

War Declaration or Worries?

An interview with Eritrean TV Isayas Afeworki appeared to be more interested in and concerned about political development in Ethiopia. Any neighboring nation in any part of the world would not do so except in Eritrea. ከል ምተፈርቶ ሳይተኛ አይታደርም His interview lasted 2:30 minutes. The interviewers posed about six questions lasting 20 seconds each; in other words they took about 2 minutes of the 2:30 hours lasting, the rest of the time was left for Isayas to monopolize; if only he had anything useful and productive to talking apart from praising his junior partner in the peace he struck with that never was.

He blamed the TPLF for all the trouble that emerged in Ethiopia and Eritrea for the last 30 years.

It felt that for Isayas the only problem Ethiopian Feudo-Imperial system fomented was only the colonization signed and sealed by Menelik followed by the annexation, and subjugation by Haileselassie, followed by the military dictator.

Isayas does not care not does he want to know that the rest of the people living in Ethiopia had their own problems to deal with on top of that of Eritrea they, like the TPLF allied with to see Eritrea achieved its independence through the struggles they conducted in unison.

Granted, after independence it is the Eritreans who decide how to run their nation and if Isayas wishes to be the mouth piece of the Eritrean people, which is not, and declared a form of unitary government for Eritreans, as he did, then so be it. Only and only Eritreans would and ought to debate for or against the form of government that is now advocated by and practiced but Isayas and his ministers.

But now for Isayas to come out publicly agitating that the only form of governance that is good for Ethiopia is unitary and the agenda that was put in place by the TPLF 30 years ago was ill conceived and Isayas as a political genius then, 1994, warned them and its consequences of ethnic conflicts as happening today.

Isayas is mythomaniac liar: if a split of Ethiopia on ethnic lines was bad that Isayas the good man thought it was the wrong path to follow, why then for the last 25 years was he recruiting and training not one, not two, not three

but as many as he could get ethnic and national liberation fronts in Eritrea to destroy and destabilize Ethiopia.

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In fact is against federation not because it failed to quell the national discontent but because it to a great extent it met the desire of the different nationalities under the umbrella rule of Ethiopian government. What Isyas is hoping for is the enactment of unitary state whereby different nationalities would fight and confront each other for a time to come and thereby Isyas would meddle and exploit by piching one group against the other. That is the reality he wishes to happen. Why would nationalities be contented when Federation is removed and replaced by unitary system that denies what they thing they are entitled. Nations are in conflict not because they are given their rights but the lack of it except for the Amharas who wanted the old system of dominating the rest too whom Isyas is lending his hand so them and he would have the plane field to kick the ball as they like!!

Was he not for Isayas help and advice that the EPRP (Ethiopian People Revolutionary Party) who instigated and fomented the war that led to their defeat and removal from Tigray. Before this took place, did he not block the EPRP to enter or exit Eritrea to the Sudan, so to deprive logistics.

Leaving aside what he was hatching and fermenting to bring Ethiopia to its knees what on earth does he mean when the Ethiopians and these organizations that liberated them from the dictatorship ought not to be led by federal system? Does he mean that they ought to have been led by a unitary system as an extension of the past that denied their human, political, economic, cultural, linguistic and social existence that was the cause of their armed struggle in the first place?

Why in his feeble mind is ethnic and national recognition as a cause of conflict, if so why does he also criticize his masters such as Britain which openly accepts Welsh, Irish, Scottish and English?

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Remember Mengesha Eqbai wrote: when the 10 siblings of his left the home of Wezero Medhin with their mother Wezero Adanch to a different abode, Isayas refused to move and stayed behind with his grandmother instead. The me, me alone has not left him for ever since then.

How does he expected Tigrians, as well as other subjugated nationalities address their centuries old grievances? He is not honest, has never been in the first place. Talk of a grievance, the first thing he did when he liberated Eritrea, he destroyed the statue of Ras Alula Aba Nega in revenge for hanging his great grandfather, Ras Hagos after he was defeated in እዲ ምዕራብ Shere. But this was done as if it was as an act of defiance against foreigners who ruled Eritrea not as a personal revenge in camouflage. Even though Alula was no foreign in Eritrea. He found Asmera, he fought and died for Eritrea at the hand of an Italian agent who was Ras Hagos, the young brother of Emperor Yohannes. With all the Italian statues left intact poor Alula received the wrath of Isayas the Messiah.

Anyone who is not suffering from mental illness would rise above petty personal issues and fight to regain the respect and dignity of Tigrians who suffered at the hands of Amhara rulers for generations partly because of shortsighted of Emperor Yohannes followed by the stupid infightings of the Mercha families to gain control. Isayas is no better but an extension of that stupidity his close relatives displayed at the expense of the people. People of Tigray honor and loved Emperor Yohannes and family and gave unreserved loyalty and services to this day, Isayas if he had a brain that functions the least he could do was to help but not to cause more problems for the people. How disappointing!