

SLF'S EMPTY HOUSE CONTINUES TO REMAIN EMPTY!

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SLF ascertained its emptiness on its press release dated 24th August 2006. SLF by itself accepted and revealed the truth that SNLO brought in to light the SLF's sluggishness and its traditionalist way of doing business, through critical evaluation and consultancy for the past 4 months on both practical demonstration (on 4th year commemoration of Loqqe massacre may 24/2006) and through continuous tutorial based meetings for unity initiated by SNLO. It is ridiculous and surprising as why SLF's men aggressively declared the emptiness of their house by the stated press release categorically undermining themselves and their organization even worse than SNLO's critical evaluation of SLF's being one man's pocket machine.

The SNLO have had no intention and would never have any secret agenda when it invited SLF for talk on unity. No sane will look on an empty vessel to take over. The SNLO prioritized at strengthening the Sidama nation's freedom struggle by creating greater unity between both parties. It would have also been highly advantageous to empty house of SLF, if the deal was successful, in bringing back it in to life injecting fresh blood of competency, skill and professionalism, commitment and dedication, national and international experiences regarding how business (political and/or economical) be planned, executed and monitored in the 21st century of globalization.

The SNLO believes that SLF's men have grasped some ideas on modern thinking and strategic planning through the SNLO's lectures, consulting practice and demonstration for the past 4 months, unless their selfishness, aimlessness and life long ignorance continues to hold them where they have so far been. It is also the outcome of these lectures and practical moves of SNLO that forced these irresponsible individuals, even for couples of minutes, to come in to their conscious regarding what they have been doing for the past 7 years and finally admit that their house is empty.

Not only these, opening web site this month and even posting the garbage in-garbage-out, what ignorant claim to be press release, is also one of so many advises and ideas lectured and recommended to SLF individuals that helped them keep in touch with the current world and update their obsolete business transaction. Great job! Well done-SLF! SNLO once again promises SLF individuals more training on more valuable thinking and outlooks but only and only on fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. Work on and complete all the homework assigned to you in the past 4 months of tutorial class
2. Take off your golf body in sheep skin.
3. Avoid serving your selfish interest and cultivate genuine dedication to your people.
4. Avoid liar mentality.

5. Stop tribal politics and dividing Sidama in to clans and sub clans
6. Drop out your hidden agenda given and inculcated to you by the Woyanes
7. Confess for your atrocities and corruption committed when serving the ideology of the woyane regime and even at present in the name of fighting for freedom.
8. **Most importantly, quit trading in blood and flesh of heroic Sidamas to secure ransom for your selfish and purse your hidden mission.**

The Secrete behind SLF's Emptiness

Surprisingly, SLF vowed to remain empty house even in the future. While SNLO, in its press release dated August 15, 2006, leaves its door open for unity with any likeminded freedom fronts and democratic organizations and invites any concerned Sidamas and writes letter to OLF and Eritrea government to take the lead for negotiation between the parties, whereas SLF closes the door of its empty house tight for any unity and urge their friends to distance any Sidama that might come into empty room in its August, 24 Press release. This reveals nothing else, but the true mentality of the so-called leaders. It is a tangible fact that SLF has been distancing hundreds of committed Sidamas including the freedom veterans who have been leading destitute life in neighboring countries for 28 years.

The phrase "friends keep distance" implicitly has more implication than its face value. The so-called SLF chairman in past years used different strategies to keep distance Sidamas including threatening to life and intimidating through hired gangsters. Tens of Sidamas were forced back home to Woyanne tyranny to save their lives and some of imminent Sidamas fled away to neighboring countries while others hide out themselves from his gangsters. SLF's chairman, through his "keep distance" and lies, lost number of prominent intellectuals and capable members, the founder and general secretary of SLF among others, who was one of the competent Sidamas and who is a great resource person not to SLF only but to the Sidama nation as whole.

The ultimate goal of these warlords like leaders' message of "friends keep distance" is intimidation. Their target individuals and groups are well known to Sidamas and to our partners. We advise them to depart from their barbaric and ignorant tactics and build courage for civilized ways of conflict resolution. Earning in the name of Sidamas, wasting to harass the same Sidamas. What a misery! We known each other and all of us also known to Sidamas. It is now time for concerned Sidamas to think again and again. SLF proved to us that it is now its turn to be kept at distance. It is now clear that you must be kept away from meddling in Sidama issues and playing devastating role of weakening the Sidamas struggle by blackmailing its genuine organization and leaders that fight selflessly to ensure Sidama's national quest for democracy.

Lies are the legacy of SLF leadership

Lies are the foundation for its inception and the same element leading it to its failure. They lie because they are incompetent, sinisterly selfish and aimless. SLF individuals lie because of their failure. They failed because they have no principle and popular support. Sidama neglect its support to these individuals because of their background and aimlessness.

These individuals were the carriers of the Woyane ideology and those who served as cadres of the Woyane regime and served the regime to the highest order with their fullest capacity for more than a decade. These guys left the country not for the cause of the people. They fled the country after they were caught red handed and confessed for stealing tens of thousands Ethiopian Birr of public fund and being charged in the court for his misappropriation of public money. One of these guys was also desperately out casted by Sidamas, because besides his corruption; he planted the curse of clan politics in Sidama, which he still now exercises with his master.

Sidama people are well aware of these individuals that they do not stand for cause of Sidama. They uncovered themselves and their hidden agenda of standing against the Sidama interest in their statement aired through radio broadcast of May 23-May30/2006. In these statements, these individuals shamelessly announced that the Sidamas quest and its July 14/2005 resolution for regional government, for which hundreds of heroes massacred including May 24/2002, and for which thousands of innocent Sidamas have died and still are dying, was not SLF's concern. So, to whose concern do you stand for? In these series of interviews, the SLF leadership made their hidden agenda of serving the Woyane against the Sidama clear, by defending and justifying the brutal massacre of Sidamas by Woyane on May 24/2002; saying that Woyane defended itself from armed Sidama demonstrators. So, what a hell these individuals are talking about and how do they expect that Sidama people would support such double-faced agents?

To say few on one of malicious liars of SLF regarding parties that SNLO sought to sustain its partnership for genuine objective of the freedom.

Firstly, if SLF was and is sure of its press for reply of SNLO's press release, nothing has been mentioned about Eritrea, AFD, OLF, Kinjit, South Front in SNLO's press release of August 15/2006. It is absolutely SLF's fiction and fabrication of lies of highest order that characterizes these individuals throughout their life. Lies are the last playing card that remains in the hands of its leadership.

Secondly, SNLO maintains strong relationship with Eritrea government in using its radio for the cause of Sidama and extends heart felt gratitude and still sustains its contact with the concerned high officials. This is well known fact to Eritrea government.

Thirdly, SNLO's tie with OLF has counted years. SNLO's leadership vision in working with OLF is not time bounded only up to down fall of Woyane, rather SNLO leadership has farsighted strategic thinking as deep rooted as historic and cultural bondage, psychological oneness, administrative and geographical linkage of the Oromo and the Sidama Nation and People. SNLO, from time to time, condemns the atrocity by Tigray

minority on Oromo majority since its inception through its web site, for example, on the eviction of Oromo from its home land-Finifine. SNLO still sustains its concern on Oromo issues and working and discussing with OLF's freedom veterans.

Fourthly, The SNLO, in its press, both in English (last page) and in Amharic expressed its unprecedented support for AFD that was established in the Netherlands. Besides, the SNLO, in the same press release, calls up on the Sidamas to stand up and support to strengthening AFD (see Amharic version).

Fifthly, Our support for AFD, indicates simply our support to each of its founding members, including Kinjit and other parties like Eritrea government, for the role they played in establishing and strengthening AFD.

Sixthly, The SNLO in its press release, besides its invitation to all parties to take initiative in pressurizing the SLF individuals to accept the SNLO's offer for unity, SNLO requested in written letter to the head and high officials of OLF and Eritrea government to put more pressure on SLF for the same purpose. What do all these mean? It reveals the great confidence of the SNLO in OLF, Eritrea and other partners.

Seventhly, "We didn't want to expose to the outside world" (SLF press release, 24th August 2006). "We urge the Sidama people and friends to distance themselves" (SLF press release, 24th August 2006). A lot of questions and answers can be derived from these statements:-

1. Who is/are outside world? SNLO made clear the failure of the unity for the Sidama people, OLF, Eritrea and others, as we believe these bodies are clearly aware of the deal from the very beginning and it is these bodies who are primarily concerned and have to be informed. So, who or which body is said to be outsider? Is it Sidama, or OLF, or Eritrea? Who is it?

2. If these are considered to be outsiders, who is or are "friends" that SLF urges to distance themselves? Who are these "secrete" friends? Who are these individuals and/or organizations that maintain underground deal with SLF? And for what purpose?

3. Why did SLF individuals want to hide the matter from Sidama public and from front side partners? It simply is that these SLF individuals want to remain in "bush" with their deceits and lies heaped for almost a decade. They also want to hide the failure of the deal, because it was they who worked for the failure. They decided to avoid public justice because they have no courage and capability to justify their position in public and above all they would not leave any stone unturned to block their lies and deceits uncovered in public. Liars and villains never and ever are frontiers; they always are backbiters and backbenchers.

Eighthly, "SNLO fights SLF...to discredit SLF" (SLF press release, 24th August 2006). Did SNLO fight SLF during those deals? Was the fight with SNLO or within SLF itself? Was the fight not between the so called chairman of SLF and with those individuals,

especially with an individual who has been serving the Woyane, who sheltered SLF for economic benefit? Was it not the SNLO leadership that saved the position of SLF's chairmanship from the civil coup plotted by the Woyane cadre when the chairman was attending the second round meeting of AFD? Was it not the SLF chairman who did declare the firing of the coup plotter in public during our meeting for unity before 1-2 months? Did the SLF chairman not confess in public on both parties meeting for unity, for sheltering the Woyane double agent in the SLF? The bone of contention between the SLF chairman and the economic dependants was well known to SNLO leadership and to other Sidamas nearby. Their fight was on whom to have lion's share from the ransom money they do secure in the name of bloodshed by innocent Sidamas. Robbers get united when they steal, and they fight when they share!!

Ninthly, The SNLO has no knowledge on the formal existence of what SLF liars called SEPJEF. The SNLO, positioning itself, it is ready to go with any of national and international organization, native and cross-border community. So far the SNLO approves that the deal has not endangered the interest of the Sidama. We accept working and partnership on equal footing. We neither accept nor initiate either dissolution or absorption policy of any kind. We foster standing with different entity joining for common objective of peace, justice and freedom. We are not illusionists and opportunists. We do not change our skins from time to time. We did not serve the ideology of the Woyane's. We sell our pure professional skill. The SNLO leadership is capable, confident and competent to negotiate, to defend and to voice the cause of Sidama with any organizations, at any circumstances and in the face of any authorities, in loud and bold terms. We have done this so many times and it is known fact to all 5.5 million Sidamas, including the SLF sadists. We know that it has created a windfall opportunity to SLF individuals to fill their bags and maintain the broken relationship with partners. They are ignorant and villains to create opportunity but keen enough to use the created one for their sinister interest.

Enough is Enough!!

SLF is empty house. This statement is not full. Why SLF remain empty? Who and what is/are root causes that led to SLF being empty house? Where those enormous resources poured in, from different angles in the name of **bloodshed by hundreds of innocent Sidamas'** for almost a decade, have been diverted? Who is accountable and responsible to what extent? These mysterious secretes should be brought into light to the Sidama public and the concerned parties. No way forward for SLF's individuals to indulge in lavish accommodations, extra marriage, and payment for university and plane ticket to resettle in the western countries by **ransom money at the cost of bloodshed by our people.**

We, thereafter, declare that **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH** and we campaign against the bloodthirsty warlord like leaders involving in brooking at souls of Sidama victims while serving their selfish interest. We, thereupon call on the Sidama public to curse and tell these robbers to quit their meddling in Sidama issues. We, hereafter insist on the OLF and Eritrea government once again to bring them on to right track and put pressure on them to come out of "bush" and justify in public their lies and failure to work on unity

that SNLO offered to strengthen the Sidama's and other nation's struggle for emancipation from the yoke of Woyane, and otherwise suspend any of their support to these warlords on Sidama politics and help in bringing them into justice for their past mal-practices.

Lastly, we once again advise our people to remain calm and unconfused, while glaring their freedom struggle and watching carefully the outcome of the SLF's pathological lies and deceptions.

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