

# Call me by my name: a sequel

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## By way of introduction

It is gratifying that the current Prime Minister of Ethiopia has one name but many titles, such as colonel, doctor and Christian with muslim background and I might add a guerrilla fighter. What a title!!!

Congratulations Mr. Prime Minister.

According to the Ethiopian Orthodox astrological calendar, Mr. Abiy belongs to the leadership category, Arbatu Ens'sat. I hope he can join with the others of his type.

The question is does Mr. Abiy know the root causes of the Ethiopian Revolution. If he does not, his rhetorical promises would remain rhetorical. For this reason, I would like to offer him some conceptual historical phenomena that galvanized the Ethiopian Revolution. The true Ethiopian Revolution has not yet been consummated. Everything we had were slogans of one type or another.

The current Prime Minister seems to repeat what Aman Andom and Endalkatchew Makonnen has done before. Mr. Abiy's call for peaceful resolution for Eritrea is not different than that of Aman Andom. The release of prisoners and press freedom is a repeat of what the then Prime Minister Endalkatchew Makonnen has done for ninety days. I hope Abiy's drama will last for one hundred days.

For my readers of "call me by my name" which was regularly written on every month of 13, this sequel will come out on 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month. I hope, this is a progress of a decade forward.

## The causes of the Ethiopian Revolution

Now let us move to the root causes of the Ethiopian Revolution and its accomplishments. There is no dispute that the Ethiopian ancient regime, represented by the Monarchy, the Clergy and Nobility have existed side by side for Millenia. And there was little doubt that ordinary Ethiopians needed change, whether we call it revolution or reform. The following organizations or liberation movements have taken the task to change the ancient regime.

- ELF/EPLF both from Eritrea
- TPLF/EPRDF
- OLF/Mieson
- EPRP

What were the issues of the day? There were three of them. These were: -

1. Land to the tiller aka Feudalism
2. Reactionary Bureaucracy and
3. Imperialism both East and West

Which organization or movement become champion of the above issues? The answer is depicted as follows: -

- The Oromo Liberation Front took the issues of land to the tiller as they were best suited for their territorial conditions. With the help of the Derg, they have accomplished their mission.
- The TPLF with the help of its prisoners of war has accomplished to dismantle what it calls the Shewa Amhara Bureaucracy.
- ELF/EPLF have taken Imperialism by the horn.
- EPRP single handedly is still striving to implement all three issues of FBI (Feudalism, Bureaucracy and Imperialism). It is a daunting task to accomplish.

Can we have undone what is done?

The physical geography of Ethiopia cannot be changed for it is demarcated by Natural phenomena. The political geography can be changed by the will of the people but not by politicians or organizations. The example between Eritrea and Ethiopia is a clear example of noncompliance by the people. In Ethiopia or Eritrea, flags and visas can be issued but the Environment does not allow the Bureaucratic adherents, be it of Karl Marx or Max Weber. Ethiopia is a unique country.

The possible way forward for all politicians and revolutionaries of Ethiopia would be to take heed of the two WW, i.e. Wellega and Wollo provinces. Wellega is in the west representing conservatism and Wollo is in the east representing liberalism. In my opinion, the Oromo and the Amhara issues are entrenched in these provinces. The North represented by Eritrea's understanding of Imperialism and the South depicted by Socialist Revolution seem outdated.

As to the TPLF, it has immersed itself as an enemy of all the Amharas. It has created its own destruction by targeting the Amhara as the ruling class and now the boomerang came to its own house as another ruling class. What a tragedy!!! As to the people of Tigrai and land, there is not going to be any change. The Tigrians and their land is a bridge to the entire nation of what we call Ethiopia.

*Concluding Remarks*

EPRP both of Ethiopia and Eritrea has done a wonderful beginning to bring change to all peace-loving nations. EPRP's initial slogan was "Democracia in Ethiopia" and "Peace in Eritrea." To put this into practice, the political party is still holding to the values mediation, arbitration and negotiation (MAN).

Now, it seems that EPRP has a tempo for breathing oxygen from all parties. Everybody seems to collude with Ethiopia, with all people, demand for change and ally to form political parties. All this was enshrined and entitled to the existence of EPRP. Mr. Abiy would benefit from the history of EPRP.

***Truth will prevail***

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