

Sidama University and High Schools Students held Urgent Meeting in Awassa:-Meles's regime plot against Sidamas is failed.

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Meles Zenawi's regime has repeatedly conspired against the constitutional rights of the Sidama people. Sidamas however, continued their peaceful resistance movement which is a part of 69 innocent, unarmed and peaceful Sidama's sacrifice of the May 24, 2002. The security forces of Meles's regime have slaughtered peacefully marching Sidamas claiming regional autonomy that is enshrined in Ethiopian constitution. The souls of those Sidamas who have sacrificed their precious lives for sake of democracy are yet lingering in the region seeking justice and fulfilment of their wishes. Meanwhile, the killers and conspirators are promoted by Meles to higher authority and, even to Ambassadorial levels (Melese Mariwo, former regional deputy president who ordered the killings of the Sidamas is appointed an Ambassador), while additional Sidamas are suffering various forms of continued degrading and inhuman treatments in allegation.

On the other hand, since the killings, the regime has been plotting to suppress Sidamas' quest for regional autonomy with some mindless moron Sidama traitors' such as Shiferaw Suhguxe, Akee Hidana, Galalcha Janje, Melese Mariwo etc, those who neither receive applause from their political masters nor being trusted by the Sidamas. As a part of such plot, in particular since the May 15, 2005's highly rigged Ethiopian election, the tone of the rulers is completely changed toward the Sidamas and their tactical plot also has changed its way of approaching such burning issues. Striving to dilute Sidamas quest for regional autonomy; politicians have experimented all possible means including deception as a first option and then arrestment, killings, intimidations, torture and other inhuman and degrading treatments that all of them have failed to avert Sidamas majestic and heroic movements toward their basic and constitutional rights' stride.

To implement these programmes, TPLF/EPRDF's Prime Minister gathered Sidama PDO's (politicians) on 19th of January 2006 in his office in Ethiopian capital, to order them to pursue their agendas against the Sidamas under whatever the cost. His plan has utterly failed because of the division between and within the PDO's; some of them claiming that they have ordered the massacre of innocent Sidamas in the past, at the moment, however, they don't want to conspire to repeat the same bloodshed while the people of Sidama are seeking their constitutional rights. Therefore, yesterday's meeting was dispersed without agreement of almost entire PDOS to receive Meles's heinous order of killings of innocent Sidamas. He only obliged them to keep pushing to suppress Sidamas to stop their quest for regional autonomy. According to this source, all politicians of the Sidama were returned to Awassa immediately after Meles's failure to take an advantage of intimidating politicians. Politicians said to the PM, that the Sidama people at the moment are adamant with their stance even if they are massacred as usual.

In another development, on 19th of January 2006, about 1500-2000 Sidama University and High School students were gathered at Gudumaalee (Amora Gedel, the place where Sidamas Celebrate its New Year 'Fichee' near Lake Awassa) to devise strategy how to approach this burring issues of Sidamas' quest for regional autonomy. They have elected their leaders to help them to be organised whenever there is a need for re-gathering. We didn't yet receive the detailed out come of the meeting. While they were peacefully discussing in an open air from 10am local time, regional authorities sent about 200-250 armoured soldiers to surround Sidama students for fear of violent reaction toward the inhuman acts of the regime. The Sidama students however, continued their peaceful meetings as they have all agreed not to follow means of violence to pursue their quest. In the end, the soldiers have left without causing any problem according to this source.

Our reporter from Addis Ababa on the other hand disclosed that Ethiopian epiphany of 19/ 01/06, that is supposed to be celebrated by millions of the capital dwellers past by uncelebrated. The entire city said to have remained silent according to this source. This is a part of Ethiopians' peaceful resistance movement and their objection of Ethiopian Orthodox Church Patriarch who is a part and parcel of TPLF/EPRDF's regime. The people of Addis Ababa claim that the Patriarch is not religion leader, rather political sympathiser; thus they prefer to remain at home, they claim.

Meanwhile, Meles' regime also being told by the UK government, that they have suspended their additional aid package to his dictatorial government for an unspecified period of time; until they see measurable respects of human rights and freedom of expressions; and of course the release of opposition party members and leaders who are arrested without independent judiciary system.

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