OBTAINING THE NATION OF ERITREA UNDER A FALSE PRETENCE



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On June 8, 2015, the commission of inquiry by the UN Human Rights Court Counsel released their suspicious report about Eritrea's gross human rights violations. The report, written under the auspices of Ms. Sheila B. Keetharuth (Special Rapporteur on Human Rights to Eritrea) and her other two accomplices namely: Mr. Mike Smith and Mr. Dankwa. It was a shocking 500-page indictment of Eritrea; accused Eritrea its overall ability of governance, its political, military and its judicial system requesting the international community: "to address the justice deficit and to support for a restoration of the Rule of Law not Rule by fear".

This is a deliberate attack on Eritrea's overall Sovereignty. This is an attempt to bend the peace loving Eritrean people to fall into a total and viscous submission of guilty by the UN Human Rights Rapporteur. Time and again the government and the Eritrean people have called Sheila's integrity into question. She was found that she has a very close association with some scruples sworn enemies of Eritrea such as Elsa Chyrum. Her fact finding mission has been tainted before she even attempted to make none biased Human Rights report.

Fact Finding

The International Bar Association and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute have developed guidelines to follow particularly for the use by non-governmental organizations (NGO, and Special Rapporteur on Human Rights) for directions to all those engaged in fact findings to improving accuracy, objectivity, transparency and most of all their credibility in human rights fact findings.

From the outset, Ms. Sheila broke the law of her department guidelines when she didn't follow as stated under the sub heading: Terms of Reference for the Mission: "(5) the terms of reference must not reflect any **predetermined conclusions** about the situation under investigation" which is in this case about Eritrea's alleged violations. Her source or terms of reference was undoubtly, her association with those scruples' sworn enemies of Eritrean descent: such as Elsa Chyrum to name as a sample.

Her integrity was compromised early in her fact finding mission. It was reported by very well known news paper about her associations and biased agenda against the government of Eritrea and its overall sovereignty. This preconceived with negative intentions have resulted in presenting her biased report with no properly identifiable sourced, unlawful and unethical manner which has contributed to a completely fraudulent report.

Ms. Sheila has lost her credibility before she even began the project: therefore, her pre

conceived negative opinion; about the State of Eritrea could not be conducted in a none-biased manner. That is why her report could not be free from errors that lack objectivity and credibility with total disregard to transparency.

After the Eritrean Government conducted an inquiry into her educational background and her financially motivated behavior along with multitude of other reasons the Eritrean Government carefully evaluated the case and decided to deny her entry visa in to the country. It was also predicted by the government that her report could not be accurate, objective, transparent and none bias human rights fact findings mission. This is a travesty of justice and waste of resources and money for the International Community to allow this incompetent individual to become credible, ethical in Human Rights Fact Findings.

Information Gathering

Speaking about the definition of Fact Finding sub-titled as stated in the UN Guidelines on International Human Rights Visits and Reports is listed under item 1 as follows:

"For the purpose of these guidelines, fact finding means a mission or visit mandated by an NGO To ascertain the relevant facts relating to and elucidating a situation of human rights concern, Whether allegedly committed by state or non-state actors. In many instances this activity will result In a report. These guidelines do not <u>prejudice</u> the use of other methods of collecting information, other ventures or the use of fact finding in other contexts"

From here on words, I am addressing Ms. Sheila B. Keetharuth (Special Rapporteur on Human Rights to Eritrea) as originally announced by the UN Human Rights that she has been the only one mandated **out there to get Eritrea**.

Following the June 8 report of the commission without being bogged down into who is the chair and who are the other accomplices; my focus is only on the UN mandated out there to get Eritrea is Ms. Sheila under a cloud of biased accusations, including her methods of Information Gathering:

- (1) According to the released report the method used to gather the data were: traveling to eight countries and interviewed some 550 people supposedly of Eritrean origin or any Tigrinya Speakers with Eritrean forged Identifications or what else and additional 160 with written submissions.
- (2) This statement has no verifiable way to even be considered as credible information, it is a fraudulent practice at best and a complete disregard to the Guidelines set out by the UN Human Rights Fact Finding Visits and Reports. Without a visit to Eritrea this report could not have any merit to what so ever to even think that it is a credible and viable report. Let us read the following UN Guidelines states that: on the same line under item 1 listed above the last since it reads as follows:

"These guidelines do not <u>prejudice</u> the use of other methods of collecting information, other ventures or the use of fact finding in other contexts".

- (3) Just for the sake of exercising' suppose Eritrea would even be willing to consider this alleged fraudulent report for direct rebuttal. First of all, none of the 550 people allegedly interviewed and offered testimonies could be easily verified, because, all these mystery fraudulent practices happened outside Eritrea's boundary.
 - (a) These practices calls into question that: under what duress, threats, violence or any financial incentives were used to extract the negative information from each interviewee?
 - (b) Are all these testimonies were induced by the fear of being deported back to Eritrea?
 - (c) In other words was there any exchange of money offered for their supposed negative testimonies?
 - (d) Were the people interviewed for future possible questions noted, was it done per their consent?
 - (e) Were the people interviewed given adequate care to express their opinion through a language they understand very well?

Since these are a total fabrication with no verifiable information (cases) that could be verified and endure truth under legal jurisdiction session, the report as it is standing condemned the State of Eritrea referenced from fraudulent testimonies obtained from 550 interviews and 160 written submissions; all conducted outside the boundaries of Eritrea including in countries which have no bilateral agreement with the State of Eritrea as alleged in the report; we can only say for now that this is:

"An Egregious Report in which none of the allegations have ever occurred in Eritrea".

However, the establishment behind of this type of inquiry in June 2014 remains in place and constitutes a direct rebuttal to the overall campaign by Human Right Council backers and Activists and International Money Donors, groups may come a day of surprise. Otherwise, to salvage the reputation and legitimacy of the State of Eritrea the group who are working day and night are generally driven by a devious ideology called **Social Justice** who have Agents as accomplices of Eritrean origins. They are determined to define Eritrea into a Human Rights violator that may constitute "**crimes against humanity**" as some countries known for war crimes. This kind of labeling in the report gave Eritrea an explosive malicious impact. Indeed, it is worth stating again that the June 23, 2015 report cast Eritrea as a state whose leaders have no accountability when gross human rights violations are being committed. The report sensationalizes this unsubstantiated allegation to reach the level of crimes against humanity.

When we talk about Eritrea, we need not be detained by the special pleading of disciplined, One-party regime called PFDJ. The Western World must understand the PFDJ ideology is superior to many democratic countries recognized by the western world. Some African Countries shamelessly announce that they recognize 30 political parties to rule their countries democratically and in truth they do it undemocratically which do not achieve anything that could benefit their people. In truth the end results as we see them waiting for handouts and finally they sale their country to the highest bidders. The present day Eritrea being a newly independent country which needs everything for its development, I can use the old saying; "without pain there is no gain" there could be hard feeling physical hardships for some living in Eritrea but there is

no conflict between human rights abuse and their state of stability. They are always at peace and in tranquility with themselves and their neighbors. Does these sounds like "Rule by Fear" or is this a "self-rule" by respecting their individual obligations"?

The failure of the western states as it is proved by Eritrean case is: the failure of UN to hire incompetent people like MS. Sheila who she is not that bright when she become easily misled by enemies and become biased. She lost her commonsense to the point that she can't understand how Eritreans feel and treat their freedom so dearly, because they cherished it after 30 years army struggle, after lost many of their brothers and sisters and belongings. That is why many Eritreans with the exception of some traitors are inspired by PFDJ ideology and made it as way of life to become visionaries, fearless individuals, honesty, self-ruling disciplined (not by fear) hard working, collective demand for all developmental efforts and defenders for their territorial integrity and respect their overall uncompromising sovereignty not a popular overnight sovereignty like a neighboring country Ethiopia. In Ethiopia, a minority group has the popular sovereignty at the cost of ethnic cleansing, and plunging all groups into a war of all against all. I made this statement about Ethiopia, because MS. Sheila does not seem to have the expertise relevant to fact finding, instead MS. Sheila is calling the Eritrean regime as oppressive. The world must know that Eritrean Government under the PFDJ ruling is not new. Prior to the independence: They were the Guidance of the whole Eritrean people and are the Guidance of today and they are the Guidance for future.

Writing Fact Finding Report

By examining this fraudulent report written by Ms. Sheila B. Keetharuth, we can ask how these 550 witnesses testimony plus the 160 written testimonies are obtained? It was obtained through fraudulent practices. Is it not a direct violation of the UN own Guidelines on Human Rights Fact-Finding Reports as stated under the Definition of Fact Findings? Again here are the words of the UN Guidelines on Human Rights Fact-Finding:

That "fact finding means a mission or visit mandated by an NGO to ascertain the relevant facts relating to and elucidating a situation on human rights concern"? It goes on and continued that: "These guidelines do not prejudice the use of other methods of collecting information, other ventures or the use of fact finding in other contexts".

Therefore, Ms. Sheila and her accomplices have reduced themselves to a biased incompetent Special Rapporteur lacking experience and expertise relevant to fact finding missions. At the sometime, they exposed the UN to become responsible body of this fraudulent report. The world believes on the 1998 United Nations Declaration on Rights and Responsibilities of states to promote and protect Human Rights and Fundamental freedoms, but by accepting this report, how did we think they can use it to make a comprehensive judgment?

For the purpose of making statement about the Eritrean government, do they fail their elementary obligations? (a) such as maintaining physical security to its boarders, (b) failed to supply adequate food for its people, (c) where there any reported incident by police or army sustained violence against any outside Political dissidents who question and criticize the government. In Eritrea it is against the established statuary law to criticize the government either directly or through hired agents like private media outlets. This practice is also true in America, Europe or any part of the world. It is illegal for people from outside to criticize a decent disciplined honest

and friendly like Eritrean people, (d) is there any failure from the UN driven millennium goal for alleviation out of poverty?

In weighing the evidence and various accusations according to Sheila's report, she repeatedly violate International Law by advocating the safety and well being of the Eritreans fleeing their country telling the UN that the Eritrean people (refugee) are in need of international protection and must not be sent back to Eritrea. First of all the whole world knows that the huge migration started because of some countries promised the Eritreans financially to be taken good care if they leave their country. MS. Sheila is also advocating for the same thing now and she is implying that Eritrea is a barbaric country. Since the report dealt extensively with supposed violations of international law by demonized government of Eritrea it is also a direct violation of Eritrea's sovereignty.

While this report has no merit that is either factual or credible source that has been substantiated in any way, MS. Sheila has demonstrated her incompetency by she knowingly submitted a fraudulent, unsubstantiated report with no credible and verifiable evidences in each chapter of the whole report. This clearly demonstrates her high level of incompetency shared with her other acompliances who knowingly share her values. Her UN Guideline clearly states that if unforeseen situations (in this situation denial of entry visa to Eritrea), arise and falls outside her mandate and expertise, instead writing a fraudulent report and submitting to the UN, she should refer the matter to another organization At that point **she should have excused herself from the program in the first place**, that could create a zero sum game to the UN and the government of Eritrea.

In conclusion it is common knowledge to learn from MS. Sheila and her accomplices; they are not able to write a complete comprehensive report about the Nation of Eritrea, because it is simply inconclusive due to the lack of VERIFICATION.

The commission of inquiry by the UN Human Rights Court Counsel



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