

IS ABASSADOE COHEN REALLY A NEUTRAL MEDIATOR?

Ambassador Cohen is known to us Eritrean since the days of our Struggle for Freedom. In the days of our Struggle, he was wholly (because he is an American) behind Ethiopia and they did everything to crush our struggle, in which they did not succeed. Even at the peak of our Struggle, in the aftermath of our Independence, he was on the side of Ethiopia in the negotiations in London to water down our Struggle, or at least delay our Independence for ulterior motives.

America was behind WEYANE'S invasion of our country and behind the forced exodus of Eritreans out of Ethiopia. America not only instigated the invasion, they supported the throwing out of Eritreans.

Since those days Ambassador Cohen was in the hiding, and a year ago after all America's evil political traps failed, he came out with the words " **TAKING OUT ERITREA FROM THE COLD.**" He was one of the architects who tried everything to discredit, bedevil, belittle, isolate, sanction Eritrea. All these have not worked for them.

Still this man throws out time and again unpleasant and wrong statements about Eritrea. In the VOE interview he made on the sixth of April, 2016, he made the following statement, "**ERITREA IS AN ISOLATED COUNTRY. IT HAS NO ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA AND AS A RESULT, ITS PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING AND ITS YOUNGSTERS ARE FLEEING THE COUNTRY.**". Unbelievable! Who instigated the isolation?. Aren't isolation and sanctions America's instrument to get countries to get on their knees, who don't obey America's orders. When did Ethiopia ever feed Eritrean people? He still repeating the old unfounded propaganda spread by America and Haileselassie after the Second World War that Eritrea was not economically viable to be independent. A pretext used to deny Eritrea its right for Independence. The truth is that Eritrea is very rich in Natural Resources. Agriculturally, it can produce more than the need of its people. Now, the statement that young Eritreans are living the country, because Eritrea is in conflict with Ethiopia economically and cannot feed its people is astonishing. My God! What a self made arbiter. We Eritreans never ever depended on Ethiopia. To the contrary, they depended on us. They depended on our Ports. They depended on the income from our Ports and they depended on the skill of Eritreans. This man should have to tell the truth that his country, probably he is one of the politicians who initiated the war with Ethiopia, is luring Eritrean youngsters to leave the country. His President Barak Obama has told the whole world that in cooperation with their Agents and Eritrean sell outs, to cross the border to Sudan and Ethiopia to get Visas in order to weaken the country, so that their servants WEYANE could invade Eritrea. We Eritreans know your ulterior motives. It is not because Eritrea cannot feed its people; it is because America is bent on turn back the wheel of history against Eritrea.

Mr. Ambassador, you have not talked about the hunger of millions of Ethiopians who are waiting the handouts from America, USAID, UN and other America NGOs . You have not said a single word about the hundreds and thousands of Ethiopians who have left and leaving Ethiopia. Many of them claim to be Eritreans, because you western countries have secret agreements to grant Eritreans asylum at the spot and unconditionally. So, how could

Ethiopia feed Eritreans, when she itself could not keep and feed its own people. You western countries speak of economic growth in Ethiopia in double digits. On the other hand millions are fleeing and starving of hunger, having nothing to eat. Explain me how these two different extremes could happen. What is a double digit growth if it does not reach the poor. Explain me your inverse picture of your favorite country.

Mr. Ambassador if you are not honest, how are we Eritreans going to accept you as a mediator.

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