**The Eritrean Narrative is Pure, Earned and Priceless**

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Eritrea possesses a unique narrative cultivated over decades paid-for with dear life of thousands of Eritreans. Eritrea is, in a way, lucky to have gone through a tough struggle that paved ways for narratives that clearly define and distinguish her apart from the rest. These narratives, based on principles, values and hard earned experiences are guiding Eritrea through some tumultuous times that have consumed many nations once-considered invincible.

In a nut shell, Eritrea is a self-reliant, social justice oriented, hardworking conscious nation willing to pay the price to ensure independence. Eritrea is a proven country through and through. Eritrea is a nation that believes on equality. Eritrea possesses values that are selfless and incorruptible. The attitude and personality of the people is glazed with unparalleled humbleness unseen in the saintliest of places. Modesty is pervasive from the president on to the average person. The order in the society is based on respect where elders are given priority; they are revered, treated with utmost dignity and respect.

These characters are engrained deep into the culture and have been part of Eritrean ways for generations. Eritrea is a country that values education and the importance of education is pushed hard by the families to ensure not only financial success but also a quality of life based on the highest human standards. Eritrea is a brilliant, agile and adaptable nation. Eritrea is dedicated to ensure success based on hard work using indigenous muscle and brain. Eritrea is patient and long-view oriented country unperturbed by the prevailing wind and able to weather storms and come out victorious against all odds.

If these qualities appear to be too good to be true, they are not. In fact, they are buttressed by a strong organizational structure that is the backbone of Eritrea and navigating her through the toughest of waters. Eritrea is tried every second by deadly intentions that are determined to annihilate her from existence. Yet, Eritrea is able to shrug it like an experience to be experienced and trial that it must pass-through to ascertain to naysayers that Eritrea is going nowhere in this lifetime, next or thereafter.

Yes, it is HIZBAWI GINBAR in Tigrignya, SHAEBIA in Arabic and PEOPLE’s FRONT in English. The Eritrean People Liberation Front (EPLF) led the struggle for liberation and, is now leading the emancipation process as People’s Front for Democracy and Justice (PFDJ).

From the beginning, the EPLF has shaped the mentality, the language, the work ethic, the dedication and the willingness to sacrifice for the greater good by example with patience. The EPLF have taught Eritrea strength by principled stances and unwavering stamina. They endured countless hardship yet, remained-still with long term price in mind. They sacrificed niceties, short term gains and withstood temptations that all African countries have fallen victim to, corruption. They stayed true and principled to their fallen comrades.

These are steel-willed women and men blessed by hearts of gold guiding Eritrea on a pace that fits the region and Eritrea like a glove. They have given up their life for Eritrea and they keep giving up everything to ensure continuity. They have patience, foresight and humbleness that some mistakenly underestimate. They are the women and men that gave birth to a nation, against all odds. They are the women and men that have taken the thankless job of liberating and building a nation. YES, they are the men and women of EPLF.

**Conclusion**

A great deal of effort and resources are invested to destabilize Eritrea. The initial hit was a military assault that culminated on the war that ended in May of 2000. Afterward, asymmetric warfare was waged against Eritrea using various tactics and sabotage activities. When that failed they tried to include Eritrea on the list of nations that sponsor terror. That failed and forced them to initiate the sanction measures to deny Eritrea the ability to defend herself, systematically kill the economy and suffocate her into submission. They coupled that with extremely aggressive strategy that attempted to deny Eritrea of her youth by giving them incentives to flee. They also tried to sally the independence struggle and thus minimize Eritrean heroic history by assaulting her history. That is the narrative that they wanted write, a desperate nation on flight.

That can and will never be the narrative because Eritrean narrative is pure unsaleable and independent. No matter how hard they try the people of Eritrea have the ability to write, rewrite their own narrative and DESTNIY. Eritrean narrative is and will always remain pure because it is seeded with pure blood of thousands that Eritrea paid for independence.

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