

OUTSHONE OPTIMISIM

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Although we have come a long-long way and have challenged several hurdles, most of the old folks of the opposition camp have been blind to see the future of Ethiopia with EPRDF. To me, despite the efforts of all lamenters to blur the vision, it was bright from the onset. But, not so clear and so neat as it is today. Because at this point in time we Ethiopians are at the climax of our journey where the infinite future horizon is discernible. Sure, still the blind are in search of any “fortune tellers (call them hate mongers or those who have an axe to grind)” to picture or shape them the future of Ethiopia, and they will continue to nock all old and white doors. It even did not work for emperor Haileslasie (I wonder why can't history be a lesson for those following the same trend?).

The 2010 election has a clear message to all of us. The message is clear and solid to reveal the strength and weakness of the respective political parties. As PM Meles put it forward, the Ethiopian people do not use vote only to reflect their preference of policies, but also to convey a message to the politicians. In addition to the points articulated in the speech of PM, there are also several additional messages conveyed to EPRDF in general, but the opposition camp in particular. Although, the opposition are trying to sell their hate politics (except few), their business model proved to be infeasible. They may dare to change their strategy. However, I can assure them, it will never work again even if they disguised themselves with EPRDF's policies.

EPRDF has been elected not only for their unequivocally stipulated policies and leadership skills, but also equivalently due to their strong commitment in the transfer of their leadership to the younger generation in a peaceful process. They are so determined to bring a substantial change that no power is the sole property of individuals, but the people. They want to hand in their power to newly inculcated energetic and enthusiastic generation to keep the momentum of Ethiopian growth and prosperity. The to be a new practice in Ethiopian history was one of the biggest challenges for many past Ethiopian leaders.

The Ethiopian people know that EPRDF is the only government that keeps its promises. They know the policies of EPRDF is competent and is

up to the real demand of Ethiopia's problems. The Ethiopian people also want to see a new way of power transfer in all its kind. So, why should the Ethiopian people need to vote for the opposition? The opposition has crippled policies, mostly shaped to meet the demand of the west. If the opposition would have come to power with the good will of the people, that is indeed a peaceful power transfer. However, it is merely a collection of old folks with a thinking that is never different than the Col. Mengistu H/mariam era at least. But, we are living in a world where economics and politics are dynamic. We do not want to slip back with those demanding us to. We Ethiopians want to see new, younger, and energetic generation to continue the momentum of both the economic and political prosperity with the ever changing scenarios. We want to see future leaders that can take us to new level, not that draw us back.

However, all the needs of the Ethiopian people are within EPRDF's principles. EPRDF never traded or promised a policy just for the sake of winning an election, as others did, do, and are doing. Policy, integrity, power transfer, belief in its people made EPRDF the sole winner of election 2010. The people of Ethiopia never been wrong and again sounded with a clear tone that the future is brighter and at the finger tip only and only with EPRDF. My optimism has been lifted so high that Ethiopia will continue prospering and getting stronger. I congratulate my fellow generations!! We are so lucky that we are and will be exploiting the fruits of our martyrs. We need to come together, stop finger pointing to each other, and seek solutions to take our country to the next level.

Our martyrs, we have no words for your sacrifices, beliefs, kindness, and persistence to bring us the unfathomable peace, equality, and democracy so that we can enjoy life. Dears and angels of generations and generation to come, your sacrifices has borne fruits of democracy, development, and integrity. I wish you could raise for a minute and see it. I am limited to say only we are proud of you and may God place you in his safe hands. Amen!

Dear our leaders, you have thought us a way to stand and work hard to transform the future of a country that is marred with hatred, poverty, inequality, and instability. As your younger brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, and generation to come, we owe you a great deal beyond words. We also thank you not only for what you have done to us, but also for you perseverance and persistence in standing firm in the promises you made to those who fall all over the country believing in your leaderships and principles.