

New Year 2020, Resolutions for Eritrea

New Ideas, New Approaches and a Proposed Solution.

Happy New Year 2020, Deleyti Fetehi, Eritreans, the World over! May this New Year 2020 become the year when we can be freed from the yoke and brutal grip of Esayas Aferworki, the most heinous dictator of this century. The present Eritrean political landscape is out of hand, and should be abated.

Esayas Afeworki and Dr. Abiy Ahmed, the renowned preacher Prime Minister of Ethiopia's un-holly alliance, act as if they are bringing peace between Eritrea and Ethiopia. In fact, it seems they are engaged in a plot to further subjugate the Eritrean people under Ethiopian control.

Abiy Ahmed first announced that his peace proposal will start with Ethiopia's willingness to unconditionally accept the Algiers agreement. In accordance with that move, Ethiopia was supposed to pull back its troops from Badme and other Eritrean territories it is now occupying. At the time, both the Eritrean and Ethiopian people applauded the Ethiopian unconditional withdrawal of its troops from all Eritrean territories.

Then, all of a sudden, both Abiy and Esayas abandoned the peace proposal and Esayas, himself an illegal leader, shamelessly announced his official appointment of Abiy Ahmed as Foreign Minister of Sovereign Eritrea. Abiy Ahmed happily accepted the appointment (the opportunity) in loud words. With little opposition shown from the Deleyti Fetehi Eritreans, Abiy has continued with his puffery and shameful actions of meddling in Eritrea's internal affairs.

The highlights of this illegal meddling include Abiy's signing of a railroad contract with Italy, on a project from Massawa, the main seaport of Eritrea, to Ethiopia, while claiming to represent the (itself illegal) Eritrean government. Additionally, he also claimed to represent Eritrea at the Organization of African Unity meeting of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in November 2019. This is an outright mockery of justice, and such actions are very unusual; it would equate to Russia representing America in its international interests.

All these manifestations clearly show the world, that Abiy Ahmed is not a person of Peace, Love or Unity, but only a skillful orator, who is obsessively destined to make his own career at the expense of the besieged Eritrean people.

The fact that Abiy is a close confidant of Esayas Afeworki, the most sinful dictator -- who is well known for his mass killings, extreme cruelty, vengefulness, and war

mongering, and who has continuously supported extreme revolutionaries such as Al Qaeda, Al Shabab and others – speaks volumes. There is a widely practiced expression, which says, "In order to tell you who you are, tell me who your close friends are," and that says it all. Not very long ago, Esayas was jailing innocent Eritreans merely for playing Amharic (Ethiopian) music. Are the Ethiopian People going to trust Esayas to be their true friend? The risks would be too high.

Needed IMPACTFUL ACTIONS

- 1) Eritreans must rise up to the occasion, without any delay, in defense of the sovereignty of their beloved motherland, by removing the heinous dictator in Asmara from power.
- 2) Eritreans must legally restrain Abiy Ahmed from meddling in Eritrea's Internal Affairs. His actions are very childish at least, and illegal at best.
- 3) Eritreans must organize and coordinate broad-based, one day public demonstrations in the following countries: A) America B) Geneva C) Israel, and D) Australia. And official letters must be mailed to the United Nations, and the Organization of African Unity, so that similar demonstrations can also be held in other countries around the whole world, until some tangible results are witnessed.
- 4) Well orchestrated programs of solidarity from progressive/ humanitarian organizations and individuals around the whole world must be coordinated, to include messages of solidarity, with progressive Ethiopian intellectuals and dignitaries playing a leading role.

The nature and scope of the lingering Eritrean problems, from within and from without, are gross human rights violations, because injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. These are the minimum steps that we must hurriedly take, in view of the gravity of the ongoing multi-dimensional political problems in today's Eritrea.

The dangerously miscalculated plan of annexation of Eritrea, starting from Emperor Haile Sellassie to the present maverick leader, could have been avoided if the Eritrean Peoples' wishes and aspirations had been considered at the outset.

Beginning in the early 1960s, a free and independent Eritrea could have become a good neighbor and a reliable ally of Ethiopia. Mutual socio-economic progress and development could, by now, have reached much higher levels of magnitude. The opportunity costs, in terms of human life and materials, for both nations, is immeasurable. But that is behind us now, and both countries must learn from the

unfortunate past. We must now say enough is enough, even as we focus on solving the present border demarcation and other problems. Abiy Ahmed is not a person of peace, love and reconciliation, but of hidden goals and sneaky motives, and the most appropriate message for him is to had better clean up his backyard first, or else, by overextending his arms, he can lose, as they say, his valuables from under his arm pits (የቆጡን ኣወርድ ብላ፣ የብብቷን ጣለኛ).

Happy New Year, 2020, Eritrea !!

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