

Every day is February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 for Eritreans.

Unity, love for your people, practicing your constitutional rights as citizens of the United States, Australia, & Europe, what a trait! It is truly a blessing to be a role model citizen of the world. You are steadfast, you have a strong connection with your history and most of all you are very disciplined, and you should be proud of yourself for living February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 everyday of your life. What binds you together? You guessed right if you say that you originate from an ancient land of civilization known as Eritrea.

History will never be forgotten when in the 1950's the world body known as the United Nations tried to cheat you out of your existence but as a people you stood your ground and refused to be subjugated as second-class citizens of the world. You refused the illegal unification with Ethiopia. Then the rest was history. Time passed, it ticked away and Time kept on flowing like a river into the sea and time also recorded the following fact, which surprised the entire planet against all odds,

"By logic, the Nation of Eritrea should not exist. The secessionist province's independence fighters ought never to have defeated Ethiopia in their 30-year-long struggle. They were outmanned, outgunned, abandoned or betrayed by every ally; their cause was hopeless. They won by force of character, a unity and determination so steely not all the modern armaments, super power support or economic superiority of Ethiopia could withstand it."

Time Magazine (March 30th, 1998)

The above statement from Time magazine in 1998 following a new border war sums it up in a nutshell when you think of the nation of Eritrea. War was brought onto Eritrea again to destabilize it in the late 1990's and the United States State department was responsible for manufacturing it. Yes and the architect is non other than the person responsible for committing a second crime against Eritrea. She is non other than Susan Rice. In one of her biographies it says,

"From 1997 to 2001, Ambassador Rice was the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. In this position she formulated and implemented overall U.S. policy for 48 countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, including political, economic, security and humanitarian issues. As Assistant Secretary, she oversaw the management of 43 U.S. Embassies and over 5,000 U.S. and Foreign Service national employees, with a bureau-operating budget of over \$100 million and a program budget of approximately \$160 million annually."

Need we say more! Today Eritrea continues to be in a "No war, No Peace" situation despite an international court ruling that favored Eritrea in a final and binding decision on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Meanwhile the policy makers at Foggy Bottom are working closely with a genocidal minority regime in Ethiopia, to destabilize the entire horn of Africa region.

Eritreans have paid a huge price to get their independence. They will also protect it by any means necessary. Defending their nation while building their nation is proving to be a success, a thought that never crossed the mind of the enemies of Eritrea when war was waged on it in 1998. Eritreans however became much more stronger and bolder. Their independence & freedom will never be compromised. To quote his Excellency president Issayas "Eritrea is not for sale". The love of the Eritrean people and the admiration for the George Washington of Eritrea, President Issayas Afewerki

and the government he leads has nothing to do with personalities, or any other fickle considerations of that nature. It is a mutual feeling that no one else can understand nor comprehend; it is genuine and will remain that way. No western journalists or for that matter policy maker working with sellout Eritreans can separate the relationship that the Eritrean people enjoy with their leaders. Demonizing the President and working hard to alienate him from the people will only help garner more support for him because he is the symbol of the Eritrean nation. Today he has also become the symbol for the oppressed people of the horn of Africa, which indicates that Eritrea is also becoming the same.

President Issayas is a unique individual that can pass for a father, a brother, and a son of every Eritrean citizen who truly loves their country; he simply portrays the vision that is Eritrea. This is because of the exemplary governance and the exceptional leadership qualities that the President and all other Eritrean leaders possess despite the many obstacles and challenges that Eritrea continues to face today.

On the whole, Eritreans genuinely believe in the inherent goodness that Eritrea's current leadership embodies, which has been demonstrated consistently over a very long period of time. In the true sense the people are the government and the government is the people.

The super-positive feelings about this leadership and government are based on solid, abundant and incontrovertible results that are laid out in front of everyone that has eyes to see and judge for themselves. Like the millions of concerned Eritreans, the people who believe in the President and Government possess enough knowledge about the country's affairs and its current circumstances. A majority of Eritreans are able to realistically assess the overall situation and arrive at a rational conclusion; most Eritreans inside and outside Eritrea are also sufficiently knowledgeable about the overall state of their country & people, at this point in time, to be able to confidently say what their immediate needs and priorities are.

The United Nations led by the USA must repeal and annul the unjust sanctions against Eritrea today. Eritrea has been sanctioned because the few handful policy makers of the Obama administration have a previous grudge against its leaders, which in turn means it's large majority of people as CLEARLY INDICATED in the recently conducted worldwide demonstrations. They are also protecting the genocidal regime in Ethiopia who has been able to lobby every international and national institution via financial compensation. Instead of supporting a self-reliant nation and a country that has been a beacon of hope in the otherwise troubled African continent, these neo-con policy makers want to punish it. The nation of Eritrea has become their worst nightmare. Meanwhile, Eritrea's foremost priority has been to create food sufficiency, eradicate poverty, disease and illiteracy as quickly as possible.

The United Nations, the few handful actors at the State department, the British government and the multibillion NGO industry, as well as the highly influenced media organizations are responsible parties for the sanctions and they will all be implicated as such by the rules and in Eritrean's eyes. They must stop shoving down Eritrea's throat a not-so-urgent, fashionable concept, such as "western democratization". They have got to stop meddling in Eritrea's & other countries' internal issues. Nobody can force the western ideology upon the diverse people of Eritrea prematurely.

Grassroots movements by Eritreans seem to already be working fine in creating a just and democratic nation which will one day lead to a bigger political process that would fit the Eritrean people's needs. Just like in the USA the concept of "for the people by the people" and not for the people by others must be allowed to flourish in Eritrea.

Eritreans have honestly assessed the many, many positive accomplishments of their government and its leaders from all angles and perspectives. Providing the basic necessities of human rights by allowing education and healthcare to every sector of the country, Improving literacy rate, building and developing the nation, creating and making peace in Sudan by bringing all factions together, standing up for the people of Somalia as a whole, despite challenges working on creating a strong self reliant economy, etc.... These are just some of the great accomplishments by the GOE. On balance, a large majority of Eritreans find the work of the their government very impressive, they have also assessed the true nature of those people who are 'out-of-reach' and 'out-of-touch' with reality, those elements that try to pass as political alternatives that are utterly disgusting. Ten people organizations funded by the west will not be accepted in Eritrea and as a people Eritreans will fight to eliminate any group that attempts to destabilize this peaceful nation.

In a nutshell, those are the realities that motivate Eritreans to be ardent supporters of Eritrea's current leadership. Eritreans have been able to freely pick & choose who is qualified to lead their country in the right direction. They need to be left alone to continue building their nation. There will come such a time when the country will be comfortably sitting on a solid base that will ensure a peaceful, stable and accelerated progress in all important spheres of development. The people of Eritrea and not outsiders can only strategize Eritrea's political process however long it takes.

The loyalty and support for his Excellency President Issayas Afewerki and the government that he leads rest on NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS THAN THESE FACTORS. Working day and night to create a monster vision of the people's leaders will only give Eritreans a stronger psyche and an opportunity to judge for themselves who the real Monster is. This is Eritrea's current reality as witnessed by genuine Eritreans; it is the only reality that matters when deciding to stand with the government & people of Eritrea. The United Nations must stop the illegal sanctions (Resolution 1907) today.

Eternal Glory to Eritrea's Martyrs.

As always, Victory to the masses!