

FASCISM STILL REIGNS IN ETHIOPIA RAYA IN BLOOD BATH

Every one is hailing the new Prime Minister. He assumed power six months ago, replacing his former boss who failed miserably to govern. At first the change of face at the highest level of government was received with warm support. Yes, most Ethiopians expressed their happiness and joy all over. Prisoners (not all) who were falsely charged with terrorism were released. Banned politicians and their parties were given a green light to operate openly. Wow! Mr. Ahmed was seen as a guardian angel by some if not all. But when days pass by, some cracks begin to reveal their true colors.

In Raya, formerly part of the Wollo province, the armed militia of the Tigray People's Liberation Front defiantly and openly continue to carry out extra judicial killings. The Raya people who were forced and annexed by the Tigrayan state in 1994 are now demanding to go back to Wollo Amhara. From the very start they did not accept the artificial identity imposed on them despite their true history, culture, language and psychological makeup which is closely related and identical with the Amhara. During the last 2 days the Tigrayan armed militia opened fire and killed over 7 peaceful demonstrators and wounded more than 20. Among those killed, there is a small 5 or 6 year old baby girl. What a shame! These and many other factual incidents of ethnic hatred and barbaric measures truly explain the arrogant nature and behavior of those who are in power in Ethiopia since 1991.

The groups that make up the government called the Ethiopian Peoples' Revolutionary Democratic Front have washed themselves with the blood of hundreds of thousands of innocent Ethiopians that they executed for more than 27 years. The number estimate might go to over 3 million if we add up the 2.5 million missing Amharas that the government itself admitted in its fake or fony parliament. Ethiopians have not experienced such brute force led ethnic killings and displacement in their recent past. The irony is that such atrocities were and are committed by government armed, trained and sponsored political operatives.

The killings in Raya were observed by the Federal army and police that simply shy away from protecting the unarmed Raya demonstrators when they were gunned down in cold blood by the Tigrayan militia. The Prime Minister

instead of acting and making decisions like a leader simply slip out of the country for a European visit, the same day when citizens were shot and killed by a fascist Tigrayan racist militia. He did not even say a word about the crisis in the Raya, area of northern Ethiopia which was brewing for quite some time. Where is law and order? Where is peace and stability? What about individual freedom? . . . Same old Same old! Nothing has changed. The only change Ethiopians see is 'A sweet talking Prime Minister' who makes it a habit hiding behind it. Ethiopia needs a transitional care taker regime that can rewrite the constitution. The EPRDF as a government has failed beyond repair.

1/ Non ethnic Oromos were exposed to brutal killings and mass deportations in what is Oromia regional state, by an organized Oromo hate group named QERRO. The Amaro and Gedeo ethnic groups were forced out of the Guji zone of Oromia. Mr. Ahmed's government and the UN put the number of deportees to 1 million. In this ethnic cleansing incident hundreds were believed killed and thousands injured by the QERRO. Imagine this is happening in a country where the Oromo Democratic Party is in power.

2/The same hate group carried out its ruthless violations of human rights when it butchered many innocent and hard working non Oromos from the Gamogofa zone of Southern Ethiopia and forced over 50,000 out. This incident that took place a couple of month ago in Burayou town at the outskirts of Addis Ababa became world news. (BARARA IS THE NAME GIVEN TO THE CITY WHEN IT WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED BY EMPEROR DAWIT. BARARA WAS DESTROYED IN THE 15TH AND 16TH CENTURIES BY AHMED GRAGNE'S ARMY AND THE VARIOUS OROMO LUBAS THERE AFTER. THE REMAINS OF THE CITY BUILT IN THE 14 HUNDREDS ARE STILL VISIBLE TODAY)

3/Following this horror, the new Addis Ababa mayor and Police chief both of whom are members of the Oromo Democratic Party and staunch allies of the Oromo Liberation Movement, illegally orchestrated the arrest of some 3000 youth of the city who had nothing to do with the killings and evictions of non Oromos in Burayou and the disturbances that followed in the capital. The culprit QERRO Oromo youth hate group was not affected by the mayor's and police chief irresponsible measures. Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International denounced the action.

4/The Oromo Liberation Movement and the QERRO ambushed and killed all

senior administrative officials of the Kemashi zone of BeniShangul state last month. The aim was to implicate the Amhara and instigate the Gumuz people to retaliate by killing and deporting Amharas from their midst. However, it backfired the Kemashi Gumuz citizens rose up with anger and committed atrocities against both the Oromo and Amhara farmers residing in the zone.

5/Why should Amharas be casualties for Oromo Liberation Front and QERROs' guilt? In fact, Amharas continue to be massacred and deported from the Oromia regional state by the present ruling party, OLF and QERRO since 1991. Mr. PM on his part remains with his sweet talk. People are getting fed up. When is he going to act?

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