

# EthioLion



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## *THE SO CALLED ALLIANCE FOR FREEDOM & DEMOCRACY THE CURRENT DISASTER OF ETHIOPIA*

*I believe it is helpful to overview the general situation of anything before one commits one's emotions, zeal & self. When it comes to the saving of one's country it is nothing less than the committing of one's soul, flesh & bones. This is more so when it comes to the armed forces that will be paying the ultimate sacrifices. It therefore; behoves us all to be very sure that we, particularly those in The Diaspora, who are the arm-chair soldiers, airmen, militia ( pardon me ' commanders - in - chiefs )before sending our children to kill one another and impoverish the country more; may even be opening the porous borders wider for any to come in at will.*

*In this particular case it is nothing less than THE SURVIVAL OF ETHIOPIA, FULL STOP. With this in mind let me try to share with you my understanding of the general situation. Under these circumstances it will be hypocritical to mince words; neither do I intend to fall prey to it. This is simply to alert my compatriots of the hovering dangers as I see and believe them to be. More than that, how we, most of us in The Diaspora, albeit inadvertently, are contributing to the demise of our own country.,*

### *A - INTERNATIONAL*

*Please cast your minds to the recent Balkan War (s) No doubt, you will recall how The West went to the aid of the Muslims / Moslems against Yugoslavia, the Orthodox Christian dominated leadership. For many, the reasons are futile attempts to appease the Moslem World and enhance Globalisation. IN VAIN!.*

*Others will argue that it was because of morality, human rights, principles in the UN Charter etc. etc. The former will counter this argument by simply pausing ' Where and when on earth have you seen the West acting on those principles?' Sufficing to refer, in passing, to current human sufferings in the cases of Palestine/Israel and Darfour, (not to mention our own country's stolen election, in The era of "DEMOCRACY & HUMAN RIGHTS SHOVED INTO OUR EARS BY THE LEADERS OF THE WEST.)*

*None of us will or can forget their pressure for the election to be conducted again in Belarus!! !In parallel, the subsequent deaths, imprisonments, maiming & suffering we are enduring after our elections are a living, gnawing memory. The lip-serving call for " investigations " when The Prime Misery had announced on TV that he had taken control of the Armed & Security Forces and that he had authorised them to take ' the severest' measures.'*

*No doubt, compatriots will not forget the extension of their double standards employed, as ever, regarding General Elections in Ethiopia ever since they had imposed TPLE & their Henchmen.*

*The Orthodox Churches are bastions of Nationalism and hence anathema to Globalisation. A one time member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches told me that the Council was briefed by an American delegate that the Mushrooming Pentecostal church was created and heavily funded by a US Intelligence agency in order to counter the spread of communism. It is now employed mainly to undermine the existing order of established churches to facilitate the removal of the blocking stones to Globalisation. I think it is important that I mention that the leadership of Yugoslavia or should I say former ...were fiercely nationalistic and proud that even in the days of the Soviets & the West they successfully resisted belonging to either Camp. Needless to emphasize that if we let the present trends continue the lot of ' **FORMER YUGOSLAVIA**' will be ours. Alarming? Yes. Impossible? **MOST DEFINITELY NOT!** Particularly the way we are going. **IT IS DOWN TO US TO SAVE OUR COUNTRY FROM BEING ' THE FORMER'***

*Before I leave the International scene, let me mention briefly the awakening of the sleeping giant, which Napoleon wisely foresaw & advised " Let China sleep, for, when she awakens the world will tremble." I believe most of us are aware how China is rather deeply involved in various projects in Ethiopia. Would, nay, could we, say that this is pleasing the US, the heretofore rock solid supporters of TPLF besides imposing them on us?*

## **B- NEIGHBOURHOOD**

*The only neighbour that seems to be at relative peace with Ethiopia is Kenya. That is largely because she shares certain common problems like having Somalis within her borders, curse of the colonials. Sudan is warm & cold... Isayas is doing his level best to stoke up the fire. That will not be problematic if, what seems to be inevitable as of this moment, the war with Somalia, as declared by the Islamic Court leadership materialises.*

*Let me share a new phenomenon, at least for me. I heard King Abdullah of Jordan, only in a recent interviews with a British TV, saying that he cannot read the political map of ' THE NEW MIDDLE EAST, with what is going on in Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan AND SOMALIA.' I will leave you to ponder it.*

## **C- MOTHER ETHIOPIA**

*I will not go down the beaten tack of repeating the enmity of the political squatters of Melles & his henchmen.. Neither will I repeat what Mengistu did. I'll further refrain from detailing what both have done & what Melles is still doing to the country in the last 14 years. I will not insult your intelligence by doing so as it is burning hot in each of our brains and hearts. Suffice it to lament that our borders, except, at the temporary one in the north and now in the east, are virtually open for any one to roam in & out at will.*

*Our compatriots at home are sick to the bone both physically and psychologically. One hears of dissatisfaction and resentment in the armed and the security forces; and the militia Now, defections to join LOF seem to be increasing, COURTESY OF KIL.*

*To go into the feelings of the ordinary peasant, professional organisations etc needs one to possess exceptional penman ship. While the country is in such a volatile state, we, in The Diaspora, have now man-made disasters. In the latter group I include the looming Somali danger and the so called ' Alliance for Freedom and Democracy.' It is imperative that each & every Ethiopian thinks very seriously before engaging our mouths or banging on our computers armed with hate and anger. We must carefully ponder on the immediate vis a vis the lasting interest of our country.*

1 - THE so called 'ALLIANCE FOR FREEDOM & DEMOCRACY'

"IT IS BAD TO BE OPPRESSED BY A MINORITY;

IT IS WORSE TO BE OPPRESSED BY A MAJORITY "!

Lord Acton

( whatever minority/ majority mean, A. S )

### KINIJIT INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP

( the so called)

When I heard of the formation of the so called " Alliance for Freedom & Democracy" and heard the membership, I literally felt sick. What coursed in my mind was :-

- a -the ammunition these, who many call traitors to country, party, Kinijit Leaders, friends, principle and cause gave Melles a difficult to refute evidence to stick his "Treason charges on."
- b- the suffering that these principled, courageous, selfless and genuine leaders of integrity will have to continue to endure,
- c the possible end of that enviable comradeship, esprit de corps, friendship and unity of purpose amongst the Kinijit Leaders (The Higher Council of 60 & the Executive Committee)
- d- the unsurpassable integrity (the likely hood of accusing one another for the appointment of some of these individuals ( if indeed they were appointed.) t
- e-the heartbreaking disappointment that the Ethiopian people will suffer because of these charlatans and greedy individuals who shamefully called themselves "International Kinijit Leaders" and broke the Manifesto Pledge that Kinijit made to the people and got the overwhelming support for.

*OF THE LEADERS IN QUALITY.* This, the appointment of the seven or so,' to continue the campaign' could not have been made by consultation, as Dr. Berhanu, in his book on page 27, regarding getting the views of his comrades on his book, says, "... ye amerrar abalat endiayutna ...endiarmut...ballenbet huneta( essr betm wust yemnserawun negger hulu beqrb yemiketatelu slalu lissakalign alchalem...) Therefore, as far as evidences go, it goes without saying that the mandate of the Executive Committee, let alone the Central Committee, (Higher Parliament.) was obtained is a fallacy without parallel. It is totally contrary to the methodology and practice of decision making of Kinijit. I'll leave to each & every Ethiopian that has followed the workings of the Leaders and the Party in Qality to give credence or not to these individuals who claim to be appointed .

Secondly, the leadership were against the appointment of any one in The Diaspora. I say this categorically for the following reasons. When Dr. Berhanu came for the first& last time in his capacity as a member of Kinijit Leadership to London, among the things I discussed with him tete-a tete was the prudence of "appointing" representatives lest what had befallen them does. I further suggested to him that this should be done, preferably, by video so that there will be no doubt about it in order to prevent charlatans from appointing themselves to such a position.\* Kinijit in their normal prudent fashion bought the idea but decided to send one of their seniour members to preside over the elections in various countries, as Eng. Hailu said "It is not right for them to appoint representatives in The Diaspora from Addis. It should be The Diaspora who should elect their own representatives/leaders." Why the president chose to announce this publicly I cannot understand, but I respect and admire their democratic decision to respect the democratic rights of their supporters in The Diaspora. The ever

*watchful enemy was not to lie down and allow his enemies to open a strong front in The Diaspora. Consequently, Kinijit's attempt to send Dr. Yacob for this purpose was thwarted. So was Dr. Behanu's.*

*Now, compatriots, make what you will about the so called appointments; but, let us 'say' we give them the benefit of the doubt and accept their appointment. By what extension of the imagination could we accept their, so called International Leadership mandate to so cruelly commit the leadership to an unquestionable life threatening hazard? the country to another worse ethnic rule? the people to a never ending fratricide? and the continuation of miseries...? I am sure at least some compatriots will remember the interview on VOA when the alert interviewer asked the interviewee, when they had announced their appointment, how they ( the leadership in Qalliti) could have consulted one another to make such an appointment? The shocking answer, at least for me particularly from the interviewee that I had come to admire both from his TV. Campaign (in AA )and his various radio interviews was "yemigenagnubet menged allachew." I don't have to elaborate, I am sure.*

*What is indisputable is the fact that they, the real leaders could not have mandated them to commit the crime in their name against their country and compatriots. Make them, the Leaders liars to the people. Again even if we wanted to give them the benefit of the doubt as to their appointment such a mandate could not be given by the Executive Council.*

*It simply is not in their power to do so. Neither is it in the hands of The Central Committee but in the hands of the PEOPLE. As the People have spoken by their vote no one could take that away legally. This Total absurdity, which is full of contempt not just to those in jail, who could not refute such blatant & crude political thievery, but more so to us all, that are supposed to be free, literate ( not to say educated ) and experienced. They got their way up to now. In the words of the late HIM*

***"THROUGHOUT HISTORY, IT HAS BEEN THE INACTION OF THOSE WHO COULD HAVE ACTED, THE INDIFFERENCE OF THOSE WHO SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER, THE SILENCE OF THE VOICE OF JUSTICE WHEN IT MATTERED MOST THAT HAS MADE IT POSSIBBSLE FOR EVIL TO TRIUMPH."***

***LET US ALL HEED THE ADVICE/ WARNING WHILE WE CAN, and let us commit this spurious legitimacy of theirs to the dust bin where it belongs***

*As many of you, I also tried to speak to two of the so called ' leaders' from this group that I know relatively well, and had contact numbers for, in vain. Just as many feared, Melles had a field day when briefing Parliament regarding the pressure facing him to release the ' prisoners.', after describing the so called 'alliance' Melles smugly said " will releasing the prisoners help our peace and security? That is the question"*

*(One can't help remembering, the famous soliloquy by Hamlet, in Shakespeare's play by the same name. One is also rather tempted to "...whether t's nobler in the mind to suffer the slings & and arrows of outrageous fortune or to take arms against a sea of troubles and by opposing end them ..? ")*

*Thanks to the UEDF whose member had participated we have more facts, such as :-*

- *it was Shaebia that pay rolled all the expenses*
- *that it was Shaebia Embassy car that drove some of the signatories from Germany to Utrecht*
- *that the Seniou Political Advisor to Isayas was always in the Hotel during the procedure etc*
- *that it was only one and half hours before the start of the meeting that two documents of such significance, prepared by ... and by and OLF were handed out to the other participants to read and give their views on. Incredibly enough the participants obeyed and signed coyly. This begs the question,*
- *did they know about it before?*
- *did they have a legal opinion?*

- were they under orders? ( please ask me not, ' whose orders'? )
  - Why did they not take the queue from UEDF and request time for consultation? etc.
  - Why did they not, even after they had signed without mandate, consult the so many supporters for ' ratification' and at least get the views of their supporters without whose money they could not buy a stamp or make a call?
  - Why did they not consult those who elected them to lead the various Kinijit Support Committees?
  - Why did they not get the approval of the Leaders in Kality in their dubious way? at least appear to have done so. This is an adulterated contempt of all in The Diaspora!
  - In the absolute scale of events, can any one see the difference between the signing away of Melles of the Victory at Badme and the signing away of the Victory of Kinijit by these...?
- (One friend chided me gently for my interminable "whys ," saying, "Commander, please don't keep on insulting our intelligence. We know you know we have exhausted all the" whys " without any remotely plausible answer. It is time to direct our questions to HOW MUCH?") Admittedly, it could not be for power, as we have seen with TPLF & OLF and others; as it would no doubt be crumbs of power under the OLF table.

Yet, the 'HOW MUCH?' aspect, however unpalatable, will only be enhanced by that. If one has no qualms about selling off so much of the ' invaluable', such as life, liberty, territorial integrity etc for so little, as financial remunerations, can one be expected to be worthy of our trust, support ...? This is where & when we, each and every Ethiopian, without a hidden agenda or masquerading only as an Ethiopian must evaluate the situation as if our own and our own children's lives were at stake here. If we decide to do anything, as some in The Diaspora do, that neither ourselves nor our own children will be directly affected, I can only say, May He forgive them! US!

The whole agreement of the so called Alliance for Freedom and Democracy evolved around the imposed constitution and Particularly Art. 39. Should not this have rang the ALARM BELL LOUD & CLEAR to the so called KIL? Much song and dance was made that this was the first time that such things were done without preconditions! ' Tourist bloo.1 We are not and cannot be tourists on matters that involve our country. Unless the meaning of ' precondition' has changed by them, we see at least two preconditions, namely adherence to Art. 39 and recognition of ' Eritrea!' Of course, the approach was neither genuine nor that sophisticated but just contemptuous to us all.

Hence, seeking further proof, if proof were needed, that everything was formulated and decided upon before that meeting in Utrecht is a waste of time. The Hitler-Chamberlain agreement, is commonly referred to politely as ' the APPEASEMENT.' The not too young will remember what the consequences of that Appeasement were. One is bound to ask, emphatically, who these KILers were Appeasing? The Foreign Powers Supporting OLF, TPLF, Sha'abia?The sensible answer, I submit, is all three for reasons touched upon earlier.

Just like under the so called "PEACE BROKERAGE between Prime Minister Tesfaye's (Mengistu's) regime and the secessionists; The participants were only there to sign and commit their parties without mandate, without question. So, what's new? if one should ask.

Didn't Melles

- give away one major province, in as much as it was our access to the sea, without mandate?
- accept the so called Border Commission to rule accepting null & void treaties as evidences, without mandate?
- above all impose a constitution that the people had no voice in without mandate?
- that is without laying stress upon his misrule without the people's mandate for so long.

Likewise, dear compatriots, this is another case of 'beneka ijachin !' This contempt beyond pardon is continuing to our shame. These signatories of the 'AFD ' could laugh themselves to Tallaqu Betemengist. **THIS, ONLY IF WE ACCEPT THE CONTEMPT AS WE DIED! IN THE PAST.** To day, it is not 1991; nor 1998 -2000. Today we have the advent of the internet and relatively cheap tel. calls. Today we have political parties. Today, we have various professional and civic organisations. Today we are better organised. Today, we have victorious dedicated selfless leaders in Jail. Let us commit ourselves. Let us not fail them! let us not fail our country! Let us not be ' yetarik atelwoch! ye jegnoch ingide lijoch!

## **PROPOSED COURSES OF ACTIONS**

### **1- OLF, SLF,ONLP etc**

**I am speaking to you man - to - man, as an Ethiopian and as a brother.** Your alliance is putting the lives of innocent men & women of the Kinijit leadership in dire straights. Their crime is no more than love of country & people regardless of ethnicity, gender or religion. Kick out the so called Kinijit International Leadership, that sold out their leaders and friends. Take a leaf of Isayas Afewerki's book. When Herman Cohen told the TPLF & EPLF to take Addis and Asmara and their respective supporters were congratulating them later in the evening, one former Ethiopian Air Force Major General is reported to have embraced Isayas and loudly proclaimed " I will build your Air Force!" I was told by those present that Isayas simply pushed this traitor off in disgust saying. " le Haile Selassie yaltamenh lene athonm." He knew very well how much favour he has been getting from the Emperor and that he even had special permit to enter the palace. So, dear OLF leadership, beware of traitors. **Secondly, should the Somali war start, I would like to be sure that you will not be fighting your own flesh & blood just for the sake of power. In the last war the EPLF& TPLF were siding with the Somalis while EDU stopped its belligerency. Failure to do that and siding with enemies will show you up not as Ethiopians but as power seeking opportunist secessionists; however much you masquerade as Ethiopians.** The Somali war will not be like the previous one. With the present climate of alignment it most likely will culminate to a bloody religious war. That will not be discriminatory on missionary converts or indigenous ones. The consequences are frightening even to ponder. Please heed our proverb " bere chidun inji gedelun allayem!"

### **2- THE PATRIOTIC FRONTS**

**I admire your courage and patriotism. Keep Ethiopia always at heart. Make sure that your rightful hate and resentment of the regime does not blind you to the fact that your upper and most important , nay, sacred duty is to protect the territorial integrity of your Ethiopia**

### **3-- The so called " International Kinijit " leadership.**

**By assuming that title, " KINIJIT INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP " you automatically COMMITTED THE RIGHTFUL LEADERS TO OBLIVION. You put yourselves above them unless you want to deny, which will not be difficult for you, that Ethiopia is in the International community.**

**b-You have virtually put ropes around the necks of the noble kinijit leaders by allying yourselves, in the name of Kinijit, with armed suscetionist groups**

**c- you have committed treason against the state by your alliance with the illegally parted former integral part of Ethiopia which is, not just technically still at war with Ethiopia but also has been amassing troops since their defeat.**

**d-You have aggravated your crime by allying yourselves with not only with one that is at war but also with another that has declared " Jihad " against our country.**

- e- *Have you stopped to think what a calamity would befall our country should this unfortunate and most dangerous event come to pass, i.e religious war? or*
- f- *AVE YOU SIMPLY STOPPED THINKING?*

*You can commit whatever crime your self interest makes you. But leave Ethiopia alone. Leave the Leaders in Quality alone. Stop your crimes riding on the crest of kinijit.*

*Your attempt at piggybacking into power should be done if you have any guts under your own steam.*

*If you insist in piggybacking to power under the OLF you will go into the annals of history as the worst racists out doing Melles &co. but also the hippocrits without parallel.*

*How could you INTENTIONALLY kill the Diaspora Campaign for the release of the leaders, party members, journalists & activists? Would it be to take them out of your and your " partners" way?*

*Why did you not call for the meeting you promised after the sell out in "one month"? Is it because of the overwhelming opposition that you feared that would have taken away any semblance of support that would have left you flat on your faces? or*

- *are you in league with Melles too that you totally paralysed The Diaspora?or*
- *is it because of a more insidious intrigue to await for the passing of HR5680 better known as THE ETHIOPIAN FREEDOM and DEMOCRACY..?. Pray, why was the title changed from ETHIOPIA CONSOLIDATION ACT.. to Ethiopian FREEDOM ....? Coincidence or design? It was common knowledge that Ethiopia was a FREE country. Why after building up so much Ethiopian-American support change of name? How come it tallies with the title of the unholy alliance " ALLIANCE FOR FREDOM & DEMOCRACY..?*

*Forgive me, I keep on asking why? I'm sure you're laughing at me for this*

*I only hope genuine compatriots will read me loud and clear.*

*WHEN WILL OUR POLITICIANS STOP PLAYING WITH THE INTEGRITY, FREEDOM & INTEREST OF ETHIOPIA? When will we the ordinary nationals say " Enough of your contempt and sell out. " Have we all forgotten " kinden salinterass?" The answer is simple. WHEN WE WAKE UP TO STOP THEM. AND WE CAN ! NOW ! NOW ! NOW !*

*IF THE MEMBERS OF THE SO CALLED KINIJIT INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP HAVE AN IOTA OF NATIONAL PRIDE AND A VESTIGE OF SELFRESPECT AND A TRACE OF LOYALTY THEY MUST DO THE HONOURABLE THING ( RESIGN) AFTER ANNOUNCING THEIR SCRAPPING OF THE SO CALLED ALLIANCE IMMEDIATELY!*

*THE DIASPORA*

*1 - I FEEL VERY, VERY STRONGLY THAT WE, ALL IN THE DIASPORA, CONDUCT A VIGOUROUS CAMPAIGN TO THANK THE US CONGRESS FOR THEIR CONCERN AND FOR THE WIDERANGING BILL FOR THE BENEFIT OF ETHIOPIANS IN MANY ASPECTS. YET, I HAVE GRAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE OMINOUS WORD "FREEDOM " USED IN THIS RESPECT. INITIALLY IT JUST DID NOT FEEL RIGHT. THANKS TO OUR FOREFATHERS THEY SAVED US FROM RECEIVING OUR FREEDOM FROM ANY ONE BY KEEPING US FREE; UNLIKE THE COLONISED ONES WHO GOT THEIR " FREEDOM " FROM THEIR COLONIAL*

*MASTERS. ON TOP OF THAT I FEEL, IN FACT I FEAR IT COULD BE USED BY THOSE ' LIBERATION FRONTS.' PARTICULARLY IN THE SO CALLED ' AFD' MAY BE SOONER THAN MANY CONCEIVE. PLEASE HEED OUR ADAGE ' yaltterettere temenettere.'*

*With much admiration and appreciation to Ato Mesfin Mekonnen who had worked with unreserved zeal for the realisation of this bill and others like wrt. Meron Ahadu, Dr. Takele just to name a few that worked in close collaboration with Ato Mesfin. I implore you all, good compatriots, to start campaigning for the cancellation of FREEDOM from the Bill. I could not emphasise more, without spilling the beans, which I can not, that an all out campaign to revert the name to the original one, " Ethiopia Consolidation Act" or " SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIZATION IN ETHIOPIA what ever AS LONG AS you drop out " FREEDOM "*

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*Kinijit support committees are urged to:-*

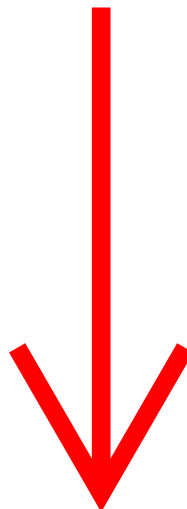
- a- announce that you have nothing to do with the so called ' international leadership' without delay. If the support committees in your area are deluded and or have already been compromised and do not wish to go along with you, kick them out and replace them by those that are faithful to the ideals and principles of Kinijit ,its leaders in QALITY & your country*
- b- make sure that any of the funds raised for Kinijit does not go to these imposters and traitors. For this you should call a general meeting of all Ethiopians in your area, after all it is their money and they should decide how their money is spent. When such a meeting is called and the assembled decide one way or the other democratically and let that decision be respected.*
- c- prepare yourselves to resuscitate the campaign against Melles for the release of the prisoners and against the arbitrary deportation of asylum seekers from the UK with vigour. Not forgetting, of course Meles's attempt to neutralise The Diaspora.*
- d -make sure that funds to radio stations under the control of the so called KIL are suspended until they stop eulogizing AFD*
  - g- any Kinijit Support Committee spends any money contributed by the public without the say so as in (b)will be named and shamed on top of being accountable.*

*THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROPOSAL IS DEPENDENT ON THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL ETHIOPIAN ( R) ETHIOPIAN RADIO STATIONS, WEBSITES Etc.*

*In part 11, I shall address the question of OLF Ethiopian ness*

*\* I BELONG TO NO PARTY*

CONTINUE





## PART 11

### A - The OLF

*When I first heard that the OLF had opted for ' the South Sudan type solution rather than the Eritrean one', in the small hours of one night, my first reaction was that of a sigh of relief.' Thank God ! No Secession.' I murmured to myself. Almost immediately, a flash of thought rushed to mind not to give in to elation before I found out more, at least until I read the official statement. What a caution! Reading it a few days later the talk of ' the Horn of Africa and the good neighbourliness with the illegally seceded historical, legal and integral part of Ethiopia, and the ' liberation of " the Oromo People, THE PEOPLES of Ethiopia" etc. etc. it was nauseating, to say the least.*

*Everything of the earthly powers' strategic plan, that has been in implementation since 1991 was there in a different guise. This, to me, was the latest drive to diminish Ethiopia, ( as dismembering her in the present political reality i.e. Al Qeda, Islamic Extremists the associated **TERRORISM** and the geopolitical considerations had to be postponed. )*

*Yet, having followed OLF's rather long meeting in Norway (of some six weeks, if memory serves right, ) under the keen, watchful eyes and guidance of a seniour diplomat of one of the two earthly Powers together with the not too friendly to Ethiopia host (Lutheran Norway ); about which I need not elaborate) the ' alarm bell ' served me right. It was the same mind that have masterminded the TPLF & EPLF occupation of our country, and the imposition of the ethnic so called, " Constitution" Compatriots will not forget the solemn promises repeatedly given that "**THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ETHIOPIA WILL NOT BE VIOLATED.**" I think it is important to indicate that the "seniour Ambassador" had even influenced the election of the present leadership of the OLF to facilitate the implementation of their plan. Therefore; the laugh should be on me for expecting anything different.*

*It did not take too long to dawn on me that the earthly powers were realizing that TPLF's days were numbered after the last General Election and that their strategy for Ethiopia had to continue. Hence, the strategic preparation of the replacement of one ethnic regime by another. Characteristically, I wanted to put an optimistic colour to the whole Episode and watched eagerly to see how the newly found Ethiopian ness in the OLF will exhibit itself. I listened to the OLF Amarigna broadcasts, the same diatribe continued. Kept on looking if their mission statement and the accompanying fiction about ' colonialism' and their fight for "the liberation of the Oromo People. I could hardly see*

*anything waning in any way. I waited on hopefully to see if anything on the ground, at least in The Diaspora, will be changing in the direction of Ethiopiannes. I was eager to see some moves such as the merging of their annual sports meetings in the US with the longer established Ethiopian Sports Federation in North America, or even hold competitive meetings between them.. Only in my mind remained such moves.*

*At every demonstration we held in London, which were many, my eyes were longing to see OLF supporters, in vain. I was eager to see our numbers beefed up, our voices stronger and campaigning for one cause under one flag, to rid ourselves of ethnic dictators and build our country to counter all our ills.*

*Alas, all this remained a dream until it changed to a night mare with the formation of the so called 'AFD'.*

*I could not help myself surmise and conclude that what I had suggested above **THAT THE BIG POWERS WERE READY TO SUBSTITUTE ONE ETHNIC REGIME BY ANOTHER!** was correct.*

*To cap it all, I found in OLF Website, that they have created two NEW COUNTRIES IN THEIR OWN IMAGE, namely OGADENIA & SIDAMA. Here again, I did not want give up on OLF. May be in the excitement of their new glory, the creation of the infamous AFD!, was somewhat too much and did not give them the chance to correct it. Sure enough, when I checked it again Sidama was out. Poor Sidama!*

*Let me, again as a brother, pause the following questions--*

- *Why could not the OLF leadership bring themselves to take some step in that direction of Ethiopianness?*
- *Why could not the OLF leadership embrace the National tricolour?  
Why could not the OLF leadership abandon the fictional notion of colonialism implanted in their brains by missionaries?*

*Why could not the OLF shed the shameful lie that the word "Galla" is an insult? to increase hatred among and between the Ethiopian people just to justify their ambition to create "Oromia!"?*

*Can they not see one of the powerful and rich countries on earth; that had shaken the world to its foundation twice, Deutschland, is only itself that calls itself by that name? It is German for the English and English speakers, and Almagne for the French and French speakers. It is not only that, they themselves, the proud and confident Germans, use these words about themselves depending on which language they are using at the time. Just as our forefathers Did and just as we ourselves did until recently. Did we not refer to ourselves as Gallas when speaking Amarigna and Oromos when Galligna? ! God knows what the Chinese and the Japanese call the Germans. I would be surprised if the Germans did not use whatever these countries did. " A ROSE IS A ROSE BY WHTEVER NAME !" I never heard the Amaras complain when their Galla brethern called them Sidama in Galligna. Has any one? The same is true for the land that gave the world many technical words, names and concepts such as democracy, philosophy, police and many other disciplines of life. I am talking about the Hellenic kingdom, now Republic, commonly known as Greece. The list can go on. You wont forget the English, how could you?*

*Why do they, the Successive OLF leadership, have to make everything shameful and derogatory when it comes to our common values? How could they not see that their/ our fore fathers the Gallas could not have tolerated such an insult if insult it indeed were? How could they not see that our other forefathers, the Amaras and the rest would not and could not have demeaned themselves by insulting one of them that was / is flesh, blood and bones of themselves? In other & simpler terms, our forefathers were more conscious of honour ,self respect and self confidence than, shamefully, most of their present off springs that are ruled by, shall we say, refraining from using the apt vocabulary that would have provided the accurate meaning, just to avoid misunderstanding and deprive cause of resentment to the*

*young that have been poisoned by OLF propaganda. Permit me, compatriots dear, to satisfy ourselves with milder terms by simply noting that most of the present and near past generations are given to emotions drilled in us by foreigners, particularly Protestant missionaries, against ourselves and our interests and the interests of the following generations. For what? I'll leave each and every Ethiopian, particularly my Galla relations, to consciously seek the answer for it. While on the subject of Galla / Oromo, let me clear my chest and express my disgust & despise of the vast number of the mixed Amara and Galla, Gurage and Galla, Wolita and Galla, Tigre and Galla etc descendants that have readily succumbed to insulting their forefathers on both sides just to be, cheaply, 'politically correct.' Shame on us all that have advertently or inadvertently fallen prey and became instruments to the possible creation of Oromia. Let us all take a principled stand, including those in the OLF leadership, who have declared to have embraced "The South Sudan " type solution not to give currency to the fallacy that the word 'Galla' is an insult by calling ourselves Gallas loud and proud!*

*Why could they, the OLF leadership, not take pride in the honourable history of Ethiopia of which their, our, Galla ancestors were owners of the same? Why deny the fact that the only black country that has successfully fended off colonialism, did not get her Christianity from THEIR missionaries, nor Islam through intermediaries is their Ethiopia? Why not take pride in that they have a civilised unitary, hierarchical state longer than most in the whole world? Why not sheer off the veneer of jealousy & anger of those that appear to help you, OLF leadership, that you have a country that was left to you by your forefathers that they that appear to help you want to destroy? They are making you their vile instruments. Can you not see that those that appear to help you are jealous of you to the core because of your impeccable history? They want this black independent, defiant country to be their partner in their inhumane crime; COLONIALISM. Sad they have to find our own brothers & sisters that are willing to sacrifice their proud heritage to be manipulated for the interest of their true enemies. Is it that difficult to see that there is no development without stability? That without stability our infants will die in their thousands before their first birthdays. Let me refrain from going into all the statistics; I would like to believe that even in your busy schedule you, the OLF Leadership, would not have neglected the causes afflicting our compatriots including the Gallas, consumed by hate. Your pursuant of the ethnic policies are exactly what the enemies of our country want for us. **DEPENDENT ON THEIR HAND OUT!***

*How could YOU, THE OLF LEADERSHIP, accept Latin alphabet instead of the only indigenous alphabet for and in Africa, which is not only unique but also simple and comprehensively invented to accommodate virtually all the possible sounds? Why close all avenues that bring the Ethiopians together, except under their domination? Why do they "cut off their noses to spite their faces"? Can they not see that names and words using the hard letters such as "qe, che, pe, tse etc" can not be used via Latin alphabets? That is, besides the cumbersome spelling problem and the waste of ink & paper, i.e. foreign currency that we can ill afford? All this for what? *Fin fine* is an Amharic word, used by the entourage of Emperor Menililk to describe the malaria infested field between what is now the stadium and the river that was full of springs that gushed out hot water spectacularly. 'Finn...finn yill nebber. Slezih *Fin-Fine*' tebale!*

*Likewise, when, you the OLF leadership, unashamedly say you were colonized, I ask you, do you get pride in it? I dare you to name just one colonial master whose monarch had his children wed with the colonised subjects to use a kinder term. Do the Italians denigrate Garibaldi, the Germans Bismarck etc.etc. for unifying them or the French, Louis xiv, who did away with the provincial powers and unified the country for ever? Simply put, all who are proud citizens of those countries, regardless of ethnicity never insult the far-sighted unifiers. Are these and other countries who were unified by farsighted leaders weaker, poorer etc.? Come on! Such attitudes reflect not the attributes of good leadership. Such attitudes and pursuing them under the tutelage of foreign powers are the makings of submission to colonialism in a different guise, only to benefit the few in power, i.e. the LEADERES but will make us all*

*stay at the bottom of the heap in every aspect. We have much to battle. Let us do so together to conquer poverty, disease, illiteracy...Together we shall do all that and much more in an amazingly short time. We have the expertise ourselves, we have the capital ourselves. Above all we have the determination and zeal to shed this imposed bottom of the heap syndrome. That is why your foreign advisors / supporters will stop at nothing to make us fight one another so that we shall remain getting their hand outs. Your fight should not be to liberate what you call your own people in that confined area but the whole people of Ethiopia that are also yours, the Sidamas, the Ogadenese etc. Are you not tired of being used by the enemies of you, your people and your country? The TPLF & EPLF used you to enter Ethiopia in collaboration with them. They used you to be the vehicles and peddlers of hate and denigration against the Amhara. They made you insult the greats of your ancestors like Ras Gobena. Do you know how much Atse Yohannes & Ras Alula, who are the heroes of us, Ethiopians, are hated in Midri Bahri? Don't you know that the Moslem population of that region were difficult to convince that there is religious freedom in Ethiopia and Moslems were free to worship and pursue whatever they fancied in Ethiopia? Do you know that it took their co-religionists from their own vicinities who were living in Ethiopia to go back and convince them that Atse Yohanes's policy of " The sky has no pillar nor muslim land" has no place in Ethiopia? You insult emye Menilik when they utter not a word against any of the above and more. Thank God for that! You poison the youth, the gullible against their own kins and their country to facilitate the exploitation of their common country and maintain the misery of themselves to live in worse conditions than animals in EU & the US.*

*It was such things like this, being used by TPLF & EPLF that made a compatriot tell the OLF leadership in 1991, in a Nazret restaurant, that they, the OLF were ridden like a ' megaszia without a bridle.' While some were trying to make excuses Abba Byia was looking on the ground fully cognizant of what the angry compatriot was saying. Abba Byia is a truly honourable man of what I had heard of him. Possible he might not remember it, just possible, but I am sure he will not deny it.*

*Yet, the New Leadership of the OLF, should, be congratulated by their supporters for their adroitness in pulling off such a coup; like the creation of " The Alliance for Freedom & Democracy." It no doubt is a coup in as much as they have put the popularly elected Kinijit for Unity & Democracy Party to oblivion in one stroke. It would seem, a formidable alliance not just against Melles & co. but the future democratic centralist government too is lined up. This is to say, according to the master plan, good bye to Ethiopia as we know her. But no doubt that it would seem so for the gullible that they are nearer to the accomplishment of their mission according to the many congratulatory messages to the OLF Leadership. Yet, they say "There is many a slip between the cup and the lip." Hence the congratulatory messages from their supporters hailing them for bringing them closer to the independence of 'Oromia!' One thing no should be complacent about is the massacres and destructions that will ensue.*

*After all, much song & dance about the inclusion of Art. 39 in their agreement are evidenced, going by the evidences observed. This, ties up Title, Mission and the expediting of the accomplishment of that mission riding on the crest of CUDP popularity, and on the back of the KIL' megaszias'.*

*Yet, what is new? Why should we wonder, in as long as we remember that this is a resuscitation of the ever live and hot ethnic policy devised and implemented against the political entity of Ethiopia? The TPLF is dead as of the last Elections, thanks to KIL, and it is not viable for the powers that imposed it and sustained it up to now to try to do so any longer. To do so in the face of the total, but total, opposition to it by the country would be next to madness, particularly, with Bin Ladin breathing heavily down their necks everywhere. So, the trick has been to make sure that TPLF is hated, not that much effort should have been wasted on that. The Master Plan of TPLF disintegration and the popular and the general populous and the armed forces together with the police and others are so dissatisfied that they will accept any one as in 1991. This time the CRIME of KIL will enhance your support which under normal situations would not have been available. The natural choice of the people Kinijit, is centralist and not given to bend and kneel for any enticement by any one. Therefore; anathema to the master plan of the earthly powers. The suitable one for such a crime, just like what happened at the end of Mengistu, was to create "THE ALLIANCE FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY" with OLF at the helm.*

*Reminiscent of TPLF, OLF etc. under the seeming umbrella of EPRDF. This time it is OLF that is at the driver's seat and KINIJIIT & others waiting for the crumbs of power that the OLF might scatter under the table. The OLF discarded it under the TPLF but now the unelected the unmandated so called "Kinikit International Leadership seem to be eager to fill that demeaning post. "What a convenience reverse of roles. Has any one noticed the name similarity between this so called Alliance and HR 5680 , The Ethiopian Freedom, Democracy... and the timing of the Bill? Coincidence?*

*This, compatriots is a time bomb.*

*Before I leave this section let me spell out my apprehension, no, my fear. While you, the OLF, continue under the present hate and revenge atmosphere, which has only somewhat subdued in the utterances of the present OLF leadership, without any backing any where else in your media or even supporters an inch away from the leadership. I fear not only for the neighbours of what is termed 'Oromia' but for all the people including it.. We cannot be oblivion of the many massacres in so many places. There is no one way killing. If one knows the other is going to kill him it is a natural reaction to kill before one is killed. Therefore your ethnic based regime, I fear will be worse than the present one, as the people have learnt their lessons.. TPLF stole provinces from its adjacent Smenina Begemdr and Wollo. Which adjacent neighbour will be safe from your territorial agrandisement policy? One need not apologise for such fears, as they say "Once bitten twice shy" Better to be weary and prevent eventualities than having one's country being devastated to be politically correct. The danger to all the neighbouring provinces to the arbitrary divide between the so called ' nationalities is stark clear'. The number of lives lost during the last 15 years on those grounds is more than enough.*

## 2- KINIJIIT INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP (the so called!)

*When I heard of the formation of the so called " Alliance for Freedom & Democracy" and heard the membership, I literally felt sick. What coursed in my mind were :-*

- a- *the ammunition these, who many call traitors to country, party, leaders, friends, principle and cause gave Melles a difficult to refute evidence to stick his " Treason charges on."*
- b- *the suffering that these principled, courageous, selfless and genuine leaders of integrity will have to continue to endure,*
- c- *the possible end of that enviable comradeship, esprit de corps, friendship and unity of purpose amongst the Kinijit Leaders (The Higher Council of 60 & the Executive Committee) of unsurpassable integrity (the likely hood of accusing one another for the appointment of some of these individuals*
- d- *the heartbreaking disappointment that the Ethiopian people will suffer because these charlatans and greedy individuals who shamefully called themselves "International Kinijit Leaders" broke the Manifesto Pledge that Kinijit made to the people and got the overwhelming support. Dr, Berhanu in his book page =====*
- e- *OF THE LEADERS IN QALITY. This, the appointment of the seven or so, to continue the campaign could not have been done by consultation, as Dr. Berhanu says in his book regarding getting the views of his comrades on his book says, "... ye amerrar abalat endiyayutna ...endiarmut...ballenbet huneta( essr betm wust yemnsrawun negger hulu beqrb yemiketatelu slalu lissakalign alchalem...) Therefore, as far evidences go it is without the mandate of the Executive Committee let alone the Central Committee (Higher Parliament.) contrary to the methodology and practice of decision making of Kinijit that these individuals say they were appointed. Secondly, the leadership were against the appointment of any one. I say this categorically for the following reasons.*

When Dr. Berhanu came for the first & last time in his capacity to London, among the things I discussed with him *tete-a tete* was the prudence of "appointing" representatives lest what had befallen them does. I further suggested to him that this should be done by video so that there will be no doubt about it in order to prevent so many to put themselves in such a position. Kinijit in their normal prudent fashion bought the idea but decided to send one of their senior members to preside over the elections in various countries, as Eng. Hailu said "It is not right for them to appoint representatives in The Diaspora from Addis. It should be the Diaspora who should elect their representatives." Why the president chose to announce it publicly I cannot understand, but I respect and admire their democratic decision to respect the democratic rights of their supporters in The Diaspora. The ever watchful enemy was not to lie down and allow his enemies to open a strong front. Consequently, Kinijit's attempt to send Dr. Yacob for this purpose was thwarted. So was Dr. Behanu's.

Now, compatriots, make what you will about the so called appointments. Let us give them the benefit of the doubt and accept their appointment. By what extension of the imagination could we accept their, the so called International leaders' mandate to so cruelly commit the leadership to an unquestionable life threatening hazard? I am sure at least some compatriots will remember the interview on VOA when the alert interviewer asked the interviewee, when they had announced their appointment, I think it was Ato Berhane Mewa, how they ( the leadership in Qaalliti) could have consulted one another to make such an appointment. The shocking answer, at least for me particularly from the interviewee that I had come to admire both from his TV. campaign ( in AA )and his various radio interviews was "yemigenagnubet manged allachew." I don't have to elaborate, I am sure.

What is indisputable is the fact that they, the real leaders could not have mandated them to commit the crime in their name. Again even if we wanted to give them the benefit of the doubt such a mandate could not be given by the Executive Council, which they in practice could not, not even by the 'Ila-elay Mikr bet " not only because they could not have the opportunity to debate the mandate but that even if A BIG... HUGE... IFF they did debate it was in the hands of the electors and the electors have spoken. Total absurdity which is full of contempt not to those that are in jail but more so to us all that are supposed to be free, literate and experienced. They got their way up to now. In the words of the late HIM

**"THROUGHOUT HISTORY, IT HAS BEEN THE INACTION OF THOSE WHO COULD HAVE ACTED, THE INDIFFERENCE OF THOSE WHO SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER, THE SILENCE OF THE VOICE OF JUSTICE WHEN IT MATTERED MOST THAT HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR EVIL TO TRIUMPH."**

**LET US ALL HEED THE ADVICE/ WARNING WHILE WE CAN.**

As many, I also tried to speak to two of the so called 'leaders' that I know relatively well, from this group, in vain.

Just as many feared, Melles had a field day when briefing Parliament regarding the pressure facing him to release the 'prisoners.', after describing 'the alliance' Melles smugly said "will releasing the prisoners help our peace and security? That is the question"

(One can't help remembering, the famous soliloquy by Hamlet, in Shakespeare's play by the same name. One is also rather tempted to "...whether 'it's nobler in the mind to suffer the slings & and arrows of outrageous fortune or to take arms against a sea of trouble and by opposing end them ..? ")

Many have written opposing this so called alliance and a few in support. The latter have invariably been described to me as friends of one of the infamous members of the 'leadership' one with so much back ground, that smartly but treacherously did away with Kinijit Leadership.

Thanks to the UEDF whose member had participated we have more facts;

■ such as that it was only one and half hours before the start of the meeting that two documents of such significance, prepared by ... and OLF were given to the others to read and give their views on. Incredibly enough the Participants obeyed and signed coyly. this begs the question, did they know about it before? Did they have a legal opinion? Were they just ordered? Etc. one friend chided me with my interminable questions and said to me, " You have now run out of your ' whys' try ' how much?" **IT AILS ME TO EVEN PONDER IN THOSE TERMS, BUT...**

The whole procedure evolved around the imposed constitution but Particularly Art. 39. Should not this have rang the **ALARM BELL LOUD?** Constitution. It is imperative to note that the participants, other than the Liberation fronts could argue that the election was conducted under the Constitution. But of course it was, only because the participating parties had no alternative. It is further important to remember that the so called Donor countries were virtually forcing Kinijit & UEDF parties to commit themselves to the constitution that was imposed on the country before & After the Elections.

Hence further proof, if proof were needed, that everything was formulated and decided upon before the meeting is a waste of time.

Just like the so called "PEACE BROKERAGE between Prime Minister Tesfaye's ( Mengistu's) regime and the suscesionists. The participants were only there to sign and commit their parties without mandate. So, what's new? if one should ask.

Didn't Melles

- give away one major province, in as much as it was our access to the sea, without mandate?
- accept the so called Border Commission to rule accepting null & void treaties as evidences?
- above all impose a constitution that the people had no voice in
- that is without laying stress upon his misrule without the people's mandate.

Likewise, dear compatriots, this is another case of ' beneka ijachin !' This contempt beyond pardon is continuing to our shame. To day it is not 1991; nor 1998 -2000. Today we have the advent of internet, relatively cheap tel. calls. Today we have political parties. Today, we have various professional organisations. Today we are better organised. Today, we have victorious dedicated selfless leaders in Jail. Let us commit ourselves. Let us not fail them! let us not fail or country! Let us not be ' yetarik atelwoch!

## **PROPOSED COURSES OF ACTIONS**

### **2- OLF, SLF, ONLP etc**

**I am speaking to you man - to man**, as a human being, as an Ethiopian and as a brother. Your alliance is putting the lives of innocent men & women of the Kinijit leadership in dire straights. Their crime is no more than love of country & people regardless of ethnicity, gender or religion. Kick out the so called Kinijit International Leadership that sold out their leaders and friends. Take a leaf of Isayas Afewerki's book. When Herman Cohen told the TPLF & EPLF to take Addis and Asmara and their respective

supporters were congratulating them later in the evening, one former Ethiopian Air Force Major General is reported to have embraced Issayas and loudly proclaimed " I will build your Air Force!" I was told by those present that Issayas simply pushed him off in disgust saying. " le Haile Selassie yaltamenh lene athonm." He knew very well how much favour he has been getting from the Emperor and that he even had special permit to enter the palace. So, dear OLF leadership, beware of traitors. Secondly, should the Somali war start, I would like to be sure that you will not be fighting your own flesh & blood just for the sake of power. In the last war the EPLF & TPLF were siding with the Somalis while EDU stopped its belligerency. Failure to do that and siding with enemies will show you up not as Ethiopians but as power seeking opportunist secessionists. The Somali war will not be like the previous one. With the present climate of alignment it most likely will culminate in religious war. That will not be discriminatory on missionary converts or indigenous ones. the consequences are frightening even to ponder. Please heed our proverb " bere chidun inji gedelun allayem!"

Lastly, your getting support from Sha'abia might be tactically favourable to your mission; but recognising them and depriving Ethiopia the legal, human, historical right of access to the sea, I fear, will not your already shaky Ethiopian Card. Thinking ahead of possibly being in power without access to the sea should be a frightening possibility.

## **2- THE PATRIOTIC FRONTS**

***I admire your courage and patriotism. Keep Ethiopia always at heart. Make sure that your rightful hate and resentment of the regime Does not blind you to the fact that your upper and most important, nay, Sacred duty is to protect the territorial integrity and natural interest of your Ethiopia.***

- 3- ***The so called "INTERNATIONAL KINIJIT LEADERSHIP". By assuming that title, " KINIJIT INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP" you automatically COMMITTED THE RIGHTFUL LEADERS NOT JUST TO OBLIVION BUT TO DEATH. You put yourselves above them unless you want to deny, which will not be difficult for you, that Ethiopia is in the International community.***
- 4- ***You have virtually put ropes around the necks of the noble kinijit leaders by allying yourselves in the name of Kinijit, with armed suscectionists groups***
- 5- ***You have committed treason against the state by your alliance with the illegally parted former integral part of Ethiopia which is technically still at war with Ethiopia. You can commit whatever rime you wish but your crime should not include the innocent like the leaders and Kinijit. The blood of more than 70 thousand will cry out for yours***
- 5- ***You have allied yourselves, Kinijit, and the authentic Leadership of CUDP, who are languishing in jail, with those that are actively supporting in every conceivable way fanatic religious groups that have declared Jihad against our country. without the support of any one, except those you hood-winked and those that are so resentful of Melles & co. who have not realised the pitfalls.***
- 6- ***Have you stopped to think what a calamity would befall our country should this unfortunate and most dangerous event come to pass?***
- 7- ***Can you not think that your piggybacking into power could bring another ethnic based regime?***

- 8- *Can you not see how the country is sick, tired and groaning of the one ethnic group already imposed on us? or have you started building immunity around yourselves with the anticipation of crumbs of power and...*
- 9- *How could you INTENTIONALLY kill the Diaspora campaign for the release of the illegally jailed leaders, party members, journalists & activists?( in the face of repeated advices by the hon. Anna Gomes not to waver on The Diaspora Campaign.)*
- 10- *Why did you not call for the meeting you promised that would have included, as you and your allies said many others after "one month?"*
- 11- *Is it because of the overwhelming opposition that you feared that would have taken away any semblance of support that would have left you flat on your faces? or*
- 12- *Is it because of a more insidious intrigue to await for the passing of HR 5680 better known as " THE ETHIOPIAN FREEDOM and DEMOCRACY..." Pray, why was the title changed from ETHIOPIA CONSOLIDATION ACT...? It was common knowledge that Ethiopia was a FREE country. Why after building up support change of name? Why the title of the unholy alliance is also "Alliance for FREEDOM & Democracy..?"*
- WHEN WILL OUR POLITICIANS STOP PLAYING WITH THE INTEGRITY, FREEDOM & INTEREST OF ETHIOPIA? I SMELL A ROTTEN RAT.*

*IF THE MEMBERS OF THE SO CALLED KINIJIT INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP HAVE AN IOTA OF NATIONAL PRIDE AND A VESTIGE OF SELFRESPECT AND A TRACE OF LOYALTY, THEY MUST DO THE HONOURABLE THING ( RESIGN) AFTER ANNOUNCING YOUR EXIT FROM THE SO CALLED " ...ALLIANCE."*

#### *THE DIASPORA*

*I FEEL VERY, VERY STRONGLY THAT WE, ALL IN THE DIASPORA, CONDUCT A VIGOUROUS CAMPAIGN TO THANK THE US CONGRESS FOR THEIR CONCERN AND FOR THE WIDERANGING BILL FOR THE BENEFIT OF ETHIOPIANS IN MANY ASPECTS. YET, I HAVE GRAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT "FREEDOM" USED IN THIS RESPECT. THANKS TO OUR FOREFATHERS THEY SAVED US FROM RECEIVING OUR FREEDOM FROM ANY ONE BY KEEPING US FREE; UNLIKE THE COLONISED ONES WHO GOT THEIR 'FREEDOM' FROM THEIR COLONIAL MASTERS; ON TOP OF THAT I FEEL IT COULD BE USED BY THOSE ' LIBERATION FRONTS.' MAY BE SOONER THAN ANY ONE CAN PERCEIEVES AT PRESENT. INFAC, THIS MAY MANIFEST ITSELF JUST AFTER THE PASSING OF THE BILL. P L E A S E H E E D O U R A D A G E,*

*' yaltterettere temenettere.'*

*I register my admiration and appreciation to Ato Mesfin Mekonnen who had worked with unreserved zeal for the realisation of this bill and others like Wt. Meron Ahadu , Dr. Takele to just name a few, that worked in close collaboration with Ato Mesfin. I could not emphasise more, without spilling the beans, which I can not, that an all out campaign to revert the name to the original one, " Ethiopia Consolidation Act" or whatever, as I suggested above, must be started without delay. Les,t all your efforts might go to and in the service of the suscetionists.*

*BUT, while this will be going on,*

- 1- *Kinijit support committees everywhere are urged to:-*
- a- *announce that they have nothing to do with the so called ' international leadership.' If the support committees in your area are already compromised and do not wish to go along with you, kick them*

*out and replace them by those that are faithful to the ideals and principles of Kinijit, its leaders in QUALITY & your country*

b- *make sure that any of the funds raised for Kinijit does not go to these Impostors*

c- *prepare yourselves to resuscitate the campaign with vigour for the release of the patriotic compatriots from the illegal imprisonments.*

d- *make sure that funds to radio stations under the control of the so called Int. Leadership are suspended immediately until they stop eulogizing AFD,*

e- *any funds released after the publication of this document will be considered thievery by the stooges in the service of the unelected, and whose appointment is also dubious, KIL and must be answerable to the public that have contributed.*

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