

An unexpected Thunder: Meles Zenawi met with Heroic Resistance of Sidama Elders!

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1. Prime Minister meets Sidama Elders

Today is one of historic days in Sidama history. One is that Sidama elder's supposedly brain washed by the TPLF/EPRDF bandits and brought by them to talk to their dictator master a fabricated pretence and denial on the quest for regional autonomy, have obliged authoritarian ruler Meles Zenawi upon his return from South Africa's good governance summit to come down to Sidama region and talk to them regarding their regional autonomy. The other is that they told the dictator how to deal with their issues rather than stifling constitutional movements of the Sidama people. He can't tolerate with his dictator mind to listen all their minds sitting there; however, he was obliged to.

Meles tried to neutralise their quest telling them that he and his government is in problem at the moment to answer their quest for regional autonomy; but promised, development activities to be tripled. First of all asking why developments programmes haven't been in place for the past 1 and a half decade in Sidama region and now he is trying to tell them lie. The elders answered saying, 'we just need our regional autonomy as well as development programmes as soon as possible'. Meles remained locked mouth and couldn't answer any of their constitutional and legal quests for regional autonomy. The bandits were obliged to keep silent both in front of their merciless and arrogant boss and genuine and heroes Sidama elders. After he failed to respond any of their questions, Meles escaped asking an excuse. The situation in the region remains tense.

2. Heroic and Peaceful Sidama Students Movement Continues

Sidama students are adamant with their quest for regional autonomy following the foot steps of their fathers and brothers who lost their lives on May 24, 2002 for this very reason. According to this source, they are asking Meles Zenawi to come down and talk to them as well so that he can get appropriate reason from all segments of society. The meeting of students is going on in all Sidama districts despite suppression.

3. Reckless W/Amanuel D. Hankerso's Conspiracy is at the verge of Debacle

Anti-Sidama conspiracy of Mr Hankerso is said to have been considerably eroded and he is no more in position to persuade Sidama people on behalf of the rulers. Rather, it's learned that he is trying to get rid of an allegation of 3 million ETB debt of his son Melese W/Amanuel who escaped robbing dozens of only Sidama investors including; Getahun Sida, Mesfin Kitessa, Esayas Hameso, Teshome Belamo and others many. Other groups of Sidama elders are also said to have been following this issue seriously. His son is said to have escaped and peacefully arrived to his adopted country, the Netherlands, four weeks ago. No official confirmation received for this claim.

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