected the oath of his office and competently shouldered the great responsibility that comes with it with grace and dignity till his last breath.
- A great hero and a champion of the poor and the oppressed
- A Wise, Steadfast and Resolute Leader and Defender of his people
- A martyr who took his last breath with no regrets and full knowledge and confidence that poverty will soon be completely eradicated and that Ethiopia will continue on its new launch path and fast and irreversible development trajectory and reach its new destiny. .
- An architect of the New Ethiopia:
 1. Where a mosaic of Peoples, Nations and Nationalities live with dignity, respect and love for each other and their country
 2. Where the rule of law is supreme
 3. Where the rights of all constituents, individuals and groups are respected and enshrined in the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.
- A Pan-Africanist, Visionary and Transformational Leader
- He who believed in freedom, very early in his life, and fought for freedom with great determination, brilliance and dedication against all odds and persevered.

- He who never forgot or forsaken his humble beginnings, his people, his Country and his Continent.
- He who dared with intelligence and absolute determination and tirelessly worked all his adult life for a better day and immensely contributed in all aspects of leadership including military, political, diplomatic, economic, social and academic spheres.
- He who ushered the dawn of a new day and the Renaissance of his country, Ethiopia.
- He who kept his promise, changed the trajectory and destiny of his country and benefited his people by blazing a trail and formulating a new path for democratization, development and prosperity.
- He who articulated his vision with clarity, eloquence and conviction and translated it in to reality with significant and demonstrable benefits to all Africans.

P.S. The above entries are not meant to be a resume of the PMMZ's achievements but merely a highlight of the essence of the man, Tsegadelay Meles Zenawi. Furthermore, we are aware that PMMZ was never a fan of personality cults and that both his party and his excellency strongly disapproved and discouraged any such ideas and leanings. We are also cognizant that his memory will live and his visions will be realized whether it is inscribed in a physical monument or not, for it will be inscribed in our hearts. The idea of the monument, however, can't be dismissed of hand mainly because it will immortalize and crystallize the history of a great people and their great leader. And unlike any past monuments that were erected by self serving kings and emperors, this will be a monument erected by the people to pay tribute to a leader who has dedicatedly and generously (Z' Legese) given to all until the moment he drew his last breath. Lets celebrate his life and remember him as a great leader, a man for all seasons and all occasions.

