

THE PORT OF ASSAB IN ERITREA

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By way of introduction

When a day falls on the 13 of any month and coincides with any Friday, is a sign of trouble, according to Western believers. In Ethiopia some people say that when June 1st falls on Monday (Sene/Segna) they believe there will be trouble too. But in Eritrea, when the thirteen month arrives, the hope for mankind's happiness begins. I was born on the 13th Month of PAGUME and I am very happy to this day. There is another reason why I raised this issue of DOB. Those who were born on November have a characteristic of leadership based on beliefs and benefits (BB). Can it be Ethiopian and Eritrean families do not have the willingness or the capacity to have their babies on such an important month. That is my personal question.

In today's western belief of Friday the 13th, we heard news that the Issis leader has been killed. If it is a little consolation for Eritreans and Ethiopians, this is it. Justice has been served. But to the bombings and killings in Paris, it is early to tell, we hope innocent people have not been killed. So, can we take this type of events lightly? This is not rumor, it is a fact. Another rumor follows:-

Rumors about the use and abuse of the port of Assab

Many Ethiopian activists and professors talk about the port of Assab and the same type of people from Eritrea counter talk against Ethiopians. Why because both types of people are not honest or liberated. If they were liberated, they would talk about the economic impact towards Ethiopia and Eritrea. And if they were honest enough, the claims of the sea is connected with the crossing of Moses people and it is nowhere near the port of Assab.

The port of Assab was developed primarily to serve the middle region of Ethiopia, namely the provinces of Wollo, Begemdir, Godjam and Wellega and some parts of Shewa. That was all, no more no less.

All along, the transportation system is based on

- a) on planning
- b) on construction and
- c) On maintenance.

The port of Assab has undergone through these three stages. Now the third stage of maintenance is, I believe is not being carried out, why because, the five provinces mentioned above are not receiving service from this port. In the meantime, it is in distress. No economic activity in the five regions of middle Ethiopia, no services provided by the port of Assab.

So what is the current rumor now, that the Arab Emirates and the Saudis have rented it or bought it, it is no more an issue neither for Ethiopians nor for Eritreans? How convenient rumor for talks around politics. The port of Assab is not an issue for neither Ethiopian activists such as Afar, Ginbot, Amhara nor others nor not convenient talk for the Arabs, the Israelis, the Americans, the Chinese, the Iranians or the Europeans. If anything to talk about politically, it is the corridor of the Red Sea and not the port of

Assab. Let alone the ports of Assab and Massawa, the significance of the Red sea is diminished because of the digital age. Only fools fight for such ports.

The significance of the town of Assab, as opposed to the port

The liberation movements of the past and the current freedom fighters are advised to heed to the following proposal for both Eritreans and Ethiopians. It is called

AAGMELAGOD

AA-GME- LA -GO =-DEMOCRACIA = THE ORIGIN ERITREO- ETHIOPIAN CULTURAL REVOLUTION

What this means is that all names beginning with A will be turned upside down to signify

- Voluntarism-
- Voting- and
- Victory in that order.

For instance, if a given name such as Aschalew, it would have to follow the simple rule of a) volunteering b) to be a voter and lastly to declare victory. Unless and otherwise, we follow such concept, in the order enumerated above, it would be a struggle for survival only. We have so many names in both Ethiopia and Eritrea. Find your name and decipher it to get a result.

GME is an acronym for the one quarter of the Cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. That means, Eritreans and Ethiopians share common heritage from this Cross.

LA is an acronym for Lalibela, a symbol of Ethiopian as well as Eritrean civilization.

GO is also an acronym for the seat of governments of Ethiopia and Eritrea. There is little dispute about this.

Lastly, we need democracies to communicate and understand each and every one whether in Eritrea or in Ethiopia. We shall also point out that Democracia with a capital D is synonym with the last alphabet of GOD – the creator. Democracy with the small letter represents the individual be it an Ethiopian or an Eritrean.

So, the lesson here is that is AAGMELAGO is a project travelling from the low land to the highest mountain. Can we reach the mountain of RAS Dashen? That is the question to be answered by the readers. Those who fought from the mountains, of Nakfa, Assimba, Tulu and Batu should consider to go up from the bottom of the sea and valley to the mountain tops. Your direction should be upwards not downwards to chaos. We should go back to our mountains and leave the low lands areas to the nomads and herdsman. It is no more necessary to resettle in the Kola. The Internet age has arrived for the Highlanders.

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