

Obituary: Solomon Abera, a scab and a traitor has died

Solomon Abera, who is being touted as a premier journalist by those who do not know the man or his checkered and treacherous history died in exile in Germany. Fortunately, there are people, whose families were witnesses and victims of Solomon Abera's traitorous activities during the Derg regime that will disagree with the picture that western journalists and are trying to paint of the man and his life. It is said that it is wrong to speak ill of the dead, but while that is true, there has to be exceptions, if only to correct history and record. The truth about Solomon Abera needs to be told and this should be made part of his obituary.



Solomon Abera

During the Ethiopian colonization of Eritrea and especially during the Derg regime (junta ruling Ethiopia under Menghistu Hailemariam) Solomon Abera worked in the garment/textile industry. Whilst employed there, he was known as the snitch for the Derg regime. Co-workers were afraid of him as he was behind the many detentions, tortures and killings of men and women who are accused of supporting the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front (EPLF). Many were imprisoned, killed and tortured in Ethiopia's death cells. From hanging youth with barbed wires, to raping and torturing Eritrean women, young and old, Solomon Abera played a central role in identifying and targeting individuals working in Asmara and its vicinity

With a knack for gab and a radio voice, the Derg regime decided to pull him out of the garment industry and decided to use him as a radio and print journalist. That was how Solomon Abera became a journalist. Until Eritrea's independence in 1991, he served the brutal Derg regime as it terrorized the population on the ground and through the airwaves.

After independence, when the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front army marched into Asmara, true to his nature, he joined in the celebrations and blended in to the mainstream. The EPLF and then the Government of Eritrea gave him an opportunity to make amends and serve his country and people by allowing him to continue to work in the Ministry of Information. He was provided with professional training and promoted.

When the current Ethiopian regime launched its war of aggression and occupation against Eritrea, Solomon found his niche in the defunct "reform movement" and along with other anti-Eritrea elements in the Diaspora, unbeknownst to his colleagues and countrymen, Solomon provided information on Eritrea and its leadership to enemies around the world, including the Meles Zenawi regime.

Using insider information, he divulged state secrets and endangered the lives of thousands.

When the opportunity came, he left Eritrea to cover a sporting event in Europe and subsequently absconded to begin his life in exile. He continued with his anti-Eritrea propaganda campaigns until his death. He was part of the group that was invited by Meles Zenawi to Addis Ababa , Ethiopia along with **Tesfaldet Meharena** (Asmarino.com), **Saleh Qadi** (Awate.com) and **Amanuel Eyasu** (assenna.com) and **Habtom Yohannes**.

Meron Estifanos, a member of the Eritrean treason camp reported the death of Solomon Abera, to her handlers at the Committee for the Protection of Journalists (CPJ). Contrary to what this NGO is reporting about Solomon Abera, he and the treacherous individuals he traveled with to Ethiopia , met with Meles Zenawi to plot against the Government and people of Eritrea . They were not there to seek the release of the two Eritrean journalists that were deliberately and maliciously transferred to CIA run secret prisons in Ethiopia by Kenyan officials, presumably under the orders of the American Embassy in Kenya . The two journalists were in Kenya covering the Ethiopian invasion and occupation of Somalia .

The unrepentant traitor knew he was dying of an incurable illness, but chose to spend his last years plotting against the people of Eritrea , a magnanimous people who gave him a profession and a chance to serve and die a respectable man.

A prosecuting counsel in England once said: **"...A scab is to his trade what a traitor is to his country, and though both many be useful in troublesome times they are detested by all when peace returns, so when help is needed the scab is the last to contribute assistance and the first to grasp the benefit he never labored to secure. He cares only for himself; he sees not beyond the extent of a day, and for monetary approbation he would betray his friends, family and country. In short, he is a traitor...sells his birthright, his country, his wife, his children and his fellow workmen for an unfulfilled promise from a trust or corporation..."**

Solomon Abera was a scab to his trade and a traitor to his country. His yellow journalism is an insult to the long history of journalism in Eritrea , which he defiled and distorted through his subversive and seditious activities. His death in exile is a small consolation to the many thousands of Eritreans who were victims of his treacherous life. His memory will be one of infamy and shame.

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