

Ethiopia's reshuffle is a cosmetic ploy

It is surprising to see international media rush to report the reshuffle as "an answer to protests in Amhara and Oromia" without analyzing the true colors of the regime's intentions. Almost all major news papers and magazines simply echoed the discour made by the Prime Minister and his mouthpiece EBC as if a radical change is made by the latest drama orchestrated by TPLF that will never give up power until it is forced out.

All ministers that Hailemariam introduced are well known and established TPLF/EPRDF cadres. Not even a single cabinet member is selected outside the helm of the oppressive regime. Each and every new minister served the regime loyally at different capacities and took part in the various atrocities the TPLF committed against mostly Oromos and Amharas and other Ethiopians for the past 25 years.

Even when the Prime Minister introduced them to the toothless 100% government controlled parliament, mentioned in detail about their contribution as close operatives of the regime. This means, yes, new faces replaced old ones, but the tyrannical direction and policies of the government wont change, i.e, as they say "same old same old".

Mr. Hailemariam and his TPLF masters simply continue to underestimate the demands made by the protesters of Amhara and Oromia whose objective is nothing more than regime change. The majority of Ethiopians are fed up with political, & economic marginalization, arbitrary arrests, illegal house searches, intimidation, harassment and extra judicial killings by the TPLF's cruel security machine.

The international press knowingly or otherwise reported that key posts were taken away from the minority TPLF members and given to the Oromo like for example, the ministry of Foreign Affairs, etc. But in fact this key post is still controlled by the same ethnic group after the reshuffle. Dr. Workeneh is mentioned to be an Oromo by the Prime Minister which is an outright lie. Mr. Workeneh's parents are Tigrayans although he was born in Shashemene, a town in Oromia.

The same is true about the new cabinet posts held by the Amhara National Democratic Movement that was formed by the TPLF to act as a watch dog and as its surrogate in the Amhara Region. Kasa T/B, Kebede Chane, and the new minister of Public Health are Tigrayans who are loyal to the TPLF just like the new Foreign Minister.

The TPLF that has a full fledged control over the security forces, intelligence service, and the economy. Now after the reshuffle, it continues to dominate political power by hiding behind OPDO and ANDM. Innocent people in Amhara and Oromia will continue to be killed, arrested and marginalized with or without a facelift reshuffle. What happened in Ethiopia is just a theatrical bonanza and propaganda ploy starring the TPLF.

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