



A Nation Ruled By a Rotten Legacy of a Deceased Man

If we see throughout the history of Ethiopia, one can clearly see that the relationship between the people and its leaders are based on Power and power alone. Never once in the history there was “a Government of the People by the People”. At a grass root level the countries Feudal Structure made the society to worship power and power mongers. The trend continued even now in the present times making Ethiopia one of the worst place in the world for human right. Reports suggest that the country’s economy is controlled by few 5%. In the current Ethiopia the military boys own the country and its resource. The second black population in Africa is being lead by Gun and an ethnically well structured military. After the death of Zenawi the country is still in his cage of failed legacies. The current government has no vision and program of its own rather a nation of 91 million people is being ruled by a dead vision of a deceased man.

Just like his predecessors Zenawi has committed his share of atrocities and murders. His government has failed to represent Ethiopia on international level in all aspects. His failed leadership started before coming to power .The guy has no moral and legal ground to represent Ethiopia and its interest when he gave away the countries ownership of ASSAB by his signature on a London agreement between EPRDF and SHABIYA. Herman Cohen the then arbitration committee head suggested ASSAB belongs to Ethiopia but the Zenawi led delegation emphasize that ASSAB was never ours. From the beginning Zenawi had no legal or moral ground to rule Ethiopia. As some say his administration failed before it began. For us Ethiopians to claim ASSAB , we don’t need a crash course of “ASSAB 101” as it is a fact of betrayal by an illegitimate body claiming to represent Ethiopia and by the international community . What hurts the most is that Leaders in the developed world have abandoned the fundamental values of the countries they represent and betrayed their electorates by supporting dictators.

The man passed away before his insanity could be cured. But he successfully did what not to do as a leader. His rotten legacy is nothing more than the following points.

1. Played a key role in separating the current "Eritrea " from Ethiopia making sure ASSAB goes to his mother land "Eritrea" .That made Zenawi a rising star of Eritrean wolf from the womb of TPLF .By making a 91 million people nation landlocked, all his deeds and dreams were just only to see a weaker Ethiopia .
2. With his war monger nature he had massive wars with Eritrea/Somalia spending billions and scarifying youth for a cause not bigger than his personal ego. Why a poor nation with so many problem of its own at home decided to go beyond borders to fight for a dysfunctional weak Somalia government remains a mystery. His action made Ethiopia a "Crusader" and enemy of Islamists. The spillover of his act is going to have significant impact on the lives of Ethiopian civilians living in Arab world. One can see this in the recent happening in Saudi Arabia. His war monger behavior was at the cost of bankrupting Ethiopia.
3. The cost of ignoring people's right has risen to an extent that every month a new liberation front will be formed. Through his dictatorship he manages to create different so called "Liberators "and permanent enemies.
4. His ethnic federalism divided Ethiopia along tribal lines deliberately to push the Major Ethnic groups (the Amharans and Oromos) out of position of power and influence . He managed to build a failed Ethnic Based federalism which resulted in ethnic cleansing and genocide of modern times.
5. After election 97 we saw massacres, all the oppositions arrested, no space for civil society and human right activists. The man in a suit Stole election 97 and crash his opponents.
6. Leased fertile lands to our historical enemies (Saudis) and to the Indians at a funny cheap rate by taking away the land from the natives.

7. Some articles explained the short, bold man in a suit as “the man who tried to legalize dictatorship.” Zenawi Introduce “Anti terrorism Proclamation “to terrorize his own people. The proclamation was given extreme interpretation, which targets anyone with this terrorist tag to silence political dissidence. Using this proclamation he harassed/ jailed his opponents and journalists while many flee to exile.
8. Made huge political interference in religious affairs. Now both the church and the mosque are administered by party members.
9. Stole Land from Amhara areas of Wello and Gonder to the mystical Tigray region. That being an internal issue, under “Land for peace” motto he gave away part of Ethiopians land to Sudan.
10. On his speech He said and I quote “The flag is just a piece of rag.” Disgracing our Flag he insulted our basic principles, values and our way of life as a nation. And Zenawis views on Ethiopian history were as follows as directly quoted form his interview, “Ethiopia is only 100 years old. Those who claim otherwise are indulging themselves in fairy tales.”
11. Manage to secure unbalanced Economic growth where 80% of the economy is controlled by some 5% percent individuals and mostly form one ethnic group. Of course as an ECONOMICS Graduate myself I know the Science of Unbalanced Growth theory but the Ethiopian case is far from this as it is an ethnically orchestrated bonanza.
12. It was easy to label the man Chinese as his way of thinking and belief is more of a far east than Ethiopian. The man followed the Chinese model of development first over democracy, forcing his vision of progress over any alternative at any cost. Journalists were locked up , civil movement of what so ever were prohibited, people were being killed , people were evicted from their land , political elites were jailed , ethnic cleansing prevailed, orchestrated genocide was committed and yet Ethiopia Grew by double digit per year .

This and many more which I will discuss on the coming editions are the rotten legacies of an irresponsible leader whose only legacy can be summarized as “Ethnically divided Ethiopia with a high probability of becoming stateless by all measurements”. Now Ethiopian youths should demand freedom and justice. Let us fight for our freedom, as it is only through freedom one can live as a human. People tend to react in worst and life threatening situations. We have witnessed riots and public disobediences in other African countries that are relatively better in economic and political conditions than Ethiopia. We don't see that happening in Ethiopia because the ruling regime is getting a technical advises on social philology and the art of dehumanizing people spirit. The west is standing on the side of murderers and dictators. Leaders of such nations have abandoned the fundamental values of the countries they represent and betrayed their electorates by supporting dictators. Showing our problem to the developed world is no solution as the man was closest ally of the Chinese, Tony Blair's chairman of his commission for Africa and The Americans true ally in the “war on terror”. It is our problem we must be determined and be able to solve it.

God Bless Ethiopia

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