

Hate Politics: the Legacy of EPLF/PFDJ

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Any dictatorial regime, reasonably, is possible to depict as insane for its limitless repression up on its own citizens. Like any and similar despotic regimes, the Eritrean government is approaching its final stage of doom by the 25 years records of gross human right violations, harassments and killings. The question of human right violation in Eritrea is becoming glaring and counts the regime at post responsible. The desperate and arbitrary actions of the regime up on its citizens is becoming a day to day cry for justice seeker Eritreans. Unless given the necessary attention and swift action, the regime is annihilating Eritrea and Eritreans and the international community has a solid responsibility to the country and its subjects as well.

The PFDJ led government of Eritrea has a zero tolerance for democracy and democratic institution. Politics of exclusion is the index of the EPLF/PFDJ led regime. The jungle law of the past 30 years is still on table being implemented day in day out. It's that jungle law and guerrilla mentality that's based on hate politics has derailed and isolated the Eritrean regime. The effect of the isolation did not only affect the regime but the entire innocent Eritrean population. Social inequality and injustice has reigned Eritrea of PFDJ regime for the past 25 or more years.

For the sake of information, that jungle law and mentality has produced more than 360 prison cells where tens of thousands political prisoners are dumped for no apparent reason and crime other than its hatred politically. The hard core of the EPLF/PFDJ political agitation is hate politics. In the liberation struggle period, the EPLF leadership and cadres were seen and heard anchored to the politics of hatred against Amhara society and labelled them as "aadug." It has forced the entire freedom and liberation loving Eritreans to imitate its hate doctrine. Unless dance and sing to the tune of that fabricated pathological hate politics, and a decent Eritrean who is not ready to swallow that agitation, has been portrayed as treacherous and treason. Without conscious approach and awareness, we have been mimicking them. Hence, they were rehearsing that hate politics against Amhara society at large not Amhara ruling class, has been a parameter for a true Eritrean nationalism. That hate-politics doctrine of EPLF was the central political essence to mobilize and rally the Eritrean youths to take part in the liberation struggle. And we have seen the result of that stupid political essence as how difficult it was to us Eritreans to reconcile mentally and psychologically to conform to Ethiopians in general the Amhara society in particular.

Not only that. After the realization of Eritrean liberty and sovereignty too, the EPLF/PFDJ regime was and is still in line in using the rhetoric of hate politics against Tigray and Ethiopian people and its vanguard front, the Tigray People Liberation Front (TPLF/EPRDF). And we all have seen the video-taped hate politics waged against the people of Tigray or Ethiopia and their organization TPLF/EPRDF which has led to the border war. Today, hating Ethiopians and working against Ethiopians is becoming a standard parameter for true Eritrean nationalism. Loving Ethiopians and working with them for local and regional mutual interest is considered as treason. What a pity!! Let's also take another third look. It has waged psychological warfare and hate politics against the United State of America and we all Eritreans have seen and suffered by the consequences and repercussions. Therefore, the very essence of the jungle law based on hate politics echoed locally, regionally, and internationally has bearings in this tiny newly forged country, Eritrea.

It's the spirit of hate politics as its core which has put hundreds of thousands of innocent individuals, political prisoners in those uncountable cells. There is no wonder, therefore, to see the mass arrests, arbitrary detentions and holding them incommunicado. The EPLF regime from the very beginning has laid a solid ground of hatred towards the Eritrean Kunama. It has targeted the Kunama as useless and non-state members, sold to their abdomen or survival as to General Sebat Efrem who is the offspring or founder of BET TIMHIRTI SAWRA. But the reality is not like that. Yes and for sure, we had no opportunity to study and educate ourselves as other nationalities or ethnic groups do. Yes and for sure we did not have political experience. Yes and indeed, we did not have a vanguard political organization as of today. Having all shortcomings, we are still aware of who we are and who is targeting us to eliminate. Let alone of knowing who targeted us, we are aware of the systems the regime or the enemy is using to cleanse us. Today, as Eritreans in general and as Kunama in particular, we are the victims of the BET TIMHIRTI SAWRA sprouted politics of hate. To us Kunama, we are feeling and insecure and uncertain to survive in Eritrea. As Kunama, we are forced to abandon our ancestral land. As Kunama we are being hunted and gunned down on a daily basis. As Kunama, we are exposed for arbitrary detention, mass arrest, systematic displacement, forced disappearance, forced assimilation, and forced labour, human trafficking and terrorism. The essence of all above mentioned arrogant bearded actions are leading towards SYSTEMATIC ETHNIC CLEANSING. Today, thousands of Kunama are lingering in prison cells for no apparent crime other than being KUNAMA. Today, there are thousands of Kunama tortured, harassed and killed. There are more than 15 Eritrean Kunama rural villages that were systematically removed, evacuated and cleared of Kunama inhabitation to secure the insatiable greed of the regime and its stooges. Recently, more than hundred Kunama were detained for no

reason other than BEING KUNAMA. Every aged Kunama is armed or if disarmed his weapon is given to his son or daughter irrespective of their age. For the Eritrean regime, the question of legible or not is NONE SENSE. More than fifty children, aged fifteen up to and including eighteen (15-18) are forced to join the regular army and intelligence forces. The harassment, arbitrary detention and systematic arrest are still on line. The pretext of arresting innocent individuals, the lame excuse of evacuating and emptying Kunama villages, and kneeling down the Eritrean Kunama through poverty are rampant and at will of the regime. Faulina is a village situated at the delta of Sona or Gash River with not less than thousand Kunama inhabitants before ten years. Today, Faulina is history for Kunama. Its inhabitants were arrested in mass and made to move to Adiquala prison place in zoba Debub in 2007 and 2008. None of the inhabitants had come back and to day two families by number were there but told not to put their legs on the soil of the river. They were told to drink a pond water and we can see how much the regime has developed its hatred toward the Kunama. The same happened and applied to villages: Boshoka, Shambakko, Binbilna and its surroundings. After evacuating and emptying the four sub towns, another four rural villages are on que targeted to apply the same formula of emptying and evacuation. Aykota, the village with a traditional gold sifting site, Mariti, Karkasha, Taykanabo are the targeted villages. The inhabitants of the four villages were either, armed, detained, or harassed to leave the country. Today, the inhabitants of these four villages are slimmed to hell. These were among the most populous villages but now they are made to numbered households. And there is no doubt as their fate could be similar to the previous villages which's inhabitants were detained, killed, displaced and made to disappear.

This life time hate politics which is the leadership principle of EPLF/PFDJ, today is becoming irrefutable test of time. That "justified" life time hate politics and its influence are heading to ethnic cleansing edge. Hate politics, the life time leadership principle of the EPLF/PFDJ is testing itself as the core and sole source for crime against humanity. The hate politics which is the legacy and bed rock of EPLF/PFDJ is making Eritrea an incomplete country. Bringing two or more Kunama to Expo will not disqualify EPLF/PFDJ from crime against Kunama. Showing Cultural dancing of Kunama in TV screen does not (Eri TV) will not spare EPLF/PFDJ from paying the price for its crimes against humanity? Therefore and as a Kunama, we have no alternative other than fighting to expose the rogue regime to its throat. As a Kunama, by now, am aware and informed that, there are democrats and moderate Eritreans who spare their sympathy and rallied around the just cause: the struggle for survival. Am grateful for their invaluable contribution and constructive suggestion along the course of the struggle. Together, we will defeat the tyrant!!

