

Sovereignty is the Soul of Ethiopia

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We do not clearly know what the Ethiopian or the Egyptian unelected rulers are talking about the biblical and the historical river behind the closed doors. But the bullying words that come out of some Egyptian officials herald that the negotiations are not going in good terms.



If the Egyptian rulers are assuming the strength of the Ethiopian people is measured by their temporary diplomatic win in buying the support of some major powers, they have calculated a wrong calculus about Ethiopians.

No country stood diplomatically or physically behind Ethiopian patriots during the Ethio-Italian or other wars. Despite the unfair and racist stand of the superpowers, Ethiopians will persevere since their lives and souls are tightly attached to the sovereignty of their nation.

As we know, Egypt and Sudan have been providing strong assistance to the traitor rebels and politicians that fought to make Ethiopia land locked and divide the people in ethnic barns called killils. Their interference in our internal affairs was intended to make Ethiopia weak so that they can continue owning the Nile river that we consider as our blood and soul. The rulers of Egypt have forgotten that the Ethiopian people will promptly destroy the killil barrier and stand together when it comes to a sovereignty matter.

The Ethiopian rulers should understand also that Egypt's bullying is aimed at controlling all the tributaries of the Nile for ever, not just at the dam Legesse planned to build by the backyard of Sudan under foreign pressure without consulting the people. The former cadres of Legesse should understand that the envy and sabotages of former colonies of England have been there for thousands of years, and it will continue as long as the Nile river of the Bible exists.

Therefore, the Ethiopian rulers should establish a long-lasting strong defense plan to preserve our God given right to use the river that springs from the Garden of Eden as holy water and that smokes like fire when it jumps as a swift diver.

If the Ethiopian rulers place our eternal sovereignty above their ephemeral lust of power, they should immediately implement the following in order to prepare the Ethiopian people for effective ever-lasting defense of the national sovereignty.

1. find the whereabouts of the kidnaped students and save their lives if they are alive. Otherwise, it is performing the mother of all hypocrisies when a "government" claims that it will protect its natural resources when it cannot even protect its children.
2. electrify the Ethiopian people and eradicate Emboch from the surface of Lake Tana and the second river of the garden of Eden. It is pointless to argue with former British colonies about water use if Emboch sucks up the lake that holds the Ethiopian physical, historical, spiritual and cultural treasures, and stops the river that smokes when it falls.
3. remove the well-known criminals from key government positions and make them face justice for their heinous crimes.
4. confess and repent all the crimes you committed and ask the victims and God for forgiveness.
5. release all political prisoners and prisoners of conscience.
6. respect the interests of ethnic groups but eliminate ethnic division and ethnic based rules established by traitors, who received strong logistic and financial assistance from foreign countries including Sudan and Egypt.
7. label individuals or groups that still receive assistance from these countries as traitors and hold them accountable.
8. understand diplomacy works only when it is supported by mighty powers.
9. ask the former member of the armed forces for forgiveness and integrate them in the national defense.
10. use the expertise and advices of the former air force generals to strengthen the capability of the air force.
11. remove the uneducated, unexperienced, unprofessional and inefficient diplomats from the negotiation tables.
12. make a national call to the well- experienced career diplomats and spread them around the globe as prophets of the Ghion river.

- 13.start national service on volunteer basis and promote the national service through special privileges and benefits such as free education, medical care, housing, national honor and so on.
- 14.allow the society to organize around Gobeze Alekas and prepare them to defend their country as they have been doing it throughout the history of Ethiopia.
- 15.prohibit any activities and habits that spoil and destroy the youth
- 16.Promote patriotic songs that strengthens nationality, courage and determination
17. encourage churches, mosques and other religious organizations to inform their followers about the possible danger the nation is facing.
- 18.If there are remaining saints that follow the foot prints of His Holiness Abune Petros, let them come out and command the rivers, the mountains, the valleys, the cliffs, the plains, the jungles, the deserts, the cattle, the wild animals and the birds of Ethiopian not to obey any foe that tries to prevent Ethiopians from using their own resources.

The Ethiopian people should keep eye on the current rulers since they have track record of begging and selling out our pride and national resources such as mines, farmlands, borders, not to mention the right to have sea access. The Ethiopian people should force the negotiators not to negotiate about the tributaries of Abay and not to bow like an arc to foreign pressures.

Ethiopia never asked Egypt and Sudan to share their natural gases. However, these former colonies of England continue to deny Ethiopia's God given rights to use her own water resources.

Perhaps, these countries are in state of amnesia and have forgotten that sovereignty is the soul of Ethiopia. They should know that no sane Ethiopians will be willing to live peacefully in a soul-less nation. They should understand that the patriotic citizens will never tolerate greedy foreign rulers, who dictate them not use their own water resources. Thank you.

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