

OAU-brokered Pretoria deal, was two devils' pact

The recent OAU-mediated peace talks in Pretoria between the TPLF and OLF that are responsible for the ongoing bloodshed and wanton destruction in Ethiopia, has rightly baffled and infuriated millions. It is a travesty of justice that the two ethno-fascist entities, TPLF and OLF (the current government) which were partners in crime, have been summoned to strike a peace deal in South Africa instead of appearing before the International court of justice, in The Hague.

The American-driven hullabaloo is a fiasco from its outset because the aggrieved 50 million Amara and Afar people were conveniently excluded. That is why Ethiopians in general rightly believe that the nominal negotiation which was only concluded due to America's threats, is a studied attempt to exonerate the two treasonous fascist outfits. The TPLF and OLF are responsible for the catalogues of horrific crimes including genocide, unprecedented in the country's long history. America threatened the two belligerent protagonists to either reach an agreement or face justice for war crimes and genocide. That America opted to exonerate the Nazi-like mass murderers for acceding to its will, indicates its complete disregard for African lives.

The venal TPLF and OLF which have the support of a host of hostile forces, are fundamentally inimical to the Ethiopian state. The duo are at loggerheads for no other reason than struggle for power. The two secessionist entities that had jointly usurped power in Ethiopia in 1991 with the connivance of the USA, imposed an apartheid-type constitution on Ethiopia, which enabled them to divide the country along spurious ethnic lines. The constitution was maliciously designed to create dissension among the various ethnic groups and to pointedly maligns and disenfranchises Amharas (both Christians and Muslims), who are perceived as the founders and builders of the oldest nation state in history.

In the last four years of OLF (Abiy's rule), the region dubbed as Oromia, has seen tens of thousands of unarmed Amaras, including women, children, the elderly and the infirm lynched and skinned alive on camera. The gory massacre continues relentlessly as a matter of urgency, ostensibly to prepare the ground for the secession of Oromos and Tigres with the annexed territories of indigenous Ethiopians. The Oromo invaders have bragged to annex and incorporate portions of Kenya and Tanzania, inhabited by their marauding kin, into their imaginary Oromia. Uhuru Kenyatta, is perhaps oblivious of this fact.

The two tribal entities had been declared terrorists even by the otherwise feeble Ethiopian parliament. Ironically, the purported pact struck between the two

ethno-fascists, was based on agreeing to mutually uphold the same sinister constitution which not only denies Amharas their basic human right but also condones their extermination with impunity.

America's deplorable hostility towards Ethiopia must end

Biden's hostile stance towards Ethiopia is unfortunately, not an innocent mistake. America's deplorable hostility towards Ethiopia has a long history. The USA had condoned Italy's invasion of Ethiopia by flouting the League of Nation's charter to defend any of its members from foreign aggression. The USA was one of the first countries to recognize fascist Italy's bloody occupation of Ethiopia in 1935. America's secretary of State Cordell Hull, who helped Mussolini's invasion by providing logistical support was ironically awarded a Nobel Peace Prize, while his fascist hero died on the gallows. The USA, also refused to supply military hardware that Ethiopia had paid for, hence, facilitating Somalia's unprovoked invasion of that country in 1970. It was largely due to the robust diplomatic, military and intelligence support of the USA that the secessionist TPLF and OLF, that still remain inimical to the interests of Ethiopia, assumed power in 1991.

That is why Ethiopians the world over perceive America's enduring and zealous attempt to rehabilitate the TPLF, a terrorist and treasonous outfit, inexplicable. After all, the TPLF is responsible for the death of millions of Amaras and Afars. It is also responsible for the wanton destruction of the infrastructure in the Amara and Afar regions as well as the violent annexation of vast swathes of the latter's territories. TPLF's premeditated attack on the national army garrisoned in Tigrai, which left over ten thousands dead, and its embezzlement of over \$ 50 billion from the national treasury, are some of its heinous crimes.

Our plea to errant America and the servile OAU

America stands to command the respect of Ethiopians and all peace-loving Africans, if it exerts the weight of its moral authority by breaking ranks with the TPLF, which is a spent force any way. The moribund fascists that are traitors to Ethiopia as well as to the people of Tigrai, must face justice for the horrendous crimes they had committed for decades. They must be disarmed, disbanded as well as vacate the lands that they have violently annexed from their neighbours and desecrated. The other belligerent party, Abiy's OLF, which runs the government, is an equally atrocious ethno-fascist group that must face justice.

Indeed, TPLF hardly represents the people of Tigrai, who make 5% of Ethiopia's population. Besides, it is instructive for particularly Africans to note

that the TPLF leadership consists of descendants of Africa's most dreadful traitors, career mercenaries. Over the last 150 years, their forebears had on multiple occasions elected to fight Ethiopia alongside colonialists, as hired guns. Yet, TPLF leaders who hail from the loins of disgraceful traitors are unrepentant. No wonder that the TPLF's anti-Amhara constitution is, an exact replica of what their fascist Italian masters had imposed on Amharas to avenge Italy's ignominious defeat at the battle of Adwa, forty years earlier. It is a cruel paradox, that mighty America is still seen to be standing by such a reckless band of career criminals. America stands to regain its lost moral authority, if it disowns the TPLF completely. TPLF must not only be disarmed; it must stand trial along with its ally, Abiy's OLF for the horrendous atrocities they jointly perpetrated.

Needless to say, Ethiopia's destiny is in the hands of its true children and the Almighty. Africa's second most populous country is the mother-figure of all proud Africans who should therefore, dread and despise the venal and contemptible TPLF and OLF ethno-fascist entities that are bent on undoing the oldest nation state on earth. Any attempt to subvert justice in Ethiopia, as has been attempted by misguided USA, is counter-productive. The African Union, which was drawn to the futile exercise aimed at giving a new lease of life to the unreconstructed fascist duo, at the behest of America, is no less guilty albeit, unwittingly guilty.

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