

Illegal and Immoral Acts against the Sidamas and other Nations and Nationalities of Ethiopia Continues; 250 Sidama Families uprooted this week.

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It is almost two years since the Sidama people have paid a precious sacrifice of life to protect their ancestral land from the hands of snatchers. This crime against humanity, however, in today's world of unjust where the killers are rewarded by the world leaders is increasingly becoming difficult to justify. Sadly, such killers, such as Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia are enjoying international leader's recognition in spite of their regime's continued human rights violations.

Disgustingly, Meles is nominated to be one of the 'Commissioners for Africa' that has been recently established by the British Prime Minister Tony Blair. Meles has arrived in London on the 2nd of May 2004 for the first meeting of the 'Commissioners for Africa' ordering his security forces to uproot and harass the Sidamas; silence and arrest the Anguak of Gambella region; intimidate, kill or arrest Oromo students who are revolting against the inhuman act of his regime all over Ethiopia.

While the said deceitful dictator is conducting a state sponsored terrorism against its citizens killing in the past year at least 2000-3500 innocent civilians and arresting more than 150,000-250,000 people in allegation; it's completely inconceivable to expect the leaders of democratic nations such as British's Prime Minister to be seen encouraging such inhuman acts leader. Another irony is that, the British Ambassador to Ethiopia is continuously showing his respect and support to the deceitful dictator of TPLF's regime despite continued human rights violations of Ethiopian nations and nationalities by his security forces. Nonetheless, good at maneuvering, Meles managed to silence the west telling them a lie all the time.

As the world leaders have done nothing during the Rwanda genocide, it's obvious that they act after millions have indiscriminately been massacred, tortured or ethnically being cleansed by the given country's despotic dictators. Such is the phenomenon surrounding the lives of nations and nationalities under Abyssinian Empire including the Sidamas, Oromo's, Ogaden Somali's and the south as a whole voicelessly and helplessly. At present, the revolt all over the Oromia is an outcome of such inhuman acts against Oromos. The same is true all over the country although Meles tries to cover things up.

The regime has continued the uprooting of the native Sidamas from their land and capital city 'Awassa' and systematically trashing the civilian infrastructures built by the Irish Aid and dedicated Sidama professionals who are currently made to flee the country after the massacre of May 24, 2002. Those infrastructures are completely dismantled or are serving the purposes of TPLF and their loyalists where the Sidamas are starving gravely. To mention some, the Sidama radio which is meant for development issues prior to the May 24, 2002 massacre of the Sidamas, is serving the purpose of intimidation and harassment.

Systematic marginalization in economic, political and socio-cultural terms; torture, insecurity and instability deliberately caused by the TPLF are making the lives of the Sidama people all over the region utterly miserable. We, the Sidamas within the country and in Diaspora have been trying to increase the awareness of the international community on the indiscriminate human rights violations of the Sidama and other subjugated nations of Ethiopia by TPLF led regime. From international community apart from false diplomatic promises, in practice we haven't seen anything for all this deliberately and systematically caused chaos.

As 'lie' becomes accepted norm and truth if it's repeated, TPLF led regime is lying and maneuvering the global community constantly. False and deceitful promises of TPLF's regime to take corrective measures after its security forces massacred or made mass arrest of the innocent civilians wherever in Ethiopia are taken as a truth. On the contrary, the truth of the deprived nations like that of the Sidamas doesn't get any attention despite its reality.

At present, the Sidamas all over the region are put under siege. Extra judiciary arrest, insecurity, hopelessness and intimidation in addition to existing poverty caused by highlanders bad governance is

adding hugely to the agony of the Sidamas. Additional people in the capital Awassa and its vicinity are told to leave their homes so that their land can be given to highlanders investors without any compensation. In this week solely about 250 families are uprooted by the TPLF's loyalists from their ancestral land where they have paid a precious sacrifice of life in May 24, 2002's massacre. They have been massacred by the Meles's security. Their life is lost and their land and capital city are being snatched by the killers themselves. This has continued relentlessly. And it is reminiscent of colonial legacy which is lingering to date.

Thus, the international communities need to act to save the lives of Ethiopian nations and nationalities including that of the Sidamas. Knowing reality, reluctance to act would be both a controversial and an inexcusable mistake. The need to take a vigorous and quicker action against TPLF's inhuman and hidden acts to save these helpless and voiceless Sidamas as well as other nations is paramount. The act has to be today before the time runs very late. In particular the people who are rewarding the killer need to reconsider the issues of morality and essence of humanity rather than just vested interest.

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