

A Continued Civil War in Ethiopia; a Positive Quest for a Solution to Abyssinian Domination

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I. Introduction

Withdrawing all cooperation from evil system is one of the main available means for the oppressed people to express their rejection of any ideology of slavery that impinged their liberty. A continued resistance of oppressed nations is the means to achieve freedom and justice and to force the oppressors to comply with international convention on basic human rights. It is this objective reality that made all non-Abyssinian/Habesha nations to raise their arms together against the treacherous brutality of their successive rulers. The operation takes different forms; from economic deprivation to socio-cultural and political subjugation all of them reflecting immoral acts against basic human rights. As the oppression differs in depth and magnitude, so does the resistance.

The over all objective of all resistance movements however remains one and only one: getting rid of such cruel oppression and domination once and for all. This article is organized as follows: section two presents facts behind the continued civil war in the Abyssinian Empire. The third section analyses the issues of morality and the need for cultural freedom as one of the main causes for resistance struggle while the fourth and fifth sections present Abyssinian stereotyping and economic and political domination as causes behind such liberation struggle. Section six concludes.

II. Why a Continued Civil War in the Empire of Abyssinia?

Freedom is never voluntarily granted by the oppressor. It must be robustly demanded by the oppressed. The lost identity must be reclaimed. Otherwise, the freedom and dignity will not be reality. Thus, a continued civil war and resistance to break the cycle of constant stereotyping and psychological servitude that marked the mentality of inferiority among the indigenous Ethiopian nations can not be over emphasized. Riots grow out of intolerable inhumane and unjust systems. A blind intransigent and ignorant policy of the Abyssinian cruel rulers is deep rooted, inadequate and dilapidated policies of century old colonization. That does not leave its captives voluntarily; the struggle for human dignity becomes the last resort.

The Abyssinian ideology of suppression and being superior to others is a malignant cancerous abscess that doesn't get remedy unless it is completely being amputated. Peoples of the Empire with distinct culture and identity; those who are deprived of their basic freedom and aspire the same vision are resisting the type of such cruelty in a number of means. Such people who are considered helpless and voiceless have got tremendous power of body and soul that can miraculously demonstrate unacceptability of Abyssinian domination and resist making their basic rights the reality.

Generations of young people with their older fathers come out of many decades of shadows to face impenetrable state power; they have lost their fear and the feelings of inferiority and experienced the majestic dignity of direct struggle for the liberation of their mind, land and people. In general, the way Abyssinian colonizers treated non-Habesha nations led to the state of bitterness from the oppressed; and more systematic brutality in the minds of colonizers. Therefore, the resistance became inevitable reality for the rights and dignity of their futurity. They need to shape the history of cruelest suppression of dying order of Abyssinia by that of subjugated indigenous nations' heroic resistance to internationally respected and accepted norm of modern democracy and basic human dignity becomes paramount.

III. Morality and a Quest for Cultural Freedom as a Case for Civil War

A state sponsored terrorism is not new phenomenon for Abyssinian rulers. From the very beginning of Anchoberits (local Habesha village in north Ethiopia); the combatants started to destroy each other simply competing for power. Fathers of Habesha rulers crushed their sons to keep their position let alone taking all possible measure against outsiders. They destroyed all potential resistant in a number of ways such as using poison in drink or food, witchcrafts, sorcery and direct or indirect attack. Such is the trend that today's Abyssinian rulers have inherited from their ancestors and pursuing the policy of state sponsored terrorism and repression under the guise of democracy.

After the expansion of their colonial territory; the Abyssinians started to sow a poison of hatred, envy, mistrust, gossip, laziness, domination and a plot against one another. They undermined human dignity, values, traditions, religions and cultures of other nations; instead they obliged others to accept theirs. Ironically, others didn't voluntarily let intruders spoil their way of life. The indigenous Ethiopian nations have preserved in most parts of the Empire, their values and ways of life resisting the colonizers with majestic dignity. Thus inevitable constant civil war became imminent.

Since the colonization, non-Habesha nations share an idiosyncrasy of keeping their culture and way of life repulsing an alien domination of all kinds, to preserve their identity. Such intent of non-Habesha nations to keep their idiosyncratic nature wasn't plausible to the intruders; not only during the times of early colonial era, but also in the 21st century where slavery and colonization are labeled immoral. Thus, the resistance of any kind of non-Habeshas against intruders would be morally justifiable.

Evil must be resisted and told that it is an evil. No moral man can patiently adjust to injustice. The effect of the noble moral and ethical ideals doesn't let any genuine person to adjust to unjust system of any kind. No free thinkers can be free of moral dilemma to accept unjust system. And people have got a level of tolerance to bear with the hardships of unjust system and their brutal treatment. When their cups of tolerance are full of brutality and unjust, then it starts to overflow without their control under whatever hardship or suppression. Due to helplessness and voicelessness, the people of given country led by dictators might be crushed for given period of time. Nevertheless, whether

the people like or not, the problem itself makes them to resist the evil with all possible means.

IV. Resistance against Stereotyping and Denigration as a Cause for Civil War

A stereotyping of non-Abyssinian nations of today's Ethiopia is another morally unacceptable ideology that is igniting resistance. For morally sound human being the most degrading thing is to be treated inhumanely and to be made lose one's identity, and being forced to accept alien cultures and values. I think that leading a stylish life with lost identity and dignity tantamount to death. People naturally would like to live a dignified life regardless their geo-political difference. Moral and psychologically free people are creative and positive thinkers. Free people can develop ideas and thoughts. An invention or pioneer ship itself is an out come of such freedom of thoughts and ideas. Otherwise, people think how to attack others than genuine thoughts and ideas. War than peace and stability. Evil thought than genuinity and good will; typical Habesha rulers.

The very notions of genuine morality and humanity being an acceptable way of life for genuine people; Abyssinian rulers are neither creative nor encourage others to be creative. Instead, they undermine such activities of non-Habeshas and tell them that they are not created to be pioneers, leaders or dignified people. They pose such ideas to non-Habeshas to denigrate them Psycho-Idiosyncratically. If one is found working towards better ideas than they believe; that would be considered criminal. Such suppression of ideas and thoughts are said to have made tremendous contribution to the ultra poverty of the nations and further unstoppable resistance within the Empire. Sadly the rulers believe that 'their myth is their wealth'.

V. A Quest for Economic and Political Freedom as a cause for Civil War

Virtually all politics and economic hands are controlled by Habeshas. They think that they are the only aristocracy of the talents and think that they are the only ones capable of doing things and decide on issues. According to them, non-Habeshas don't possess any of the qualities of their personal integrities. Thus, they think, non-Habeshas must be subservient to their rule and kept silent while they plunder their resources and decide on their affairs. If non-Habesha intellectuals think better idea for the development and progress of the country, the Abyssinians always work very hard the other way. They always focus on how to keep their dominance over other nations than working towards the development of their own regions or the country as a whole.

Ironically, they always block other regions' activities in a number of ways. For instance, if one region starts to carryout given development project supported by aid agencies by its intellectual's initiatives; they immediately plot against such activities and plan the way of destruction. The Sidama Development Corporation (SDC) that has shown dynamic achievement within 8 years activities under determined Sidama intellectuals' leadership; at present is made to serve the interest of colonizers, is one of such examples. In general Abyssinian cliques don't want others to have 'know how' on any given expertise with regard to their own people's issues.

In addition to the points discussed above, they don't have a psyche of optimism and genuine morality. This is because the life of Habeshas is based on brutalizing the very basic rights of others. This is natural for them. They would be more than happy when they are called Ethiopian leaders where other regarded their subservient. Their mentality is that of superiority and hypocrisy. A continued plunder of economy and political dominations seems a solution for Ethiopianness galvanized their cruelty and that is a sign of their systems unjustifiability.

On the contrary, the awareness of colonized nations has tremendously increased towards international and basic human rights issues and their tolerance towards the brutality of Abyssinians is becoming thinner than ever it has been. Thus no one would let its rights and dignities to be willingly crushed eternally. As a matter of fact, their power inevitably started to be eroded since recent years by the united resistance of brutalized nations under their oppressive system. The bravery, resourcefulness and unequivocal determination of such oppressed nations of the Empire started to shatter the girder of the old Abyssinian order. This in turn made them to react more harshly than ever towards their colonies.

As to the Economy; almost all upper hands in businesses are being held by those who are loyal to the regime in all regions of non-Habeshas. Non-Habesha business-men if any of them are found trying to achieve upper business status compared to the rulers; the Habeshas immediately plan to dig an underground grave to destroy such activities of non-Habeshas. The only main means of export income, coffee, is mainly the business of the northerners whereas such cash crops are non-existent in their regions. The irony here is that they don't let any non-Habesha to make use of its own resources in his/her regions. Coming up to the regions of oppressed nations they are the ones' who decide and plunder all available resources silencing any potential resistances.

Such acts all over the region at the moment are driving non-Habeshas for more resistance movements claiming back the lost rights, identities and dignities regardless. They are in the form of hitherto unknown strength and courage raising their arms together. The assumptions of Abyssinian rulers that no one is capable of taking care of their own affairs and no one can be as efficient as their myth to rule non-Habesha lands is clearly understandable fallacy. Such mentality is mainly responsible to make the empire the poorest of poor in the world. With all their evil assumptions and methods they haven't reached any where; but civil war and poverty stricken life standard of the Empire.

VI. Conclusion

The failure of global community to realize that the hatred and hostilities in Abyssinian Empire is already latently and subconsciously present is another strategic significance for the oppressors. Whenever they take any violent action against a given regions resistance movement; the regime doesn't let an independent observers under their impregnable political system to hide their crime. Such silence while peoples of the Empire are losing a precious life to such cruelty on daily bases gives the regime a 'go ahead' to do whatever desperate action to silence all potential resistant. Thus, all regions are volatile than they

have ever been. The oppressors are conducting their usually cruelty and are plotting against subjugated nations than thinking for the betterment of country they pretend to be leaders. Additionally, they are also enjoying an acceptance of international community where the oppressed ones' are suffering a lingering unjust, genocide and massacre of innocent civilians.

Thus, the need to support the human rights and dignity of subjugated nations is a matter of morality. But supporting the oppressors on the other hand is tantamount to deliberate human rights violations and immoral acts. Thus all humane and democratic nations of the world need to critically investigate their alliance with despotic dictators and need to support any genuine democratic movements for democracy and justice.

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