## The Eritreans And Amharas Insist Ploughing With Bygone Oxen!

People are hard to believe. By the hour and the day, they keep changing their mercurial postures for the worse, so you keep losing confidence in them.

It is one thing to steal, one thing to cheat, it is another thing to keeping denying the truth that one is caught red handed committing.

If at all there is anyone who should claim land, it would not be the Amhara, it should not be the Eritreans; it ought to be the Tigrayans and legitimately so. Forget Bademe, the whole of Eritrea was part and parcel Tigray until the Amhara, led by the crippled, both mentally and physically Menelik surgically cut off and sold it to the Italians. Crippled I say the leader but how about the followers of this imbecile leader? How would it be possible to reclaim ownership of a land, a commodity once sold to a third party? Why wouldn't they recognise the stupid and traitorous act of their leader when he failed to see the long term effects? Just because he wanted to compromise the potent power of Tigrayans as a threat, he was blinded to gain a short term interest to retain his power at the expense of his followers, leave alone that of Tigrayans.

The Amharas past and present were and are not interested about the people who live on the land, but the land itself is what they are after. They displaced the people of Harare, that of Metekel, of Tselemti, Wolkait, Raya, etc using hand and glove intrigues of Imperial power and patriarchal sets of order as a means to achieving their land grabbing objectives.

Once Tigray was partitioned, when the Italians took as much as they were allowed to have, and the Amhara did the same thing, Tigray was left with as little land as imaginable, barely able to feed its people. Thus for the last 134 years Tigrayans were left with no options but in Cri de Coeur to immigrate in all directions to earn what little they could get.

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Those across the Mereb River who were under the Italian colonisers saw themselves advanced and superiors and began to treat the Tigrayans as low class casual labourers, domestic servants, woodcutters, potters, housemaids, waitresses, and even as prostitutes. Eritreans denigrated these Tigrayans as 'Agame' – a term used to describe uncouth peasants.

Who first lived in and around the Bahiri Negash the Eritrean now call the Red Sea following their masters? Who use Adulis to navigate the world, now the Tigrayans are treated as foreigners in their own ancestral land? Now the Eritreans argue that Bademe is a piece of land they claimed their own forgetting even the country they call theirs was part of Tigray had it not been for the Amharas?

But a fool knows no limit. As the Tigrayans respected the Eritreans as a separate entity with inalienable sovereign rights, and must be respected as such, the Eritreans felt embolden to claim that Tigray is theirs to be administered by Eritreans! My foot!

The fake exercise book we were compelled to sleep with is now at its end chapter, and with it the end of nightmares we were tortured with, thanks to the Amhara expansionist policy of a nation building after their own images!

