

Sidama:- Update on ongoing government instigated Crisis and Gross human right Abuses

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Marginalisation, subjugation and gross abuse of the Sidama's God-given right is as Merciless as always!

The Sidama people continue to be treated in a barbaric manner by Meles's regime; and the regime continues to depersonalise, dehumanise and cause cultural and religions genocide on them whilst expropriating their resources. Doing so is not new for Abyssinian Meles's regime; but a continuation of over century old Abyssinian successive stone-aged minded rulers barbarism against the Sidama since the conquest in the late 1880s.

Since the commemoration of the May 24, 2002's seventh year of the Sidama victims of Looqe massacre on 24th of May 2009 all over the world by the Sidamas and friends of the Sidamas, series of attacks that have targeted the Sidamas from all directions is significantly growing.

The political domination is at its pick. Religious and cultural genocide is continuing unabated. Social and economic marginalization and government fuelled unemployment are continuing at unprecedented scales to leave those who are in genuine need to languish in ultra poverty that is caused due to decades of neglect.

The security forces and army of the incumbent regime that is led by the regional and federal politicians are assigned to remain in Sidama region to create an atmosphere of fear, intimidation and state-sponsored-terror among the Sidama to confirm their complete subservience. Meles's regime cadres are using all methods of brutality to silence any one who may be able to mobilise the society against Meles's TPLS (Tigray Peoples Liberation Front) repressive regime's brutal rule.

The following are some of the main events that are recently unfolding in the region. The targets are the Sidamas of all walks of lives including farmers, high school and university students, civil servants, businessmen and women and children for being Sidamas- but nothing else.

Life imprisonment for the innocent Sidama nationals,

Sidama nationals who are falsely alleged for plotting to assassinate Shiferaw Shugute (who is by birth mixed Sidama and Wolayta- a regional puppet president) who is appointed to implement the policies of genocides against the Sidamas by deploying torture, intimidations and fear. Those who have received a life sentence in prison, yet innocent Sidamas are;

1. Beyene Bulcha
2. Tarekegn Taklu and
3. Belay Balguda. Other are also judged by similar Kangaroo-court that is remote-controlled by Meles Zenawi to 17 years each for nothing- but for their being the Sidamas under similar allegations. They are :-

1. Abera Doba-- intellectual and known for his emphatic opposition to any policies that are planned to undermine and incapacitate the potential of the Sidama nation and who was arrested and released on several occasions by the regime for his opinion.
2. Markos Biitaa
3. Manseetto Toyyora
4. Eyob(whose second name we couldn't get for the moment).

Those who are causing genocides against their subjects all over their empire including in Sidama such as Shiferaw Shugute are appointed to higher authority positions by Meles's repressive regime- instead of getting persecuted by the international criminal court (ICC) for their crimes against humanity despite all available evidences and global outcry.

Credible Evidences about the Conspiracy against the imprisoned Sidama nationals,

There is credible evidences that Abera Doba (the above mentioned who is sentenced to 17 years), has been victim of conspiracy between the regional and federal authorities and Sidama traitors who are invited by the regime and have returned from Europe from where they were given citizenship-to sell the interest of the Sidama nation and the very principles they claim standing for. The said traitors whose names may be made public if they don't refrain themselves from selling the interest of voicelessly crushed Sidamas also have claimed asylum by the name of the Sidama peoples suffering under Meles's brutal regime and given indefinite leave to remain in one of the European's countries. After securing their positions in Europe and guaranteeing their citizenships by the names of the Sidama innocent blood; they returned to serve the very regime from whom they claim fleeing persecution. They also were some of the founders of Sidama liberation fronts including SLF and later SNLO.

As the said Sidama traitors collaborate with the incumbent regimes regional and federal politicians (such as Shiferaw Sugute and H/Masriam Desalegne both of whom the said traitors emphatically condemned for their brutal acts against the Sidama during the May 24, 2002's massacre) for their personal and financial gains. They may have had opportunity to plot against the said victims of conspiracy such as Abera Doba as their arrest coincided with their arrival to Sidama.

I think by doing so, the said traitors may believe that the dream of the Sidama resistance movement to regain their lost sovereignty, for justice, democracy and independence will be buried once and for all -that indirectly proves their fatal decision.

Tension between two down-trodden nations, the Oromo and the Sidama is made to grow even stronger!!

In Shshello area of the Sidama region that neighbours Oromia and the Sidama, the regime is still instigating conflicts to cause further damages to both nations scarce resources and innocent lives to serve their hidden political agendas. Despite their plots, both Sidamas and Oromos are trying to defuse the tension by sending elders from both sides as per their Luuwa and Gadda system that is egalitarian and most democratic and the only solution for the ongoing problem under Abyssinian rule.

The regional puppet regimes send from both sides their army and get one part attacked in the shadow of darkness to instigate other side to rise for reprisal so that the vicious cycle of the conflicts can continue. While they facilitate the suffering of both colonised nation, they exploit such an atmosphere to remain on power by receiving less resistance from both hugely feared Kushitic brothers whose unity can be capable of compromising the continuity of their colonialism in the lands of Kushites.

In the last three weeks and so, there were series of attacks on Sidamas in this part of the region that is purely orchestrated and instigated by the governments security forces to serve the aforementioned Meles's regimes political agendas although the wisdom and farsightedness of both brother nations keeps their unity alive. Genuine Sidama and Oromos advise both sides to deploy their utmost restraint and embarrass the enemy by uniting instead of serving the agendas of the colonisers.

Abyssinian ways of ruling their Colonies is Widening its horizon and shifting the methods of exploitation.

Unsatisfied with the way Northern highlanders (Amhara/Tigray) alone are treating their subjects; Meles's regime is selling out the interests of the nations of Abyssinian (Ethiopia). His regime invited their Eritrean counterparts to regain their positions in Ethiopian as a part of consolidating Abyssinian rule over the colonised nations. In most recent, Meles's regime has ordered Eritrean's (who are Abyssinians themselves) to help their Ethiopian regime to continue to occupy the colonised nation and their lands.

Thus, Meles's Abyssinian regime is plot is right underway against all their subjects and planning to abolish pseudo-political regional representation that nominally remained in place. Meles's regime already started to send their northern representatives to all Sidama, Oromia, Ogaden Somali, Gambella and others southern nations to the places where usually used to be pseudo-led by nominally represented cadre of given nation although the representation is still a puppet.

Meanwhile, the Sidama nation remains without genuine representation both at federal and regional level since Meles's regime came to power in 1991 and the suffering of the nation without genuine representation continue to the day of liberation from Abyssinian colonialism!

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