

EPRP's critical mission and party organization

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Since its inception, EPRP was determined to love Ethiopia and Ethiopianess, its physical and political geography. The love for Ethiopia and its inhabitants were displayed by its members, associates and onlookers/adversaries for a little over four decades. However, the problem arises in the conceptual and theoretical understanding of its adversaries, enemies and even to its members.

That is EP as defined by the party as Eritrean/Ethiopian people is no brainer. There was no controversy in that definition. But RP (Revolutionary Party) is where the struggle lost its mission and commission.

The concept of Ethiopia in terms of kings, clergy and nobles has existed since time immemorial. Here was the power structure:-

1. The power of kings to give orders to the peasants
2. The power of wisdom enshrined in the Monasteries and
3. The power of knowledge empowered by the nobilities

The above power structures have kept Ethiopia intact and stable for Millennium. That was/is what we call – INDEPENDENCE- It is documented in the Flag and Fidel. There is no dispute in that documentation.

EPRP of Ethiopia or present day Eritrea has neither disputed nor rejected this documentation. The problem arises when revolution and political party is introduced in Ethiopia.

A stable but unsustainable era has arrived in Ethiopia. Our Arab neighbors such as Egypt, Saudi, Yemen, Syria etc. plus the Iranian Monarchy were posed to change. Powers from both the West led by USA and East led by Soviet Union began to compete in Ethiopia. For instance, the Russians constructed an oil refinery at the port of Assab. It was not economical but it was political in nature. My BA thesis was on the Assab Refinery that is how I know that was not economics.

In the meantime though, the Chinese were creeping in Ethiopia so as to impact an influence on the people of Ethiopia. A case in point was the road construction to connect Wello region to Godjam and Gondar. I was partly and indirectly involved in the project of Weldia-Wereta road project. So with this background, the change in Ethiopia was inevitable, whether we call it revolution or reform.

The majority of Ethiopian elites chose to carry out a revolution. It was not what disputed about the revolution, rather it was how to get going, i.e. the methodology. The means justify the ends – the hallmark of EPRP. Others who advocated and practiced revolution such MIESON, TPLF and EPLF have been following the adage –the end justifies the means-. We are now where we are now! Which methodology was/is palatable to both Ethiopians and Eritreans? I leave the judgment to the readers.

So as we can see, the critical mission of EPRP's Revolution was/is DEMOCRACIA. In DEMOCRACIA, there is a political as well as a social connotation. The social relationship between Ethiopia or Eritrea, or Amhara or Oromo, or any social interaction is not in dispute despite, many civic or church communities claim that we are brothers and sisters. It seems that the Dergists/Miesonites, the TPLF or the EPLF

joined in these brotherly/sisterly claims forgetting that they are the ones who created it in the first place.

To begin with, EPRP had no problem with social issues in relation to families and communities. EPRP had clear understanding about Ethiopian people's migration and settlement. Whether one is from the north, the middle or the south is non-issue for EPRP.

What was/is an issue of politics? To talk about politics is to talk about political parties. A political party that will replace the kings, the clergy and the nobles. That was it. No more no less.

A vacuum is created. That is the core problem of Ethiopia and Ethiopians including present day Eritrea.

In order to educate and implement politics and parties, EPRP has paid heavy sacrifices and still paying heavy prices today. Notice, the difference between sacrifice and price.

Someone asked me genuinely, and I have to give him a genuine answer. The question was "how come EPRP armed with all the knowledge and wisdom plus a minor army failed to come to power?"

My genuine answer was that "*information was not liberated or shared.*" Let us start with who was DEBTERAW. Was he an Artist or a Scientist? Or was he a philosopher or a politician. We will discuss on the next article about DEBTERAW and his theory on organization.

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