

# It seems right to write about politics about Eritrea vs Ethiopia

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## Introduction

Politics, in its simplest form, is about relationships. If there is no relationships, there is no politics. Governments involve in politics because communities desire to share hospital services, schools for their children, roads & communications for their daily lives and above all defense for their national security. For these reasons, nations appoint or elect public servants to run the people's business by sharing costs in the appropriation of the NATIONAL BUDGET.

In the case of Ethiopia and Eritrea, the number of hospitals, schools, roads & bridges, airports & seaports are/were non-existence. Why because there was little or no relationship among hundreds of communities in both Ethiopia and Eritrea. The only relationship existed for so long is the national security defense where all communities come together to defend their country with their lives, children and families using their own resources. This type of republican governance since time immemorial up to the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and even to the 21<sup>st</sup> century was being practiced, perhaps unique in the annals of history of Ethiopia.

Why unique to Ethiopia including Eritrea is because of the concept of INDEPENDENCE. When we say independence, it includes the creation, its symbol, and its existence. In this sense, as far as creation is concerned religiously as well as evolutionary theories, Adam and Eve were created in this unique land. The symbol of the land is represented by the tricolor which is also the primary color of Ethiopia. As far as existence is concerned, see the obelisks of Axum, the churches of Lalibela, the ashes of Zeila and Adulis, and the current villages of Axum, Ankober and Zgb. They all signify nothing but Independence.

- If you don't believe the above assertions, just follow the trails of
  1. Paul Salopek in out of Eden walk – a journey through time
  2. The Key shape of Eritrea symbolizing – the gate to Africa
  3. The central position of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia as a Centre to African continent
- The O-D of Paul Salopek that was started in 2013 will end in 2020, after 7 years of walking on global Earth. You can join the conversation at [www.outofedenwalk.com](http://www.outofedenwalk.com). As to Eritrea being a key to Africa and Ethiopia serving as a Centre for Africans, time will tell. It may take less than seven years in completing the Project A'Agmelago. The Ethio-Eritrean project should be completed before the arrival of Paul Salopek in the Danakil Desert where he started his journey.

## The Eway Ethiopian Revolution

What is this Eway Revolution? It is the Ethiopian Revolution which started early in the 1960 and still going on and is designed to change the politics of Ethiopia. Why change when it is a perfect natural/organic place for living, one may ask? The revolution demanded to adjust to the demands of the global world plus needs of the EATHIOPIAN people. In other words, politics has to creep into the various communities and societies of Ethiopia. Personally, I don't believe there was and is an economic problem

neither in Ethiopia nor in Eritrea for both countries are endowed with water, energy and oxygen and above all three elements are free. So why are Eritrean youths run away and Ethiopians are starving to death. Is it propaganda machine that spins all these information, one may ask. It is the stupid politics. As I describe above, the concept of politics in both countries is relatively new. Those who claim are a small portion of the population. About less than 15% of Ethiopia and Eritrea are urbanites, the rest are living in the countryside. What I do not discount though is the fact that politics or relationships among Eritreans and Ethiopians have developed at a very high stage plus speed. It happened because of forced settlement by the DERG, forced conscript by the EPLF, confusion between race and ethnic perpetuated by the TPLF and some international interventions have created a fertile ground for all Ethiopians to be involved in relationships of one sort or another. That relationship is about to break or make. That is the simple question to answer by all involved and concerned. It is the global politics of the present day that make life in both Eritrea and Ethiopia harsh and unbearable.

### Politics in Eritrea and Ethiopia

As far as relationships or politics are concerned, there is a mismatch in both countries. The Eritrean opposition speaks about politics instead of policy issues and the Ethiopian opposition talks about economics instead of national politics. Why the current governments in both countries have not settled their grievances of the comradely past history. Instead, they dwell on reconstructing their past history as correct and sound. Their propaganda machines of the past is well known by the peoples of Ethiopia and Eritrea. It is a futile attempt on their part. They should leave to historians and dwell on the current politics and policy of their respective countries.

The correct method for both governments in Asmara and Addis Ababa is to understand the concepts, theories and application of politics and economic policies. Both governments seem to hide and seek in "blood is thicker than water." The Eway Ethiopian Revolution was not about either oppression or exploitation but to suppress both oppression and exploitation. I understand that it was a daunting task to accomplish but they ignored the power of the individual Ethiopian personality as well as the compassion of the Eritrean families.

To continue with the old way of blood is thicker than water analogy is neither tenable in Ethiopia nor in Eritrea. The way forward for toppling the upper hand of the TPLF as being pursued by the political cadres of the EFDJ to use another prototype of TPLF in the support of TPDM along with Ginbot 7 is an unhistorical and superfluous. It is the same failed methodology followed by EPLF in pursuit of their dreams. 60, 000 Eritreans and 100,000 Ethiopians were reported killed in the BADME war of attrition. That would have been enough lesson for learning. Why keep repeating using ethnic organization to arrive at the same result, I keep asking myself. The answers I get from some supporters is as follows:

Or alternatively, the same people argued that the leader of Ginbot 7 is from the historical Gurage in the province of Akele Guzai and that the current prime minister of Ethiopia is from Wollaita, immigrant community from Hamasien, the old name of Eritrea. This reasoning is not only absurd but stupid at its core. So what is the way forward? It is the Eway Revolution consummated in AAGMELAGOD.

### Conclusion

The elites of Eritrea and Ethiopia are living in DIASPORA, some in luxury while others in misery. But both Eritrean and Ethiopian communities living abroad have a broader outlook of the world we are living and to live in the future. Both groups of people can ameliorate first their own lives abroad and then try to

assist the project of AAGMELAGOD. A'Agmelago is conceptual, theoretical and applicable to the plights of Eritreans and Ethiopians at their homeland. It is an all-inclusive project by the DIASPORA Eritreans and Ethiopians alike.

As far as the leadership choice is concerned, the Ethiopian Monarchy has been replaced by the Military DERG, the DERG is replaced by both Fronts of Eritrea and Ethiopia and both will be replaced by true political parties. How do we choose or constitute political parties. That is a sixty thousand dollars question!

As I have been proposing many times, the Ethiopians or Eritreans want to be political leaders, have to copycat one of the models of American-a two party system, a Chinese- a one party system or the European type of political parties particularly that of the German. They have to unite to choose which political system will serve the Ethiopian and Eritrean people at home. Otherwise, it is an imminent danger to play in the games of the superpowers and domestic hatred for one another.

The EPRP leadership have meticulously and painfully institutionalized a true political party to be a model for all Ethiopians and Eritreans. That should be recognized and explored.

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