



## **The Unholy Alliance of two East African dictators has become a threat to regional socio-economic and military stability.**

Abiy Ahmed, the renowned preacher prime minister of Ethiopia, who claims he is divinely chosen by God, and who sings Christian gospel while he is in the West, and practices Islam in the United Arab Emirates, and Isayas Afeworki, the illegally self-proclaimed president for life in Eritrea, are both power hungry dictators, with an unwavering desire and determination to stay in power as supreme leaders in their respective countries.

When Abiy Ahmed approached Isayas Afeworki in year 2018, for an unprecedented peace deal, he told him that Ethiopia will unconditionally withdraw its troops from the Eritrean occupied territories, and he also promised to implement the 2000 Algiers Agreement. However, even though such a hopeful and promising proposal was overwhelmingly hailed and supported by the people of both countries, the promise was not genuine. It was a hoax, full of all kinds of drama and innuendo. Isayas shamelessly told Abiy Ahmed “from now on you will lead us” as if Eritrea and Ethiopia were one nation, he also said the border conflict is not an issue. Likewise, Abiy Ahmed said, “Isayas and myself are now united (tedemrenal), and “when we unite I will share the Port of Assab.”

To the contrary, the gesture of friendship of these two dictators was not to bring peace and harmony to the region, but to bring chaos, instability and human extinction. In fact, Abiy Ahmed dreamed of becoming the King of Ethiopia. He told the world that his mother told him at the age of seven that he will be the seventh king of Ethiopia, which sounded like a hallucination that cannot and should not be possible, at this time in age. Moreover, Abiy Ahmed naively picked Isayas Afeworki to become his close friend and a mentor, so he could learn all the tricks that enabled him to become the king of Ethiopia, and hold on to power, like him forever. But, Abiy did not do his homework before he jumped into such a dangerous journey. Because it was a great opportunity for Isayas, who had a long plan to vengefully destroy the Woyanes. So it was by Isayas’s playbook that both attacked Tigray, the Northern part of Ethiopia, on November 4th, 2020, and he concluded by saying game over, TPLF.

Isayas is an exceptionally cruel, iron fisted dictator who has brutally and single-handedly ruled Eritrea for 32 years without any national constitution, parliament system or government structure. In short, he has destroyed the country beyond repair. A president who destroyed his own country and its people for so long, cannot be expected to be an angel to other countries, because injustice for one is a threat to justice anywhere. Right after Eritrea became independent, he declared that anybody who plays or listens to Amharic music will be imprisoned, and violators were convicted. He also continued to say in the open that in order to defeat Ethiopia militarily, we should divide it into different ethnic groups. And when Abiy Ahmed invited him to help him invade Tigray, he did exactly that. Isayas also sent his troops to Oromo and to the Southern part of Ethiopia. Abiy and Isayas conspired to exterminate the Tigray people mercilessly along with soldiers from Somalia, Afar and the Amhara regional special forces. Drones were also provided by Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Iran and China. The conspiratorial scheme of all those countries

against the innocent people of Tigray caused the death of more than one million people, with another million and half disabled, and more than two million people displaced in Tigray alone. In the name of keeping the states political stability the superpowers align themselves with the dictators rather than with the oppressed people. But in reality, they prioritized the interests of their own countries based on geopolitical considerations.

Isayas is innately anti-human and anti-peace. He cannot live without war and the smell of blood. In the international arena he attacked all his neighboring countries, like Ethiopia, Djibouti, Sudan, Somalia and Yemen, at different times. He also sent his soldiers as paid mercenaries to Yemen, Congo, Southern Sudan and Rwanda. When he single-handedly waged all those unwanted wars, the Eritrean people were continuously dying in vain. He was intentionally keeping them disturbed and restless, so that he could stay in power, forever.

Now these two dictators are preparing to go to war against each other - at a time when the Eritrean people, spearheaded by the vanguard Briged nhamedu are adamantly opposed to more wars. Their uncompromising goal is regime change. Likewise, many Ethiopian intellectuals are for the first time voicing their opposition to Abiy Ahmed's intentions of forcefully occupying the Eritrean port of Assab. Now that Abiy is shifting his focus to the port of Somaliland, it would be a matter of wait and see. In any case, unless a new approach of people-to-people relationship is explored, Abiy and Isayas may not hesitate to cause another human catastrophe by going to another deadly war, because their common goal is to do anything and everything to stay in power. After all, both of them are pathological liars with zero credibility. Because of their present adversaries they are polarizing the East African neighboring countries, by creating divisions and group alliances among nations. Therefore, unless these two dictators are contained, their maverick personalities and behavioral actions will continue to threaten regional stability, instead of promoting sustainable peace and harmony in the region.

Long live our martyrs!

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