

Eritrea-Ethiopia: What kind of relationship?

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We are hearing a lot of speeches and talks in relation to Eritrea and Ethiopia but not listening to the pleas and plight of the real people in question.

Take for instance, the conference that took place in Addis Ababa where the powerless lieutenant Ghirma W.G. have attended. It was a biz show if not a game show by the toothless intellectuals and elites of Ethiopia and Eritrea.

Take also the other conference that took place here in Washington, DC where two veteran professors from Eritrea and three in similar academic position from Ethiopia presented their views of Ethio-Eritrea relationship. The question is what kind of relationship, is it governmental, constitutional, military, economic or political? It is not clear. The objective must be measured or quantified. We cannot go on like this for half a century beating about the bush, federation, confederation or regionalism.

The event planners and the conference presenters tell us that it is about people to people. This does not make sense too. This type of events did not serve the DERG era and it is not going to serve now. Both governments tried the so-called "people to people" slogan. What both government did was abusing culture to its core, by using language and dance. Using language as a culture is a misunderstanding of concepts and theories. This topic is for another day.

So, what is to be done? In Ethiopia, the so-called P.M. has opened the pandora box for people to talk. The people are telling him what they want but I doubt he is listening. He is given one hundred days to act or to go into oblivion.

As to the people of Eritrea, they are not given a chance to speak out. Unless and otherwise, similar gatherings as colonel Aby are carried out, nobody can convince me what the Eritrean peoples want or not want. In my belief, they want Nazanet & Harnet inseparably. Or alternatively, between Me and Society. This is the core value for most Eritreans.

Going back to the relationship between Eritreans and Ethiopians, the following two important issues must be resolved.

- Why were the two years of war taking place in the name of Badme?
- What was the real relationship between the Ethiopian and the Eritrean Revolutions?

Herein lies the real history. But the above questions should be answered honestly. Relationships between Ethiopian and Eritrean peoples will follow. Be it Confederation, Federation or Regionalism will follow the peoples' Relationship. Hope, Love and Peace rules the people not governments of the day.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FOR ETHIOPIANS and HAPPY FATHER'S DAY FOR ERITREANS WHILE WAITING!!!

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