

PFDJ's Betrayal of Our Martyrs

“We need Eritrean land, NOT the Eritrean people”

“Ready”



Italian Colonizers

“Aim”



Ethiopian Colonizers

“FIRE”



PFDJ Colonizers

PFDJ is trying to finish off “by turning its guns against innocent Eritreans and ‘firing’” what the other colonizers couldn't:

- Kick us out of our land,
- And TRYING TO DESTROY,
 - Our tradition,
 - Our culture,
 - Our values,
 - Our sense of nationalism,
 - Our sense of fairness,
 - Our sense of justice,
 - Our sense of compassion,
 - Our sense of hard work,
 - Our sense of respect and honesty ...

... But rest assured that PFDJ will meet the same fate as our former colonizers.

Mr. Alamin, Mr. Yemane, Mr. Jabir, Mr. Tesfai, Gen. Sebhat, Mr. Osman and other (living) tegadelties, is this what you fought for? To kick out the little kids that were barely 5 or 6 years old when you walked into Asmara? Can you sleep at night knowing that you are feeding them to Sawa wolves, feeding them to the vultures in the Sahara desert and feeding them to the sharks in the Mediterranean Sea?

What is the rock bottom that will make these “national leaders” say, “Mrs. Aster doesn't deserve this! Mrs. Senait doesn't deserve this! Mr. Hassan Keckia doesn't deserve this! Mr. Bitweded Abraha doesn't deserve this! The tens of thousands of innocent Eritreans in PFDJ Dungeons don't deserve this!”

This is the betrayal of our trust and our love. You betrayed us! Is there anything worse than betrayal in this world? Japan is where it is today because when their leaders and people in responsible positions dishonor the organizations and people around them, they commit “seppuku”. That is how “honor” is restored. It is the ultimate acceptance of responsibility.

When Aster is left to rot in prison because she wanted to nurture her kids, when people are terrorized in their own homes by their illegitimate government, *there is no honor left in a nation and its government*. For those who say that a couple of kilometers of roads are worth more than the lives of Aster and Senait, we say their lives are worth more than what any money can buy in this world. Every Eritrean is more precious than any road, any dam ... and illusionary at that.

Until Aster is reunited with her kids, until Senait is reunited with her kids, until the rule-of-law and justice is restored, until those who butchered us are brought to justice, our campaigns against this illegitimate and cruel regime will only intensify. We shall not tire and we shall not waiver. Let PFDJ know that it can't wiggle out of its atrocious and cruel behavior. "Kalsina Newih'n Merir'n Iyu, Awetna Naigidin".

Border won't get demarcated for the next 15 to 20 years. "Kab Seb Zitesebeye Bidewu Beleye." We can live transfixed on Woyane during this time while destroying our precious country and people or, as Min. Haile said, we can return to running our country like every other viable country. As surely as the sun rises in the East and sets in the West, the border conflict won't get resolved as long as PFDJ continues to wage its war against the Eritrean people. Don't expect any communiqués from PFDJ or Weyane that will announce the resolution of the border conflict. We can't dictate what the Ethiopians do, but the very same day our Aster, Senait, Hassan, Bitwedded and thousands of innocent PFDJ hostages are liberated, the border will surely be resolved. Guaranteed! The border solution is found in Eirearo Dungeon. No need to dip PFDJ's hands in Ethiopia, Sudan, Somalia and elsewhere hoping to start bushfires that will surely engulf Eritrea. With governments like PFDJ, who needs enemies? Death in the hands of your enemies is cruelty. Death in the hands of your own government is above cruelty; it is betrayal, it is treachery!

During the last interview, PIA characterized Ethiopia's invasion of Somalia resulting in the death of thousands of Somalis and the displacement of hundreds of thousands of Somalis as a "picnic". Is this how PIA characterizes and differentiates conflicts resulting in death and destruction as 'picnics', 'day trips', 'weekend trips', 'sabbaticals', etc...? Isn't this indication of his trivialization of human lives? Did PIA think Badme was a "picnic" when he launched his war? There is no 'picnic' in death and destruction, period!

On this Martyr's Day June 20th, it is time to ask ourselves again,

- Why did our martyrs lay down their precious lives for Eritrea? To hang innocent Eritreans on PFDJ's gallows? To worship one man? To let criminal officers abuse our women and steal our national wealth? No, they fought for their, and our, ideals of freedom and justice!
- If our martyrs ever believed 'Zibereqe Tsehayna, Zinegese Negusina', there would be no independent Eritrea. When the Dergue was powerful at one time, there were many Eritreans who kissed Col. Mengistu's hands ('Zibereqe Tsehayna, ...') and betrayed our ideals. When our brave liberators verged on our victory, these Ziberqe Tsehayna's jumped ship and began to wave the Eritrean flag even higher than those who fought for independence all their lives. History will keep repeating itself!

What PFDJ is doing to Aster, Senait, Hassan and Bitweded is betrayal of our martyrs. It is betrayal of June 20th!

We shall build the future of Eritrea in the very hole PFDJ is digging to bury us. Our hope keeps flickering because we believe in our brave people. We believe in our Eritrea because of the over 100,000 brave and selfless tegadelties and warsais who sacrificed themselves for our rights and freedoms. We won't let them down!

June 20th, Martyr's Day, is the day we renew our pledge to our martyrs. This is the day we renew our unwavering beliefs in justice, peace, rule of law and freedom. We shall overcome! We will never betray our martyr's trust! We have no other choice but to march forward → against all odds like our martyrs, *because there is no alternative to freedom!*



Kibri'n Mogos'n N'Suwaetna!
Semaetatna N'Zel'alem Yizekeru!
We shall not betray your trust!



An old Tegadelti song ...
"Ayresa'enayon,
Nihna's Ayresa'enan,
Zihalefe Siqay Nay'Hizbina ...!

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