

THE PhD HOLDER ETHIOPIAN, DREAM OF ASSAB : A DREAM OR A WISHFULL THINKING

I can't wait but give an instant answer to an article in dehai website of October, 26 2015, by an Ethiopian, by the name of Yacob Haile-Mariam, PhD. This article is full of fallacies and a wishful thinking. Therefore, I cannot leave it stay unanswered. I cannot also believe that such a person with a PhD qualification, can dream with no pillars to support it. He did not even care to mention the unparalleled atrocities the Eritrean people suffered under successive Ethiopian rulers (demons).

To begin with, the writer of this article states, “....**reconciliation heretofore regarded as taboo for both the Ethiopian and Eritrean intellectuals....**”. Haven't you heard the witness given by former senior Diplomat of USA, Ambassador Hermann Cohen in the Conference you took as a reference in your article. I will repeat it to you. Ambassador Cohen said, “ before eighteen months I talked to both Governments that Ethiopia withdraws from Eritrean Territory in the morning, Eritrea should talk to Ethiopia in the afternoon. He said the Eritrean Government agreed but the Ethiopian Government refused. This is then the fact about your country, Mr. PhD.

You try to spread your inverted and shallow philosophy, “**Eritrea and Ethiopia broke up not by the genuine and informed decision of the people, but because of the short sighted and politically myopic leaders who could not see beyond the tip of their noses.**” This is a shameless and uncontrolled insult to the Eritrean People and Eritrean Struggle for Independence. You are not aware of the structure and the strategy of the Eritrean Struggle. In the Eritrean Struggle for Independence, everyone was in the Front in the battle ground. Everyone was equal. Four million Eritreans fought for Independence. We fought you for over forty years. If you have the slightest idea of analysis, you think that few people will fight for forty years, although your master America armed you up to your teeth and at the same time doing every diplomatic effort to derail our Independence till this date. You are dreaming such a dream, not because you people are self-confident and you can stand on your own, but you feel your Rock America is behind you. Haven't you the slightest idea that Eritreans vote 99,98% for Independence indeed observed by the lame duck UN.

Further you dream: “ **If these two countries were unified or created some other arrangements such as unity or federation with Ethiopia vast resources and population and Eritrea's strategic location controlling a vital water way with two ports, not only would they provide adequately for their people, they would in fact be a power to reckon with....**”

You speak of Ethiopia's vast resources. You have a very little knowledge of Eritrean Traits and coveted Values. For us first and foremost, we value our Heritage, our Culture our Unity etc. We are very proud of our ancestry. You speak of your vast resources in your country. Again I want you to know resources are secondary to us and the resources we have are enough for us. We don't envy what doesn't belong to us. We create them and we take care of them. Whether it is Resources, Ports or strip of Land. The problem with you

Ethiopians is that you envy your life long what belongs to other nations or people. Whether it is Eritrea, Somalia, Kenya. Sudan. This is a disease you never care to cure.

Another absurd statement of you: **“ To the dismay of the naysayers we will continue to peacefully advocate for access to the sea through our own port Assab to the extent allowed by international law. In the least we will seek some sort of modus operandi with our Eritrean brothers and sisters which will take into account the vital interests of our country inter alla access to the sea.”** What did you say, our own Port Assab! Didn't you get it that you are kicked out. Or do you want your own share of the kick out on your Ass. Of course it is natural to dream of wishes in the night. But day light breaks out, dreams become intangible. They evaporate. If you have a PhD (I hope you acquired it through hard work and dedication and not through corruption) do you know the saying, Dreams never come True.

Whether Assab 80 Kilometers away from you is or not, it will remain forever an Eritrean Port. There is no Law that says you are 80 Kilometers away from the sea and you can grab what belongs to others. I hate to argue like this with you. What I am saying has been told to you and your likes hundred times over and over again. You people's brain became static. You living 3000 years back. Whether you like it or not, you have to live land locked like all other countries in the world. If you have studied geography, in Africa only, countries like Zimbabwe, Zambia, Uganda, Chad, Niger, newly created South Sudan, Malawi, Democratic Republik Congo, Ruanda, Brundi you name it. Are you saying you are better than these countries? Who cares whether you are hundred million or not. After all, Weyan's evil and falls strategy refusing the use of our Ports did not work. Weyane's and their employers America's failed dream was if they stop the use of our Ports, Eritrean economy will immediately collapse. Weyane and you should know we Eritreans and our leaders have survived forty years struggle. We have no hatred against the majority of the people of Ethiopia. If they rehabilitate themselves and behave themselves they can get the services of our Ports through our permission and agreement. We are the owners of these Ports and are the owners of our Red Sea. The Ports Assab, Massawa and others are Eritrean Ports. Period.

You speak of **“ ...our Eritrean Sisters and brothers:”** **If you Ethiopians forget, we Eritreans have not forgotten. Have Ethiopians forgotten, the overrunning of children and women and elderly with tanks? Have they forgotten, the poisoning of our Lakes and Rivers and Wells? Have they forgotten the burning of People inside Churches and Mosques? Have they forgotten the burning of crops in their fields?**

Would one do all these inhuman devilish actions to his own sisters, brothers, mothers and fathers? We Eritreans will never forget what you have done to us. But, what we can do is forgive. But living with you, like you claim Unity, Federation whatever it is, never again.

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