

Editorial

Who is the selfish? The regime with its blind supporters or the Indigenous Kunama?

The quest for survival should not be equated to selfishness. Selfishness is the internal motive of adding some thing more on what you already have. It's greed. Communal or primitive societies are free of such unblessed culture. Those civilized and who wish to add more and to be seen as giants and excellent in all aspects than others are always under the slavery of greed. The Kunama nationality, from its cultural and historic bondage, had nothing to do with abominable culture of greed and shares equally with others from what it possesses.

Greed is diametrically opposite to peaceful coexistence and it jeopardizes the very nature of harmonious style of togetherness. Its we Kunama invaded in our land. Its we kunama subjugated in our ancestral land. Its we Kunama made isolate and starved to death. Its we Kunama dispossessed and diminished to nil. Its the Kunama and other minor nationalities expected to bow and regret for our genuine quest for equality. On the other hand, it's the regime and its blind supporters that suck all the blood and sweat of the Kunama and still asking the indigenous people to pay back for the labor intensity for sucking their blood and sweat. It's the regime and the staunch collaborators that have left the land bare and inefficient. It's the current regime that is chasing

the dwellers off their lands. Political power is with the ethnocratic regime. Economic power is in the hand of that technocratic regime. All Eritreans are made to breathe with the lungs of the regime. What else are the assets the regime doesn't possess?

So and therefore, who is the selfish? the haves or the have-nots and how on earth an eyed man envy to a one-eyed? The Kunama indigenous is there and free of greed. The natives and oppressed ones are there in their ancestral land but devoid of any right but being insulted as “susuat”!! It's the result of the chauvinistic attitude of the 18th century. The “susuat” are those who grab and expel the natives off their land. The susuat are those who are eligible for expulsion right after the doom of the regime. The susuat are those who are buying land and bonds from the regime and still bragging and labeling those minorities or only 2% as irresponsible citizens for the sheer quest of their right and equality. The innocent ones, who are there for years in harmony with the pioneers are welcomed than ever before and are eligible to coexist peacefully. Because they are free of the greed virus. PIA and his regime structure and including its Diaspora alliance are the most susuat to their bon. Every member of the Kunama nationality is being questioned about his or her intellectual or reasoning capacity how to react to this unholy insult. The bones of the Berakit victims and others shall be remembered for ever!!

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If navigate to the multiple Eritrean opposition websites today, we actually come across a subject which is a common denominator for all and it’s the vitality of deposing the PFDJ regime. The atrocities committed by this regime caused bitter suffering and pity on the life of our people. Despite the contradictory and controversial points of view reflected on the cyber world, the regime and its system of governance with all the atrocities every and overwhelming Eritreans agree on one point that ethnocratic regime of Eritrea is ruined beyond and no option is left over other than to remove. The ambition and its practicality, however, are two compelling and challenging echoes for the entire opposition block. It’s not the intention to remove but the mechanism of how to remove the regime is the determinant and compelling factor for all the opposition forces. Still there is no a common stepping ground all national forces should converge to build and cement national unity and identity. The words and findings of late veteran Sayed Naud are timely facts. The road to forge a new and liberated Eritrea was hard but won. This being the first chapter, the road towards national unity and revelation of democratic culture and institutions is becoming hard and challenging. The social, political and economic structure of the people of our country, after the liberation needs a thorough attention but still shelved. Some nationals insist on

the simple algebra of majority rule even though in Eritrea, the ruling party is so exclusive and snatched all the rights be it minority, indigenous, human and democratic ones. The regime’s obsessed action is totally unbridled under the cover of majority Tigrinya speaking portion; while the portion itself is made an escape goat. Others consider the majority rule as a viable option but are applying the lowland-highland and Christian-Muslim dichotomies where the plight of the various minor nationalities is ignored and forgotten. Others still decline to recognize and take some punitive measures against the regime accepting it as a savior and protectorate of their interests. The dislocation of indigenous people from their ancestral lands and misappropriation of the untapped natural resources were not taken into account as imminent dangers for the national unity. They always talk and talk about poverty and minerals but never say a word about the people who live in those vicinities. And this on the other side has urged the minor and indigenous nationalities to dwell up on the natural resources obesity and bent on the issue of self determination principle. And the elites of the majorities are also unable to read the reality other than concocting they are only 2% of the Eritrean population. They are still unable to derive a lesson from the Hutu-Tutsi ratio. Yes, of course, they are minorities with all respects from every angle but should they be treated as animals as today? Still, yes, they are minorities and not legible to rule (from chauvinistic angle) but are not so weak and fragile to destabilize the regime on post or any other force concomitant to. What we are

observing in Kunama land (Gash-setit) is a case in point and will continue as such if not resolved. A wise and updated approach with a sensible solution is just and reasonable. A civilized, free and fair political representation, whether we liked or not, that matches the 21st century is a blessed one. The majority obsession will ultimately and absolutely bring unexpected doom and uncertainty of the newly born Eritrea shall only be preserved by allowing the indigenous people to live, work and continue in their ancestral land in peace. In this piece of writing, the intention is neither to give clues to bridge all the differences nor to provide an authenticated formula of removing the regime, but to bring those urgent and most important issues to our attention and to redress them effectively.

The perception of once up on a time scooters and laborers, as Ustaz Omer Jaber- the landless and natural IDP (his origin is from Sahel) of the Kunama land, has used to describe the indigenous Eritrean Kunama of not eligible for self determination right, instead of recognizing their plight, is some thing equivalent to a crime and its price shall be bitter and sour. Having such unblessed psychological make up and intent and to accept a call to mediate two members (10 vs 1) of the same front-the Eritrean Democratic Alliance, is also another devious egocentric aptitude emanated from a damaged brain of the 18th century. Here is our message to both veteran fighters Omer jabber and Mohammed Nur Ahmed, both internally displaced guests of Kunama

land: you are welcomed in our beloved ancestral land only when you respect the plight and self determination rights of Kunama and the rest Eritrean nationalities. We the kunama intellectuals and fighters as well, respecting the contribution of the two veterans in the liberation struggle, though irrelevant to the agenda we have brought on the table now, its an insult to our intelligence to take a lecture from Mohammed nur Ahmed about family tree or a clan structure of Eritrean nationalities. What surprised us more is the moral courage oozed to such unwelcomed veteran by the EPDP culture and information department and an advocate for a broad national front while undermining the cause of the oppressed ethnic groups. For both veterans, the request of the Kunama and other nationalities is more dangerous than the pain and humiliation these nationalities are getting from the regime they both support on daily base. And for us the impoverished and down trodden nationalities, the reverse is true and let both fathers know that you, knowingly or unknowingly, are true friends of the regime and enemies of the oppressed nationalities. We will respect your opinion with what so ever content as far as they never cross the red line-the newly built bridge, and if happened we will also fight them including their stake holder-the pfdj regime till the last breathe to secure our ends. Contrary to what has been said, the magnitude of the suppression and oppression as well may differ from one to the other nationality but never and ever think of that as if there is no oppression and no one will accept and admit to

that unholy perception in the land of inflicted nationals-Eritrea. Those eyes that are blind to see the corpse of the 28 poisoned Eritrean kunama nationals, the ears deafen to hear and witness the indiscriminately killings of the 62 Eritrean Kunama in 1985, the plight of Afar, Saho and other Eritrean nationalities and the minds retarded to analyze such ordeal situation and sought for a peaceful and better solution belongs to no other but of those relegated and “honored” national figures. The blessings or curses of veterans don’t mean a guarantee for our quest. Whether they recognize or fail, it doesn’t matter if we are able to accomplish some thing valuable under the banner of the sacred principle, the concluding statement of the national conference for the democratic change, as a good illustration of the time.

Time and again, the question of land and its implementation policies are irrelevant issues and should be shelved for the moment. Let us not talk about minerals but about the innovative human creature. Let’s not talk only about individual but that of the powerful group or collective right. Decentralization doesn’t mean federalism but the vice versa is true and lets consume it wisely. A property right overwhelmingly includes the right to own land, its products and other movable and immovable assets and the irrevocable right to pass over for generations. Why TIESA does works in the highlands and why not the traditional land ownership mode in the lowlands? We are totally amused as to why we are summoned to come up with symptoms of

being victims. Let our communal laws work and have their values in the society where they deserve. We as kunama, there fore, are worried about the exodus of our races not about the shinning gold but the regime and its followers concern more about the gold and gold rush and not about the people, what an ugly sympathy? We as a liberation fighters are anxious about the survival and continuity of the indigenous people but the regime its followers are fond of seeing exterminations of these aborigines, what a surprise and futile attempt? How on earth, therefore, we conform our interest to the haves and have not? The landless IDPs and the traditional owners are not equals and trying to do so is trying to treat unequal equally. Today, the scope of the Kunama population is being reduced in a very systematic way. First, the over 200,000 thousand Kunama population is propagated and the make-believe struggle is on line up to now. As such, some denigrated personalities are saying Kunama is less than 50,000. Forecasting ahead and killing the 200,000 Kunama populations to down size up to 50,000 is the home work of the Eritrean regime and its supporters and are working day and night on it. Second, the entire population is made starved to death. Their fertile land, the product of that fertile land, like cattle,gold,and agricultural results,water,and the peaceful air is totally snatched polluted and the shay Kunama are being killed on daily base. The milliners and investors being the regime and its staunch supporters, all of them at the same time have ganged up and conspired not to buy or purchase a Kunama goat, sheep and cattle or

camel. Hence, those poor and helpless Kunama come to market with their assets (fixed or non fixed) and go back to their home empty-handed. As such in the Kunama land and people, mortality or death is high reaching beyond 4% while the birth rate is below 1% due to malnutrition. Bride and broom are made to live separately due to the conscription and the forced national service. The aggregate conspiracy is to reduce and bring the Kunama population to nil or to the stage where they are unable to use their fertile ancestral land. All the daily-based harassments, killings, detentions and made them lost with out trace is emanated from the selfish and self centered policy of Isaias Afwerq led government. And all the brags of these IDPs and failed stooges of the regime is for nothing but a flirt to get some left over from the mouth of the Shark-the PFDJ regime.

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**CONCLUDING STATEMENT OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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ERITREAN NATIONALITIES (DFEN)**

Introduction:- the executive organ of the Democratic Front of the Eritrean Nationalities (DFEN) has convened its first regular meeting from 3-5/09/2010. In this event, some of the glaring national issues were raised and discussed and due value is given to reach on a concrete evaluation. The over all summary of the evaluation envisages a glimpse of hope while posing great challenges ahead, though the prospect is bright as stated. In the three days discussion, the decisive organ has sketched a plan of action expected to be implemented with in the time scale given.

The contemporary situation of Eritrea and the pfdj regime:- After the realization of the Eritrean independence, the PFDJ regime had failed to heed for the national issues to be addressed and redressed on the right time and place. This has led to instability and disruption of the well being and peaceful coexistence of our people and the nation. Hence, the request for a government change is a sine que non step, while becoming

intolerants for any political reform. DFEN as well as the Eritrean people are all for the radical and sensible changes while the regime too is evaluated as irrecoverable and irreparable what so ever efforts it attempts. Getting rid the regime of is the sole option left for the Eritrean people and the executive organ of DFEN has called out for immediate lively cooperation of genuine nationals to do the regime away and to have a sigh of relief.

Current situation of DFEN and Nationality organizations:- Since its founding congress, the leading nationality front, DFEN had organized various political conferences and forums where it has made maximum efforts to elevate national issues that need a thorough redress. In June, 2010, it has conducted a successful conference of nationality- based organizations with the self-determination platform. Here, research papers on different and out spoken issues were presented. The mentioned conference has endorsed the actual disparity and oppression brought by the regime among the nine Eritrean nationalities. The existed gap between the multinational and nationality organizations while dealing with the issue of equality and right of nationalities was also narrowed and agreed to work closely. Nationality or ethnic based

organizations have agreed to switch to a single and united principle of self determination right of nations and nationalities including and up to secession. These nationality organizations have also agreed to enter into the national conference for democratic change with common vision and stand. They also extended their readiness to promote and help other national movements to conduct respective organizational congresses. The executive body also underscored the importance of the Tigrinya nationality to organize and stand along similar organizations to do the regime away and realize stable, united and democratic Eritrea. The leadership has also evaluated the daily activities of nationality organizations and came to the conclusion that, this pattern of organizing scheme is not like some multinational organizations and leaders have used to describe but based on political fairness and equality for all. Such pattern is not allowed to this or that organization or nationality alone but for all citizens and nationalities. The executive body of DFEN portrays such misconception and perceptions as pertinent with what has been said and sang for the last fifty years and it has failed to benefit Eritrea and Eritreans in what so ever side. Thus far, this pattern of such organizing

is not limited and endorsed only for known and few nationalities. This is a way of manipulating others not to organize themselves so as to resist the oppressions, subjugations and supremacist attitudes and it has to be condemned as an obsolete approach. The nationality based form of organization is, therefore, based on the principle of equality and the question of equality and justice is a concern of all Eritrean nationalities and citizens and have full right to be organized in whatever pattern they opt. As such the executive body has called up on all Eritrean nationals and nationalities to conduct their respective organizational congresses in a place and time that suits to them, and has expressed its readiness to support.

The National Conference and its outcome:-

The role of DFEN's representatives and member organizations of EDA and civic societies in preparing the venue of the conference was tremendous and effective and reflected in the flexibility and endurance they have shown to resist all the smears and mudslinging. As a green and newly born, the nationality front as a collective body has strived its level best to promote the issue of nationalities in the respective work shops conducted. To derail and distort this right,

some political organizations and individuals have declared their discomfort against the concluding statement or declaration of the national conference for the democratic change. The executive body expressed its dissatisfaction over this sudden betrayal of the organizations on the declaration but strongly asserts the people of Eritrea that DFEN will always respect and abide by the decisions of people. While the concluding statement is devoid of the phrase-secession and knowing that the declaration is the sole decision of the participants of the conference, and has nothing to do with the existence of the nationality organizations, it is a malevolent intention and an insult for the wisdom of the participants that doesn't conform to the struggle against dictatorship. As such and as mentioned earlier, DFEN will respect and abide the resolutions of the people with their full contents and form now and for ever. Our nationality front, DFEN has also called up on those forces that are bent with the declaration to revise their stands, read and refrain from reading what has not been written. Hence, DFEN declares its willingness to move forward and work in harmony with the forces that have respected and fully accept the entire concept and content of the concluding

statement of the Eritrean national conference for the democratic change.

National Congress and its preparation:-

DFEN, as a participant of the conference and member of the Eritrean Democratic Alliance, once again, recognizes the commission for democratic change and avails its readiness to accomplish what so ever mission assigned. As we all know, the sole mission of the commission is to prepare a mature environment to realize the anticipated national congress. The serious of conducting national conferences on the level of individual member organizations of EDA or others, from the view of DFEN, is utterly wrong and is seen as devaluating the previously conducted national conference of the democratic change. Therefore, DFEN calls up on the national opposition forces to rally with the commission and to elevate their efforts of finalizing the mission on the scaled time frame. At last, the executive body of DFEN prepared three months action plan, resolved relevant political decisions, and meanwhile, rounded off its meeting and decided the meeting schedule of the first central committee of DFEN.

Nationality based pattern of organizing is a guarantee for our rights and continuity!!

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