

## Ethiopians, Ethiopian origins living in Netherlands purchase saving bonds worth 200,000 Euros



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- Ethiopians and Ethiopian origins living in Netherlands have purchased government saving bonds worth 200 thousand Euros to finance construction of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam. Chairperson of the Council for Coordination of Renaissance Dam Project in Netherlands, Alemayehu Sentayehu said on Tuesday in addition to the fund raising for the Renaissance Dam project, a better understanding is reached on national consensus. According to ERTA,

## Expose TPLF Agents Masquerading As Refugees within the Ethiopian Diaspora

Ethiopians began to seek political asylum in the Netherlands and other Western countries since the mid seventies following the 1974 Ethiopian Revolution that led to the demise of the ancient regime and its replacement by the military regime. The political chaos, mayhem and internecine wars that followed this gruesome period forced hundreds of thousands of refugees out of Ethiopia. The end of the military rule in 1991 did not herald the end of the region's tragedy Both Ethiopia & independent Eritrea continue to be originators of refugees. The minority government led by Tigrean People's Liberation Front (TPLF) has marginalized the great majority of the Ethiopian people and during the last 20 years.

We catalogue some of TPLF's negative records hereafter:

-TPLF created an apartheid-like minority regime that has led to the reconfiguration of Ethiopia on ethnic lines that parallel the short-lived fascist Italian experiment during the brief occupation of Ethiopia between 1935-1941

- TPLF's divisive ethnic-based policies have led to many inter-ethnic conflicts that have left a trail of destruction of lives, displacement of communities, destruction of the natural environment (the burning of the Netch Sar park in 1992 and the dense forest of Bale come to mind).

- TPLF's policies have led to inter-religious conflicts that have created an increasingly polarized relationship between Christians and Moslems in Ethiopia. The recent burning of an Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Silte zone, in southern Ethiopia, is a clear example of this. The ransacking of Orthodox & Protestant churches in southern Ethiopia (Jimma area a few years ago) bear witness to the polarizing & divisive policy of the TPLF.

- TPLF has dispossessed the Ethiopian people by pushing millions of people out of their birthplaces by leasing away their lands to foreigner investors (Arabs, Indians, Chinese, Malaysians, etc.) at nominal price in the so-called Oromia, Amhara, Southern, Benishangul, Gambella, regions. For a graphic account of the forced evictions & dispossession taking place, see the Human Rights Watch report entitled **“Waiting for Death, Displacement & “Villagization” in the Gambella Region**, January, 2012.

- TPLF has recently embarked on the dispossession of urban houses & land belonging to Ethiopians by making legal sale of their properties meaningless since these properties have been rendered valueless by the new proclamation of the TPLF. Tens of thousands of Ethiopians in urban areas are being turned into homeless citizens with no property rights to speak of.

- In an attempt to destroy the identity and sense of belongingness of the Ethiopian people to their birth places, and by way of facilitating the monopolization of important urban centers by the members of the ruling minority TPLF, the TPLF regime has embarked on a fascistic social engineering policy that destroys former residential neighborhoods, communities and revered cemeteries, etc. thereby facilitating the takeover of cities like Addis Ababa by the new class of Tigrean businessmen. The virtual take-over of the Ethiopian economy and business by members of the minority Tigrean ethnic group and the marginalization of the once vibrant business owners such as the Gurages from the Merkato area is a telling example.

- TPLF has squeezed the population into extreme poverty, hopelessness and insecurity of life such that tens of thousands of young people are crossing Ethiopian frontiers by trekking to neighboring countries and beyond as refugees. They do this braving the seas aboard leaking boats in their attempt to reach the Middle East & Europe. TPLF has forced tens of thousands of Ethiopian youth into dangerous ventures through the Sahara thereby exposing young Ethiopian girls to gang rape, exposure of Ethiopian youth to death in the hands of unscrupulous Bedouin human traffickers who subject these young Ethiopians to a deadly procedure by way of removing vital human organs such as kidneys that are sold to wealthy Arab patients (for details see the CNN investigative report entitled **“Refugees Face Organ Theft in Sinai”** CNN 3 November 2011) .

- TPLF has settled more than half a million armed ethnic Tigrean peasants & demobilized former TPLF fighters in the regions of Gondar which TPLF has annexed by force by driving the inhabitants of Welkayet, Tsegede, Humera, Dansha, etc. This is in line with the political program of TPLF that has been adopted since the launching of this organization in 1975

The catalogue of atrocities to which Ethiopians have been exposed under the minority TPLF regime is too long to exhaust here. As if all these were not enough, this unscrupulous regime has embarked upon forcing Ethiopian refugees dotted around the world to toe its political line. By spreading its tentacles deep into the Diaspora-based Ethiopian communities, TPLF is blackmailing Diaspora-based Ethiopians to financially contribute towards the maintenance of its cruel & apartheid-like system. To achieve this goal, the TPLF regime has dispatched its agents and operatives who masquerade as refugees by positioning themselves within the Ethiopian Diaspora. By so doing these TPLF agents have unlawfully abused the asylum system created by

Western nations to offer safe haven for genuinely persecuted political refugee. We believe that these TPLF agents have abused the legal protection that Western nations give to genuinely persecuted political refugees that fled Ethiopia due to real danger to their lives.

These TPLF operatives or agents are individuals who during the last two decades have sought asylum here in the Democratic West by claiming that they were persecuted by this same TPLF government. One such individual who sought asylum in the mid 1990's by claiming that he was persecuted by the TPLF and secured his asylum status in the Netherlands is Alemayehu Sintayehu. Alemayehiu is a resident of Rotterdam city who currently works as organizer of fund-raising for this heinous TPLF regime. Alemayehu Sentayehu who was a former member of the Ethiopian army and is believed to have even passed damaging information about former Ethiopian officers that fell into the hand of the TPLF before he came to Holland claiming that he was persecuted by the TPLF regime. Once he secured his asylum status, he began to slavishly serve the very TPLF government he accused of persecuting him.

Alemayehu Sentayehu's current alignment with the incumbent regime and his slavish service to the very government he accused of persecuting him yesterday attests to the fact that his claims of persecution are without foundation and that he may have abused the Dutch political asylum system by fabricating a false story when he submitted his application case to obtain a political asylum status in the Netherlands. The recent appearance of Alemayehu Sintayehu on Ethiopian TV claiming that Ethiopians in the Netherlands under the leadership of his organization have raised 200000 Euros for a deceptive development project is the zenith of his collaboration for a false project that the current regime is using to force the Ethiopian population to make a compulsory fund raising. This fund is meant not for development as much as to buttress up a crisis-ridden regime on the verge of total collapse.

The TPLF regime has adopted a well-thought out policy of sending thousands of its supporters, mainly ethnic Tigreans, who come and seek asylum here in the West by posing as Eritreans (both Tigreans and Eritrean highlanders speak a common language Tigrigna) since Eritreans are currently readily accepted as refugees owing to the characterization of the Eritrea by Western nations as being a dictatorial state. This is not however to suggest that there are no genuine Tigreans who, owing to political problems in Ethiopia, seek political asylum. But they represent a very tiny percentage of the Tigreans who have sought political asylum here. The long-term strategy of the TPLF in sending large numbers of its ethnic supporters to the West as asylum seekers is to drown out the overwhelming majority of non-Tigrean Ethiopians who do not support the apartheid-like rule of the TPLF.

In light of all these facts, we encourage all Ethiopians to expose the machinations of this minority regime and its agents who are implanted among the Ethiopian Diaspora by way of creating divisions in Ethiopian Diaspora-based organizations, churches, associations, sport clubs, etc. No stone should be left unturned to expose the true color of the TPLF that is destroying Ethiopia; thrives on division; polarization of society and is committed to the dehumanization of Ethiopians. Those who collaborate with this regime, both Tigreans and non-Tigreans such as Alemayehu Sentayehetu, should be exposed for what they are i.e. persons that damage the common good of Ethiopians wherever they are located. We should boycott businesses run by TPLF operatives, agents or supporters. We should name and shame the collaborators of TPLF

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without any scruple. This is how people in the democratic West created democracy by denouncing fascist collaborators and documenting their records following the end of the Second World War. On the 19th of February this month, TPLF is planning to celebrate its 37th anniversary in London, Frankfurt, Ohio, Boston, Seattle, Atlanta, Washington DC, Denver, Scandinavian countries, etc. Ethiopians opposed to TPLF rule should demonstrate in front of the places where these celebrations. We need to do this because TPLF supporters are celebrating a cause that symbolizes the deconstruction of Ethiopia under TPLF during the last 21 years. We should confront those supporters of TPLF with photographs of those Ethiopians who were violently killed by the TPLF army following the May 2005 elections and photographs of the atrocities perpetrated at Gambella, Bedeno, Awassa, Gondar, Areka, Water, etc. We will continue to expose TPLF agents wherever they hide themselves & ask TPLF collaborators to think twice before embarking on their hateful work of abetting a hated regime led by ethnocentric thugs. We say to TPLF agents we have not pulled our punches yet & will fight you tooth & nail mercilessly!!!!.

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