

# An Open Letter of Solidarity with the People of Bad(e)me and Other Like it

Dear brothers and sisters, I am truly sorry for the inconvenience that is there, but I hope that the government peace initiative finds its place, you become an instrument for it and get rewarded for your efforts.

As a document I am an Eritrean refugee in Switzerland. That is, like other thousands of Eritreans, I escaped from my country. In other words, I am part of those you know better than me, who preceded you in the place where you are, some long-standing shoot-to-kill order survivors, now they are in the Democratic Federal Republic of Ethiopia, Sudan, ... considered as Eritrean refugees.

But being Eritrean refugee in Europe, not to mention the rest, does not mean being completely free from the impact of the Eritrean dictatorship. Thanks to its authoritarian institutions it is always present among Eritreans to keep their economic, political, cultural ... interests alive.

In addition to the above, the Eritrean-Ethiopian land border, the border that has no consent of Abyssinian people, is also a place where the Eritrean dictatorship and Ethiopian republic collide with another. For this and for others we can say that almost all the artilleries of the Eritrean dictator are in this part. It is internationally known war zone, difficult for a soldier not to mention any civilian. I wonder why the authority has not arrived with a solution for so long.

The dictatorial regime of Iseyas Efewerqi has no connection with the rule of law, he has also nothing to do with the causes that divided ancient Ethiopia into two, namely Eritrea and modern Ethiopia. But it is clear that division has paved the way for his success.

United we stand, divided we fall

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If the names were North and South Ethiopia, just like North and South Vietnam, instead of what we have, which multiplies the true Mendefera - Adua distance more than a hundred times, our confusion would be simplified. But the policies of the Italian colony, the most horrible policy of all settlers in Africa, was not for this reason. It was only there to plant the evil that now requires a strong culture and a democratic system to eradicate it.

With great certainty (ምስ ናቢይ ርግጽ-ንነት) the causes that are responsible for the division of ancient Ethiopia into two, North and South of the river Mereb, are two

policies, of Italian colony and of King Menelik II and the bad handled an unexpected death of king Johannes IV.

So, we can say with great tranquility that politics changed the Mereb river in the most dangerous river to cross. The worst thing is that, this politics that has more than 100 years, has no hint of slowing down because of the homegrown opportunists who cannot survive without it. But we must stand up and be counted. Mereb River must not be a line of division. As before it must be Abyssinian people bridge of communication. It really seems like the right time to start building our broken history, unity, progress ... brick by brick. We must let the next generation free to build obelisks from the north Naqfa to the south Gomgofa.

The political move of the current government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, according to my opinion, so far so good, because it promises peace. I would say that this inherited problem is well addressed. And I pray those who oppose coming with a better democratic solution. I think a window of change for better is always open because we are not in Eritrea.

So, to reach the conclusion, dear brothers and sisters of the people of Bademe and other like it, you have only one choice. That is to listen and obey to the policy of the two democratically elected governments, of Ethiopian federal democratic republic and Tigray state. These governments are there to make majority rule go. And according to the constitution, they take responsibility for their actions. Out of this everything is for propaganda. And do not lose hope the life span of this bad condition is until the bridge on the river Mereb is restored.

And I would like to respond to the notion that says "Modern Ethiopia must have a port, ... by any means.". We are with this notion since the fall of Mereb River bridge. But when the Abyssinians pray, they do not ask their God to give them a port or ports, something in their hands. But they always pray for unity and harmony. This shows that unity is at the top of people's wish list. To such democratic wish we must not turn a deaf ear like the Eritrean bad guy who does not hesitate to destroy the dearest people wishes.

And I hope that Prime Minister Ahmed Abiy continues to listen to the wishes of the Ethiopian people. And must not have forgotten if these desires are encouraged, strengthened and realized have the ability to be roadmap that erases the boundary line of the Mereb River from the ground, map and mind as well.

All the bests

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