

ONE SYSTEM, TWO COUNTRIES: The case of Eritrea and Ethiopia

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For over a century, the issue of Eritrea and Ethiopia was never addressed either in economic or in political terms. Instead there were/are too much political slogans, secrecy and conspiracy. Even now, Eritreans label the Eritrean case as Issaias's system, they call it NaY Issais Sir'aat! I don't understand what it means.

On the Ethiopian side, some politicians call the system of Woyane system or the TPLF's! This also is meaningless at least for me.

The Eway Ethiopian Revolution was meant to do away with political slogans and culture of secrecy and conspiracy and in lieu institute real political PARTIES by DEMOCRACIA. This system of openness and governance by political parties were the hallmark of the Eway Ethiopian Revolution.

However, Ethiopian Eway Revolutionary path was hindered by misgivings by Imperialism headed by the USA and the Soviet Union. Other impediments to the Eway Revolution were narrow nationalists and Arab intrusion of various types.

The end result is the current situation we are in – two countries – two systems whatever that means. How do we go out of this dilemmas? Does anyone have solutions in terms of languages and communications? Or do we continue with oppressive slogans and counter slogans such as Agame, Amara or Galla or whatever. The Ethiopian Revolution has two parts from its beginning and that is political oppression and economic exploitation. The former was eliminated when the cultural oppression was buried alive with the coming of Menghistu Haile Mariam, considered a serf in the political system of Ethiopia. The latter exploitation was alleviated with the ouster of the Military regime and replaced by transitional governments of Ethiopia and Eritrea. What has happened after that is no more of politics but something else. Was it cultural exploitation, if there is such thing? I leave the answer to the readers.

What is the current situation, one may ask. According to my readings, there is a flaw in the languages and conceptual understandings of Freedom, Liberty and Independence both in Eritrea and Ethiopia.

The Eritrean scenario

As I have been writing and arguing with Eritreans, there is no clear consensus between Harnet (freedom) or Nazanet (liberty), lest of Independence. I have not find a vocabulary for their disputes. For instance, I met a couple of Eritreans who argued with me that EPRP's political programs includes the colonial theory in the case of Eritrea and the others supported their arguments that they have been distributing pamphlets to that effect. I tried to explain to them about the real thing and how EPRP treated the issue of Eritrea in terms of the Eway Revolution. They became more confused, for one they did not know that there was an organization called EPRP in the Eritrean struggle and for another they told me about the Eritrean flag, a flag of blue color with a coat of arms ... It was given by the United Nations during the Federation. Then I told them that the new one is the end result of the Eway Revolution. They told me that the new one is Isaias's creation of flag. Now I see the confusion. A nation's flag and an embassy is a

system by itself. It could be an economic or a political system, according to most Eritreans' understanding. I am definitely lost here. That is why I don't carry a passport or a visa.

Whatever is happening in current Eritrean economic and political systems cannot be labelled as Issais's. It can be labelled as socialist, capitalist or mixed economy. As far as the political system is concerned, the EPRP of Eritrea is not yet consummated. The EFDJ also known as "Higdef" maybe the precursor of EPRP. Who cares about the name, Eritrea or Front.? Eritreans are only interested in Justice and democracy at the present time. Otherwise, neither lobbying to lease the port of Assab to foreigners instead of to Ethiopians nor supporting organizations such as Demhit, Ginbot 7, Afar, Amara, etc. if intended to disunite Ethiopians along ethnic lines, would be a total disaster for everybody and everyone. We have seen this scenario with EPRDF. It is not working.

The Ethiopian Scenario

The Ethiopian Eway Revolution was thwarted by the military regime and their associates. Although revolutionary policy steps were implanted, the way it was conducted was fascistic and undemocratic. It was for this reason that the EPRDF was welcomed but not accepted in lieu of the DERG.

However, when the EPRDF was instituted as a government, it was found as a collection of fake organizations. Ethiopia less Eritrea has lived with fake and counter fake organizations and leaders. Why? Because early on, the TPLF leadership was formed to dismantle the ghost of Amhara leadership. They missed the concept of Eway Ethiopian Revolution. They did not know that the Eway Ethiopian Revolution could embrace them. But despite the fact on the ground, the TPLF leadership persisted to eliminate the Eway Ethiopian Revolution enshrined in EPRP.

Now that they have gone too far in faking it, they have lost credibility and skill for resolution. The saying of "fake it until you make it" is no more applicable to TPLF.

The most incredible of all the fakes conducted by the leadership of TPLF was the creation of duplex of EPRP. They call them EDHIN. Now the remain ants of the group are settled in Bahr Dar as a surrogate mother of Ethiopia. What a tragedy for Ethiopia and Ethiopians. Making the renegades of EPRP settle at the source of the Blue Nile and at the heart of Ethiopia sends alarming shock to all Africans, Europeans, Arabs and Americans. Who are these people to be in the center of Ethiopia? The source of the Blue Nile has been the ultimate destination of pioneers and adventurers. Now it is in the hands of traitors and renegades. It is believed that their next step is to dismantle the rich culture of Gondar and the University of Waldeba, a traditional faith based university. Why these EDHIN groups are seem dangerous elements? Because, they have no love for people, no purpose, no policies and no politics. Without these four Ps, there is nothing but void.

Conclusion

Is there a better way to view Eritrea and Ethiopia? Yes and No. The bedrock for both Ethiopian and Eritrean populist opposition groups is economic and cultural insecurity. The opposition believes that the cultural ethnic show dubbed as Biher – B'hereseb is fake at its core. It has no economic value. Besides, the government of EPRDF is corrupt at its core. So there is no way out. This is one way looking at it.

The other alternative is the path way of EPRP of Revolutionary Ethiopia. The history of EPRP is a testimony for all to see. EPRP members love people, have purposes, have plans and they aspire political solutions for Ethiopia and Eritrea.

The Eway Ethiopian Revolution as reflected in the documents of EPRP and the living witnesses of that selfless generation aka “that generation” could be a source of inspiration and motivation for the coming generation of Eritreans and Ethiopians. Attempting to unite Ethiopians by the threat of disunity with supplies and provisions of centers, arms and ammunitions is total insane. It will not only backfire but it will create havoc and disaster to the region as a whole. I believe that is why America, China, EU countries, the Arabs and the Russians are watching closely the next step of TPLF and EPLF of holding to powers. In other words, the foreign countries need to know where and when to invest their capital but more importantly they need to know what kind of economic and political system would be established in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Until they decide when and how, let Ethiopian and Eritrean Eway Revolutionaries contemplate the next step of struggle or negotiation.

On my part, I am proposing to struggle and voice the slogan of ‘one ***system and two countries***’. For the present moment, I believe it would be a viable voice for the voiceless EPRP in both countries.

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