

## THE ETHIOPIAN SPY MOLA ASGEDOM AFTER MORE THAN TEN YEARS IN ERITREA RETURNED HOME

**Mola son of Asgedom**, who has the same structure and height like Iseyas Efewerqi, ex young Tigrayan People's Liberation Front (TPLF) fighter, now middle-aged handsome guy with Eritrean Tigriyna accent tells that he was born in Mekhan መክን, five kilo-meters south of Maichew ማይጨው, south of Meqhele. After finishing grade eight he joined TPLF in 1981 (?). After victory of TPLF he served as a foot soldier for four years. His brigade was camped in Akaki Addis Ababa quarter. And after the Eritrean-Ethiopian war that took place from May 1998 to Jun 2000, he happened to be in Eritrea. How he managed it is unknown.

After nearly two years in Eritrea, Mola said, he and unknown others, have established Tigray People's Democratic Movement (TPDM) in Feb 19. 2006. And he was put at the helm of the front. He narrates that the goal of the front was to bring change by force in Ethiopia. But this narration not holds water, because TPDM, Mola at the helm, was done according to fixed Ethiopian plan in the way the five senses of the Eritrean dictator couldn't sense it. This gives an answer to the question that says why TPDM members are not called terrorist groups as Ginbot 7 by the Ethiopian politics.

Mola says that Ginbot 7 and other movements were serving TPDM only as condiments መቅቃመጣ ወይ መጣፈጫ ... They are present because of the propaganda that we listen but they are a handful of men who can't stand on their own two feet ... They are where they are at TPDEM expensive...

But the Ethiopian politics doesn't diminish Ginbot 7. It is considered as threat to Ethiopia maybe of its intellectual powerhouse that TPDM has not. But for this or another reason Addis Ababa defended TPDM by threatening other groups that are not blessed by it with any action.

Let us put what we are saying in short. The Eritrean dictator was persuaded that TPDM may act as proxy for his own interests. With this he thought that his plan that intends to hold Ethiopia with pair of tongs ጎጠጥ, Ethiopian opponents from north and Al-shabab from the east will go ahead and score success. This strategy started to surface after his defeat in the Eritrean-Ethiopian border war. But today the flight of Mola made the dictator fell into the trap he built.

After its establishment TPDM was left to be rocketed by getting free financial help, army logistics and support, ammunitions, food, houses, offices, health care, training, etc. This was accompanied by media propaganda. The following is a testimony of history.

### UN report: Eritrea-backed rebel TPDM has tens of thousands fighters

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United Nations' report indicated that Eritrea continued propping up *Tigray People's Democratic Movement (TPDM)* in violation of Security Council resolution 1907 (2009).

The latest report of the UN Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea, released last week, depicts TPDM (a.k.a. "Demhit") as the strongest among Eritrea-based Ethiopian rebel groups with around 20,000 fighters.

The UN monitors learnt from multiple sources that "weapons in the logistics department of Eritrea Defence Forces (EDF) are being systematically transferred to TPDM.

With time the secret mission of Mola to Eritrea came to end. Sudan Tribunal website was the first to tell this breaking news (ሐድዲስ ወረ) on 13 September, 2015. Here it is.

### Ethiopian renegade (=ከሐዲ) general flees to Sudan: report

September 12, 2015 (KHARTOUM) – A well placed Sudanese source revealed today that a dissident Ethiopian general fled to Sudan on Friday evening along with his soldiers after clashes with the Eritrean army.



Undated footage photo of Mola Asgedom (YouTube)

The source who spoke to the Turkey-based Anadolu news agency on condition of anonymity said that General Mola Asgedom who heads the Tigray People's Democratic Movement (TPDM) that is based in

Eritrea, arrived at the Sudanese town of Hamdait at the border triangle between Eritrea, Ethiopia and Sudan.  
 He explained that Asgedom escaped to Sudan after armed clashes broke out with the Eritrean army at the outskirts of the Eritrean city of Omhajer on Friday morning.  
 The source went on to say that Asgedom and 683 of his forces handed over their weapons to the Sudanese authorities.  
 He explained that Khartoum succeeded in preventing the escalation of clashes between Asgedom's forces and the Eritrean army and evacuated the soldiers to Wad al-Hilu town in Kassala State while their leaders were transferred to unspecified areas inside Sudan.  
 He added that 7 of the Ethiopian opposition forces were killed during the pursuit by Eritrean troops to its western border with Ethiopia and Sudan.  
 Eyewitnesses in the border areas said they heard gunfire during the clashes, noting that the entrance of Ethiopian opposition forces to Hamdait created a state of confusion among the population.  
 A pro-Ethiopian opposition TV confirmed that Asgedom turned himself in to the Sudan, without giving details.  
 The Eritrea-based Ethiopian opposition coalition consider TPDM to be the military wing while the Ginbot 7 of Berhanu Nega led the political forefront.  
 Ethiopia also backs Eritrean opposition groups in the context of proxy wars between the two longtime foes.

Mola in his interview speech says 'We have fighters that took a special (military) course ስፕሻል ኮርስ የወሰደ ታጋይ ነው ያለኝ'. But, as many others, he didn't reveal what by whom and why was this special course was given. In addition to this it is not known why he has the rank of general. But it seems not big rank for him because he was above the Eritrean generals.

Let us shade more light on Mola's education. In his interview with media, as it mentioned above, he said that he is grade eight complete. This means, according to the Ethiopian elementary school curriculum, he was with Tigriyna (ትግርይና) at school for the first four years. In those first two years he has learnt the more than 300 Tigriyna alphabets. After that, in the last two years, he has learnt the four mathematical operations plus few subjects like history, geography ... in Tigriyna mother tongue. But we must not forget that Tigriyna has not mathematic or geographic ... terms not to mention other subjects like physics, chemistry....

The whole issue why we go to school is to learn truths, facts and science. But the Abyssinian school which tends to be more traditional than modern has not that. So if we ask ourselves why we can't write correct Tigriyna sentence after so many years of education, the answer is very simple, our early bad educational experiences have a profound effect on the rest of our life.

Abyssinians have a land but they don't have a language. Tigriyna is the worst tongue on earth. With it there is no progress expect regress. This tongue knows no rule of grammar. With it you can only be a peasant or a soldier. It only has two tenses, past and present. The worst is that Tigriyna users do not know the Tigriyna regular and irregular, transitive and intransitive verbs. All these prove that without a reform Tigriyna man will never write scientific sentence in Tigriyna.

So, in order to shade light on the crooked nature the Tigriyna tongue, I don't want to miss the opportunity. For this the followings are parts of Mola's mistakes that were produced during his interview with Aiga Forum. Without any doubt they are common errors. >>

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• ... ውግእ ከቢድ ነቢሩ ...	ከንዲ ናይ <i>instead of</i>	እታ ውግግእ ነቢራ ከብባድ
• ... አብ ተጋሩ ጽልኢት ...	>>	ኢሰያስ ይጸልእ ተጋሩ
• ... መምርሒ አውራጅናሎም ...	>>	ሂብና ሐዶ እዝዝዚ/ተእዝዝ ናብ እቶም
• ... ምስ ኢሰያስ አፈወርቂ ብዙሕ አይንራኹብን ...	>>	ምስ ኢሰያስ አፈወርቂ አይነበርናን ንራኹብ ብዙሕ
• ... ንሕዝቢ ኢና ንቃለስ ዘሎና ...	>>	ንሕና አልሎና ንቃለስ ምእንቲ ሕዝቢ
• ... ናይ ሓባር ጥምረት...	>>	ሕቡር ገምበር (ልሙድ ግምባር) united front
• ... ዴምህት...	>>	ደምሕት
• ... ሰባት ዓመት መሪቸው አለሁ...	>>	አነ መርሐዮ ምእንቲ ሸውዓትተ ዓመታት

• ...መንግስት ለአንድ ከራይቤት 25,000 ይከፍላል... >> መንግስት አርትራ 25,000 (ቅርብ ወይ ዶልላር) ነቢሩ ይከፍላይ ምእንቲ ቤት ከራይ

Mola records his glorious years at Eritrea in extraordinary way. The Eritrean illegal government was paying 25,000 (*maybe Naqhfā*) a month for his house rent. He had four (private) cars and he had plenty to eat at home. And he was bribing the Eritrean officials to facilitate his works. About this he says in his interview, 'just you pay one thousand (Naqhfā) to any official in order to get five (government military) cars from his military base.

Mola mentioned TPDM military bases that were or are in the four Eritrean towns: Massawa, Decamare (Ekkeleguzai), Barentu and Teseni and his offices that were in Asmara and Massawa. In addition to this he mentioned that all the TPDM band (group of musicians) composed of 63 individuals has left Eritrea with him. But it was not all like this. For example TPDM media (television, radio, newspaper and internet) had 32 workers. At the time of flight the media was left open with very few works. This was done in order not to raise any suspicion about the secret flight. But it must not be forgotten that the members who are left behind are the guys who do not have any hint about the secret flight of General Mola.

In general the TPDM activities have many similarities to a Kagnew Station that operated from 1943 to 1977 as a U.S. Army radio station in Eritrea. But in particular point of view history of Mola Asgedom is the **same** as that Israeli spy in Syria, Eli Cohen. History of this Israeli spy is deeply rooted in Ethiopian tradition thanks to the book titled <<የኢና ሰው ቢደማስቆስ>>. I have read this book more than 40 years ago. This means Ethiopian spies can easily put this book into practice.

Cohen to realize his mission 'developed close relationships with Syrian **political** and **military** hierarchy and became the Chief Adviser to the **Minister of Defense**'. This is the thing that is followed by Mola Asgedom. But Mola has done more because weapons in the logistics department of Eritrea Defence Forces (EDF) made systematically transferred to TPDM. And he was controlling what the Eritrean dictator imports and exports by sea, land and air by being at Eritrean strategically important places. For this, Mola had camp in Tesenei, camp and office in Massawa and offices in Asmara. This suggests that Ethiopia has more clear information about Eritrean military, politics and trade than UN commission of inquiry on Eritrea.

Cohen first learned intensive, six-month course at the Mossad training school. <<He was then given a **false identity** as a **Syrian businessman** who was returning to the country after living in **Argentina**. To establish his cover, Cohen moved to Argentina in 1961. >> Finally entered Syria with a lot of money. And he took no time to bribe the Syrian politician and military men and women in order to make go his intention.

What about Mola Asgedom? There are many unknown things that time tells about Mola. But when we think about money, as mentioned above, Mola was a black Rockefeller in Eritrea. Without any doubt he took no time to build good relations with Eritrean corrupted high ranked politicians and military officials to collect intelligence on everything that matters to his mission. The collected intelligences or the collection of information of military or political value were finding their way from Eritrea to Ethiopia by radio, secret letters, and in person, and perhaps Mola was secretly traveling to Ethiopia (like the captured Eritrean spy that is in Ethiopian prison). It is clear that the bombardment of the Eritrean military depot in Tkhul and Besha mine on March 22, 2015 by Ethiopian Air force is one of the fruit of the sent intelligences. Everything considered Mola was well trained, prepared and equipped for his spying mission in Eritrea.

To come to a conclusion, without any doubt, Mola Asgedom is lionhearted man but he must return to school at least to finish secondary school in order to avoid what he has witnessed in Eritrea and to accompany his heroism with knowledge and wisdom. If he does, he will learn that any, small or big, military operation during the Ethiopian rainy season turns to be bad because not only river Tekkeze but also all Abyssinian rivers are full floods. Plus it is good to read the reports of king Yohannes death on 10 March, 1889 in battle of Metemma written by Italian writers. These guys have really caught King Yohannes' bravery.

That bravery teaches a general never abandons 96.3% (or 19,116) of his soldiers behind at appalling (difficult) condition in order to cross a border with only 3.3% (or 684) of his soldiers. I believe this is a crime. This is without mentioning Eritreans and Ethiopians death at the borders of Eritrea-Sudan and Eritrea-Ethiopia owing to the flight.

The bravery of Mola could have solved the problems of Horn Africa for ever by kidnapping and bringing the Eritrean dictator to Ethiopia to face justice but only had it been handled wisely. This was the simplest task to do instead of dragging 684 persons and killing innocents. But Mola was not advised to do the right things. For this and another Ethiopian government is requested to conduct a full investigation. Eritreans and Ethiopians have the right to know the Mola Asgedom case from the top of the first page to the end of the last day without any cover up and delay. But before this the families of the border flight victims must be comforted (if possible) and compensated.

