

Enough is enough! Sidama is telling tyrannical regime,

Our Reporter from Sidama, February 6, 2006

1. About 700-800 Sidama University and College Students held 2nd Meeting on the 4th of February, 2006 in Awassa

Sidama University students told Sidama PDO's unequivocally that theirs' and their society's constitutional quest for regional autonomy needs to be answered without any pre-condition. An urgent meeting was conducted on February 4, 2006 at the regional governments' meeting hall as a result of relentless and consorted effort of the students that obliged Sidama traitors to come to the meeting. It was co-chaired by regional and federal so called Sidama politicians including, Shiferaw Shuguxee, regional deputy president, Geremew Garje, Vice Minister, newly appointed Ambassador Melesie Marimo and others Sidama Zone politicians who conspire to sell the very interest of the Sidama people such as Adane Dingaama Sidama Zone president, Gaalalcha Janjee Sidama Zone police commander. All PDO's faced ferocious objection from the Sidama Students and were found virtually stammering.

The Sidama students;-

1. Asked why Sidama's constitutional rights are viewed differently from other nations and nationalities of Ethiopian those who are less than a million; but have got regional autonomy,
2. Have emphasised that continued intimidation and suppression doesn't treat the underlying causes, but ignites more contentions among the wider Sidamas,
3. Reiterated that they and entire Sidama people will continue peaceful and constitutional resistance movement despite relentless oppression,
4. Have asked why these all laments of Sidama PDO's about the problem EPRDF is under at the moment not to respond Sidamas' quest for regional autonomy,
5. Have asked why the Sidama region is deliberately underdeveloped in the past 14 years of the regimes' time on power and others numerous questions.

Sidama PDO's didn't have convincing answer for raised fundamental questions, but tried to lecture the same sermon of deception. In the middle of the meeting when the PDO's lack answers, they escaped telling the students that they all have got other urgent meetings, as an excuse. After the PDO's left Sidama students planned to continue their agendas on the following steps, but forbidden by the unexpectedly stormed military forces of the regime. However, no clash has been reported. All students have left the hall peacefully.

2. Awassa District Agriculture staff called for meeting of deceit on the 3rd of February 2006

Tufaa Dooyicha, regional emergency prevention and preparedness Bureau deputy, and Elians Tiuro, Sidama Zone deputy finance head have called Awassa district teachers to baptise them with deceit of Meles's hidden poison to suppress 5million Sidamas

constitutional quest for regional autonomy. Sadly, both 'Tufa' and 'Elias' were heroes of Sidama regional quest at the beginning of TPLF/EPRDF's reign and only converted a year ago to run anti-Sidama agendas. At the moment, they are one of key players in the process of intimidating and suppressing Sidama people; and or strategically dilute such movements. They gathered Awassa district agriculture staff and lectured them the same rhetoric that received emphatic resistance from entire floor. The participants told both men to die with dignity rather than selling the interest of the very people for whom they stood twelve years ago.

3. Sidama Student arrested hand-cuffed in Aleta Wondo district,

Sintayehu Mengesha G/Senbet, was arrested by the regional and Zone security forces in his farmers association village called 'Midhdhdiichaa' in Aleta Wondo district. He was allegedly participated in anti-governments demonstration of the Student that is taking place all over the Sidama region. The situation of the young student whose father is a teacher is said to have been pathetically serious. He is hand-cuffed and not allowed family visit. Meanwhile, others about 9 students those who were arrested in Awassa, Yirgalem and Borrichaa were released in the pat 2 days by the pressure of the society that threatened to take action unless the students are not released.

4. Deputy Federal Police Commissioner Threatened Sidama Nation

Hassan Shifa, federal deputy police commissioner, intimidated Sidama police and told them that EPRDF has got priorities before it addresses Sidama's quest for regional autonomy. He boosted telling the Sidama police recruits that they can go returning their khaki uniforms if they want wherever they wish if they don't want accept the order of federal government without questioning why. His talk took place in Yirgalem city where he came to address the opening of Police College the only College that received millions of birr in Sidama region to fabricate more police power to suppress Sidama people's democratic and peaceful movements. No other college was opened for the Sidamas.

6. Rows between Sidama people

Between 27 and 28th of January 2006 there was row between angry Sidama youngsters and some clans of peoples those who conspire to sell the interest of the Sidama people two districts. It has been learned that there were about 17 people wounded and taken to hospital for treatment. According to the reporter, elders of the Sidama condemned such an act and any disagreement among the Sidama people and called for immediate corrective action. No development has been received ever since.

Meanwhile, former SLM leader, Woldeamanuel Dubale is still trying to silence Sidamas quest for regional autonomy with other PDO's. He telling the Sidama people that EPRDF is in problem for the moment to answer Sidamas quest for regional autonomy. Wider Sidama people knew what role he has been and is playing by the name of Sidamas.

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