

# The Hysteria And The New Prime Minister Of Ethiopia

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At first he came out aggressively, replacing the cabinet with mostly new faces. Then he began to tell audiences from region to region that Ethiopians are better of united than divided. A new political rhetoric that people are not used to in 27 years. The domestic political market simply succumbed to the new talent displayed by the ruling TPLF/EPRDF theatrical genius. The international arena also gave in to such outstanding performance.

Prime minister Dr. Colonel Abiye Ahmed became an instant champion. Humanitarian groups were tired of the regime's intolerance to basic rights, UN was worried about the number of young people gunned down in cold blood all over Ethiopia mainly in Amhara and Oromia, the west was beginning to rethink their policy towards the Addis Ababa government between 2015 and early 2018. Ahmed's coronation and the positive and unconditional response of the public simply evaporated all that reaction in an instant. So far we have seen only pro Ahmed demonstrations. What if people start to react and express their frustration against his rule? Is he going to use brute force that defined the EPRDF regime until he became at the helm of power? It remains to be seen. So why hurry to give him the thumbs up so early so fast?

On 5/30/2018 I wrote a blog in Amharic ' ሕዝቡ ከመደለል መቸ ይዳን ትላለችሁ " or in English, " when do you think the public can be saved from being sold out or played " which was published in the first week of June by Welkai.com as well as Ethiopatriots plus some other web pages on social media. In the above mentioned short article I attempted to expose the conspiracy to undo a united Ethiopia in a systematic and slower pace, unnoticed and establish the longstanding ultimate theory of Ethiopia's disintegration by the OLF (Oromo Liberation Front), EPLF (Eritrean people's Liberation Front) and TPLF (Tigray people's Liberation Front) come true.

The secret plan and agreement of these 3 anti Ethiopian armed movements is now reaching its final stages. After 27 years of ruthless dictatorial stranglehold of the country by the Tigryan/Eritrean junta failed to achieve its objective, the 3

conspirators have jumped to their dark plan's second phase, i.e, allowing the OLF to be on top mobilizing the disgruntled Oromo youth by its side. The Ethiopian power politics now seems shifted towards the Oromos from the TPLF and the Tigryan/Eritrean hands. This actually is a continuation of the drama orchestrated by the same groups since 1991. The prime minister, a well trained intelligence and military operative with an outgoing personality so far succeeded in saving the so called EPRDF regime from falling of the edge of cliff.

Both the International and domestic media are glorifying Mr. Ahmed's role in relation to the release of hundreds of detainees, without realizing the fact that he has no choice given the impact of bloody demonstrations that took place in Amhara and Oromia states between 2015 and 2018. The incident exposed the hidden EPRDF violent atrocities to the world. Therefor, it is suffice to say that he had to let go the prisoners to relieve the pressure against the honey coated policies of the regime that brought him up since his 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and prepared him to be its savior at the age of 41. One of the victims of the regime and senior member of the Welkait Amhara Identity committee out spoken member Mr. Atalay Zafe said during an interview by Amhara TV. On 07/23/2018 " . . . the regime didn't free us from prison. It's the Amhara. . . youth who sacrificed themselves for freedom from the regimes tyranny and persecution during the demonstrations in various Amhara towns and villages who are responsible for our release. . . "

To hail somebody who has not brought legal and structural change on face value is jumping to conclusions without merit. Mr. Ahmed and the new faces in the top leadership positions were, have been and are part of the same coercive and dictatorial regime of the TPLF/EPRDF coalition that caused all the havoc and disastrous inter ethnic conflicts that continue to terrorize the public. For example I personally don't deny that the way the PM express himself using carefully selected words are civil and respectful in comparison to his EPRDF predecessors. Such personal qualities are promising towards a peaceful transition from the past 27 years of arrogance and violence. The question is how much commitment and willingness does he has to reform the EPRDF? Let us not forget that he is given the post of prime minister by his party. This means since he is not elected by the people he has his party's interest at hand. The status quo is maintained under his leadership no matter what.

Even as we speak, innocent civilians are evicted from their farms and homes based on their ethnicity. In the past 2 month alone Amhara families are expelled in thousands from Mr. Ahmed's Oromia state as illegal alliens. Some were killed and

others tortured including women and children. Except empty words he has done nothing to protect the victims' constitutional rights. Is there anything to hail about that? Where is the change he is talking about for any one who calls himself or herself an Amhara? Ethiopia under EPRDF's rule is still nothing more than a living hale ethnic Amharas, no doubt.

In today's Ethiopia any one's opinion maybe considered the better way to describe the prime minister's conduct so far. This means to the Tigryans who enjoyed all aspects of power for the past 27 years, he is a nuisance. To Oromos he is a hero and abridge towards achieving an independent and separate Oromia. This is why Oromos all over the world rally around him. This does not mean others are not throwing their support. There are individuals and civic or political groups in the diaspora who are heard when they give him the unconditional good gesture. But bear in mind that this particular group represent the power hungry and opportunistic ones with no intention of advancing the peoples' cause for regime and system change in Ethiopia. To the Amharas, the prime minister's neglects to their demands in terms of their territories illegally occupied by the TPLF and its cronies including the Sudan, their basic citizenship right to freely move within the country, raise families and make a decent living without falling victim to ethnic cleansing among others reminds them of the 27 years of TPLF's systematic and ruthless heavy handedness, torture and persecution.

According to leaked information and diaspora chit chat the major supporter of Mr. Ahmed in the EPRDF coalition is ANDM. Both Ahmed's OPDO and the later are TPLF creations and more or less its stooges. However, over time the Oromo politicians tactfully managed to cleanse themselves from their father TPLF control and broke free. Such achievement was facilitated by a well organized and strong pro Oromo propaganda and agitation disseminated domestically and in the international arena by the various OLF affiliated civic and political groups. In fact, in terms of its political manifesto the OPDO is OLF's rubber stamp.

On the other hand ANDM the party imposed upon the Amhara people lacks popular support both inside and in the diaspora community. Top to bottom its leadership is infested by Tigryans and Eritreans whose allegiance is totally for the TPLF. As a result for the past 27 years it failed the Amhara people as well as itself. In short it has no base and it is likely nearing its collapse or disintegration. That is why it is wobbling in all directions without a clear cut agenda and conduct. After a number of town hall meetings with Amhara youth who openly dismissed ANDM as a watch dog of the TPLF and Tigryan interests, some non Tigryan officials has

began to sound apologetic and some what ready to change according to public opinion. If this is true, then they are definitely in a collision course with Tigrayans and Eritreans who are holding ANDM and the Amhara people hostage since 1991.

While the political drama is played with a sentimental Ethiopian audience cheering, the plight of being an Amhara by ethnicity also continues unabated. In Oromia's Bale zone in Goba town 10 Amhara Christians were slain in public and Amhara properties were destroyed by fire on 07/22 and 23/2018. The OLF and OPDO operatives who are in charge of the areas administration as well as their local police did nothing to stop when the so called 'KEERO' an organized and armed Oromo Youth mob sprayed the killing and destruction of hate and brute force against defenseless and legally unprotected Amharas. Similar ethnic based attacks are happening in other Oromia state localities, Benishangul state etc. targeting Amharas without any concrete intervention by Mr. Ahmed's regime which is only preoccupied with relentless propaganda and travel campaigns.

If real change is aspired by the new prime minister, his administration must introduce structural and systemic revamp of the whole political, economic and security apparatus of Ethiopia. Shifting the top leadership from one to the other position, talking about the problems of peace, stability and development short of applying legally necessary practical measures will not solve the multitude issues the country is faced with. Ethnic rivalries, territorial disputes between regional states, benefiting selected group of the population in all aspects and neglecting those disfavored by the EPRDF, lack of the rule of law and impunity, rampant torture, evictions or deportations based on ethnicity, targeted, excessive, forced, application of family planning in the Amhara state among others needs to be stopped with effective, decisive, practical and transparent domestic policy guidelines.

The current pro TPLF/EPRDF electoral process that handed all the 574 seats in parliament must be replaced. 27 years of power monopoly by the regime proved a failure. Its results are characterized by chaotic violence and anarchy in the form of TPLF/Tigrayan supremacy over the federal government. Therefore, Mr. Ahmed must prove not only to Ethiopians but the International community as well that his rule gives way to the formation of a transitional government tasked with re writing the constitution that will transform the country towards free and fair elections and a multiple party democracy. He has a chance to save the country from destruction. Each and every measure Mr. Ahmed takes will undoubtedly determine the future of Ethiopia. I am sure he knows the precise moment is now to make history and

that he is the starring figure in it.

When is the state sponsored persecution of the Amhara people coming to an end? ( Reminder: All the 4 parties that make up the ruling EPRDF identify the Amhara as their enemy in their political programs or manifestos. )