

**The Sacked Southern Ethiopia TPLF Officials' Lamentation has been considered by their Bosses: - more than 13,000 Army members who refused to go to Ethio-Eritrean war zone arrested.**

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Southern Ethiopia puppet government officials who were said to have been sacked- Haile Mariam Desalegh regional president, Melese Mariwo deputy president, and Shiferaw Shuguxe Finance bureau head, (according to our January 3, 2005 news) - remained on their position to-date according to the same source from Awassa. This is simply because the officials who have been sacked found themselves in the labyrinth of corridors. One, they don't have public trust and acceptance if they were to be mixed with public. Second, if they are thrown away it will be difficult situation for them and their family; thus they have to bow at the shoes of their bosses to stay on power. Third, the regime found itself under inescapable circumstances to prioritise other issues for the moment than pushing hard to throw its loyal-affiliates away, according to this source.

Thus, after weeks long intensive closed gimgema (critical evaluation), they have been allowed to stay on power for unspecified period of time until they are fully made aware when to leave their respective offices. This closed meeting hasn't been publicised on any media and its outcome hasn't been known by any other part of the country. Neither had been known the arrest of more than 13, 000 soldiers who brought back from war zone in the 2nd week of January 2005.

This strategic U-turn of the regime is thought to be for the sole advantage them. While they have been dealing with the issues of southern Ethiopian colony, there has occurred a devastating blow on its basic interest. As many as seven-to-nine brigade army members refused to go to war zone after they have been taken to northern Ethiopia without their knowledge of their going to war zone. The soldiers emphatically refused the idea of war. In contrast, the regime is telling global community a lie saying that they are committed to the binding Alger's agreement. In practice they are moving their army to the Ethio-Eritrean border as of the 2nd week of January 2005. Thus, at the moment the regime is focused on working to convince its army who robustly refused to fight another meaningless war with Eritrea that had claimed the lives of more that 110.000 from either sides. All soldiers said first to have been taken to Arusi Negele where the training head quarters is located for those soldiers who refused to fight before all regional prisons being allocated their quotas respectively.

According to the same source, this huge chaos to the ruling party inevitably made them prioritise the issues of arresting and inhumanely punishing such vast members of army in an insignificant numbers all over the regional prisons in the way it doesn't attract the attention of western diplomats who do live in Ethiopia. In Awassa city and Yirgalem town only there are more than 200 soldiers. As a result, the southern Ethiopia surrogates benefited from this unexpected event.

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