

## FOR THE RECORD

Take a deep breath then weigh very critically the pros and the cons of initiating armed struggle in relation to the time that would be lost in the process of building it let alone engaging the Ethiopian military forces. Don't let emotion rule over your rationalization. Your sincere and organic attachment to the misery of Ethiopian people have caused you in my opinion blindly to latch on this so called armed struggle. Be ware that it is a very sophisticated money making machine invented by Birhanu Nega and his buddies under the watchful eyes of Col. Fitsum Yisihq the right hand man of Isyas. Berhanu Nega has to deal with this person of voracious appetite for money. You are hanging your hope at a wrong place folks. Have you thought out how long it would take to release the Ethiopian society from its misery by this so called armed struggle? How guaranteed are you that this so called armed struggle, led by Isyas Afewerki not Birhanu Nega--Birhanu Nega is simply a God given stooge for Isyas Afewerki--will release the Ethiopian society from its misery within a given period of time, say roughly about 30 years from now? Don't forget that time is always a function of political struggle in Ethiopia. The longer the time it takes to tackle poverty hence the misery the Ethiopian society is suffering under, the longer the persistence of the misery of the society. Given this premise, have you thought out about the time it would take the preparation to reach the readiness level it requires to engage and challenge the existing formidable and a sophisticated military power either to force it for negotiation or to remove it from power? Here you have to imagine the quality and the quantity of the weaponry they should have to reach to that level. That is matching weapons for weapons and matching soldiers for soldiers. Consider in this theater the role the air force is going to play. We are talking about the 21<sup>st</sup> century armed struggle where even the international politics will play an important role. For example introduce USA and China the two powerful nations in the world, with different interests in Ethiopia, into this arena and imagine the pressure they will exert on the situation one way or another. Further more, we have to recognize that, in the final analysis, there is no TPLF military, there is no EPRDF military but Ethiopian military that whipped EPLF's military and now whipping Al Shabab within the zone of its activities inside Somali. Al Shabab never dared challenge the Ethiopian military face to face like it did to the Ugandan military. Had it not been for this mother of all divisive and deceptive human species of Abyssinian soil, by the name Melese Zenawi, the Eritrean people would have returned to their mother land, brothers and sisters, without any complaint except from those extremist elites. And Isyas Afewerki would have gone back to his fox holes. Please note this. Even the merging of Birhanu Nega and Isyas Afewerki cannot challenge the Ethiopian army. That is a fact. They will be whipped. Birhanu Nega wouldn't hesitate to do

just that if asked by Isyas Afewerki that is to join EPLF to fight Ethiopia. So, think about it deeply.

While I am at this Eritrean issue let me say a little about its independence. The independence of Eritrea should not be accepted at all, because, **a)** it was not LEGAL. It was not LEGAL because the process was completed by a non-representative government. It was not an elected government. It was done by a transitional government. Therefore it is ILEGAL. And **b)** it was not DEMOCRATIC. Because the people of Ethiopia was not involved in the process. The people was not consulted. There should have been discussions between the two peoples. The two people should have debated the pros and cons about the separation very openly. Consider this. At a minimum Ethiopia would have more people. More people means having more sources for skilled manpower in every profession one can think of. Go figure about increasing the size of the land.

The current generations, very spineless and lousy generations, have absolutely no right to say let Eritrea go. Just like that. **DON'T FORGET YOHANNES IV.** According to Teshale Tibebu, (Process of State Formation in Modern Ethiopia, 1850-1974): it was under Yohannes IV that modern Ethiopia was imagined as a political entity with defined boundaries. Regarding nation building, Teshale Tibebu further says, Tewodros II initiated it, Yohannes IV consolidated it, and Menelik II completed it. I like this developmental construction of historical events particularly intertwining our genius and visionary, incomparable leaders who we should be proud of.

Another important point to note when considering the armed struggle is that inside Ethiopia, right now, the youths and the elites are highly and actively involved in the political struggle who are already integrated in the existing opposition political parties. These youths who are actively involved in the political struggle would have a very strong influence on those who did not join their peers in the struggle. Given this demographic situation the armed struggle to draw or attract the youths and the elites from the urban semi-urban areas is extremely minimal, if not nonexistent. The armed struggle cannot become a challenging force without tapping into these human resources, which are already occupied including with the daily activities of the opposition political parties.

The combination of Birhanu Nega and Isyas Afewerki is a bad sign that should be watched very critically. Their main purpose is to destabilize Ethiopia there by arrest its economic development. Isyas is not, has never been, for stability and economic development of Ethiopia. Once he said Ethiopia will not exist after ten years. Berhanu Nega immersed himself into this quagmire knowingly. Once Birhanu Nega joined Isyas he is going to be the pawn of Isyas as he was the pawn of Meles Zenawi. It is a very

sophisticated chameleon move on the part of Birhanu Nega. He exposed his true nature by officially and physically joining Isyas. He was a traitor who deliberately sabotaged the struggle of Ethiopian people while he was one of the leaders of Kinijit. At the time he was working for Meles Zenawi mainly through Bereket Simon. Ask Birhanu Nega about his relationship with Bereket Simon. He was conspiring with Bereket Simon behind the Ethiopian people. Berhanu Nega has to confess and apologize for what he did behind the Ethiopian people while he was in Ethiopian in a leadership position within Kinijit. He has the potential to be a traitor. What is the guarantee that he would not be? He is not a credible leader. Does not fit to be a leader. Let me give you one concrete example, I can say more about him, what he did on May 9, 2015 when over three million Addis Ababa's and its surrounding people came out in support of Kinijit. Birhanu Nega was nowhere to be found. He was hiding somewhere. He was not happy about it. The homework he was given by Bereket Simon did not succeed therefore he opted not to show up and share with his colleagues the happiness from the success of the demonstration. He tried his best to show his loyalty to Meles Zenawi. It should have been the time to be proud of such a complete support coming from the community of Addis Ababa and its surroundings by extension from the people all over Ethiopia. It should have been the time to celebrate and boast about it. No, Birhanu Nega wouldn't want to be part of it. Where was Birhanu Nega on that historic date? Ask him.

Please don't fool yourself. Read the articles, about three of them, shared by the journalist Demis Blete. Very succinctly written first hand account by the person who was there to objectively observe the situation. If you reject his account you are deliberately cheating yourself. An intellectual dishonesty. By the way I had a talk with him before he left for Eritrea. Then my suggestion was, as I did a number of times in fact in some of my articles when ever I touched the armed struggle, for Ethiopian Peoples Patriotic Front to combine armed struggle with uprising. Then he promised that he would pass the message. I have also talked with two different groups, face to face, at different times, who were deeply involved and who came back from the front one of them with a video. I have watched the video. I have also contributed some amount of money before I had the contacts with these groups. I even suggested to go to the border and burn the settlement made by Sudan Government on the land of Ethiopia and show their strength. Now all those hopeful beginnings and activities have gone down the drain. In my opinion to insist on armed struggle without understanding the detailed process that it has to pass through to achieve the so called ultimate objective is simply a copout. Go for peaceful struggle that includes uprising. Uprising for negotiation. Uprising to remove the regime. We do not push for persistent peaceful struggle because there is no gut to do it. It is perhaps a more demanding task than the armed struggle. I am organizing

an article with one of the subtopics to be armed struggle. Which would include part of what I sketched in this message.

But finally, did you notice the cartoon where EPLF, EPRDF and OLF are beating Ethiopia with batons? Now, here is a bottom line argument that one should reflect upon. Patriotic Ginbot 7 Movement (AG7) is intimately working with EPLF who is beating Ethiopia in the cartoon. Take a note of what I sketched above regarding these two organizations. G7 (Birhanu Nega) was campaigning to include OLF in the merger, mind you a Liberation Front that declared that it is no more to be considered as Ethiopian. Observe the behavior of Birhanu Nega here too. The Oromo Liberation Front is beating Ethiopia in the cartoon. By extension then AG7 still have intimate connection with OLF. Now, the question is where do you put AG7, hence G7, in the cartoon. I will leave it to your judgment. Please be a critical observer. Don't accept everything on its face value. Sentimentalism have been and still is the enemy of political struggle by extension the enemy of Ethiopian people. Every single one who joined hands with the enemy of Ethiopia, whose ultimate objective is to retard if possible to destroy the stability hence the economic development of Ethiopia, it does not matter who is managing Ethiopia, accept it or not, must be considered the enemy of Ethiopia. The stability hence the economic development of Ethiopian people is non negotiable. Absolutely not.

What is really amazing is that what those morons by the name the Amara movement have been doing with Isyas who declared long time ago that his primary enemy is Amara. This movement is so stupid its left hand does not know what its right hand is doing. Right across the border from Eritrea where it is residing the Amaras are being harassed, killed and driven out from the area they were living in mass and it did not try to do anything about it. The so called Amara movement. Do you know why it cannot do anything about it? Because Isyas, their master, does not allow them to do it. They cannot think and decide independently. What are they doing in Eritrea anyway? They should be in a position where they move rapidly to avenge the Amaras who suffered mass killings wherever it took place by traveling day and night if necessary. What skills and tactics to apply and when to apply it is essentially part of their very existence as a movement and it is their responsibility to organize it. If they don't try this kinds of necessary missions to the extent of risking the life of those who undertook the mission then they shouldn't exist as Amara movement. Because that is one of the signs of their commitment to the nationality they are named after.

This article was completed before the creation of the coalition of the four movements who were in Eritrea under the service of Isyas Afewerki. Here, one can boldly assume that he forced them to form the coalition to get more advantage from it. The formation of the coalition did not convince me to

change the substance of the article. In fact the argument I presented in the article would apply to the coalition too.

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