

## PRAYERFUL LETTER

To His Excellency - Prime Minister of Norway - Jens Stoltenberg  
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Dear Prime Minister

First of all - I wish to express my most sincere appreciation to you personally - Jens Stoltenberg - Prime Minister of Norway - and forward my good will for the realization of your high responsibility in leading Norway along the road of factual democracy, success, humanism and good work performed to promote peace among nations.

Dear Prime Minister

I do not want to give you detailed information about Ethiopia. You, as a statesman, distinguish better than me. However, I may differ from your verdict to send back Ethiopian asylum seekers to their country of origin.

Allow me to put it this way:

Norway's agreement with Ethiopia does not offer a suitable definition of the role of Norway as the human rights defender. It is certainly analogous to the mistake done by the government of Norway in deporting the Jews 60 years ago. The memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between Norway and Ethiopia is an unthinkable and inexpressible. It leads to the utter suffering of asylum seekers in Norway, and their parents and relatives in Ethiopia. The origin of this international relation is indecisive whereas it did confirm lack of caution and vindicate imprudence. The relationship is a bad covenant to deliberately harass the political fatalities of Ethiopia. The accord became a grim reality and an unforgettable nightmare for all Ethiopian asylum seekers dispersed through out the world.

Dear Prime Minister

Let me write a very few words about the origins of Ethiopian exodus.

God gave us Ethiopia (our Jerusalem) with the commitment to remain in the land and be faithful to Him. The past generation were surely bound to keep this obligation and God protected Ethiopia. Unfortunately, my generation were not well-built as He expected. The problem is not our fault but was created and sustained by continuous disobedience of non-believers (atheists/communists) leading the country. They destructed the country without pity. Corruption and extravagancy ruined the wealth and natural resources. Those 40 years of period are characterized by acts of depravity. It wounded not only individuals but the entire nation. The impending catastrophe for four decades dulled our ears and insulated our mind. Comparable to the state of nature; existence became hard, brutish and nasty. Consequently, we Ethiopians became helpless and as might be expected many would eventually cry out and migrated.

Several Ethiopian asylum seekers crossed the Sudan and Libyan Sahara desert. A number of them were dreadfully died and lied down in the sand without being buried whereas some were lucky to arrive in Europe. Quite a number of Ethiopians jump on board a fragile sailing boat with smugglers and travel by water from the seashore of Somalia. More than a few were savagely thrown downwards into the sea before getting to the other coastline. Luckily some reached Europe. Indeed a large number of Ethiopian refugees crossed the borders of Ethiopia via Kenya and achieved to come to Europe while the vulnerable were harshly eaten by lions and hyenas. Our disastrous history of migration is endless. Everyone has his own concrete reason to abandon his/her country. It ranges from extreme poor quality corrupted economy to human rights abuses, tortures or imprisonments. A journalist may run fearing detention while a worker became a refugee because of the recent unusual inflation, for instance. How can he/she manage to see his/her children crying in the pain of starvation?

More or less, our situation in the Diasporas clarifies this matter. We know that we need to return back to our beloved motherland: the symbol of courage and dignity. We are proud that we are born Ethiopians. But this is not the time to return back. Ethiopia will not be safe for most of us. Oppression and corruption will consume us.

How can Norway, kingdom of the kind-hearted people, forcefully return us to Ethiopia to the advantage of the wicked?

Dear Prime Minister

- Please give us shelter for the time being as we try to cope with our circumstances.
- Please help us to reduce the nightmare and the dreadful feelings by reconsidering the appalling covenant.
- Please wait us to return until the wicked will face judgement of God rather than escape unscathed.

In doing this, Norway will again benefit from wisdom. The way of wisdom promotes the understanding of righteousness, justice, equity and every good path - as always is her tradition. Norway's philosophy of compassion rests upon the understanding of empathy plus wisdom.

**Your compassion – Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg – helps us function with greater harmony and thus contributes to our survival without fear of deportation.**

I prayed that Norway will not drink the wrath of God in sending us back to the wicked.

Sincerely yours

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