

"The Gods are not all powerful, they cannot erase the past." Agathon

Dear Ato Fasil Yenealem;

Thank you for your response to my protest article regarding your network (ESAT) interviewing Mengistu Hailemariam. Though I was entertained reading your e-mail written in English in response to my e-mail and article which was written in Amharic, I was not surprised. Hey, don't we all live in the western world where one Ethiopian "political guru" writes article after article about our country in English and another one interprets and edits them in Amharic for the rest of us? It seems nowadays ESAT editors are full of it, that is, slurping too much of that kind of Prune juice☺.

Anyways, coming back to your response, in your e-mail you said, "..... *the editorial policy of ESAT gives everyone the right of access to the station, and the former president was invited on the basis of this policy*". Oh! really? Since you give everyone the right to access to your station, how come you did not read my protest article on your network? Trust me, I never expected you guys to read or post my article. Do you want to know why? Because you are hypocrites and full of it! ESAT is not a "free media"! It is an activist propaganda machine.

Mengistu Hailemariam is not everyone; he is a dictator who committed crimes against humanity! He is a criminal who should be dragged out of his hole and be brought to justice, not be given a chance by the likes of ESAT to taunt and victimize Ethiopian people all over again! ESAT does not have any moral ground to argue Mengistu has a "right" like everybody else. Did Mengistu respect the rights of 60 former government officials and others who were summarily executed without any due process as an opening salvo to be followed by 17 years of much more gruesome killings (estimated 500,000), imprisonments and tortures that included his popular "Red Terror" campaign? Did you guys at ESAT ever imagine what kind of anger and emotions you will be stirring when you decided to bring this killer's voice to our living rooms? What possessed you to bring this brut from the bottom of the hell hole he is in and recite us his rights? What do you guys gain?

Shame on ESAT, who claims to be the voice of the voiceless, parading this scum to be heard under the pretense of "rights" or "free media". Shame on ESAT for your failed attempt of canonizing this rights abuser who during his reign of terror sent thousands of innocent victims to their death openly in the little town squares and let their corps laid out for a day so the rest of the population is terrorized. Shame on ESAT in the guise of presenting Mandela's freedom struggle for knowingly giving a platform to a merciless killer and a coward who abandoned his people to save his neck. By the way, if your program is truly about Mandela, has it occurred to you interviewing folks like [Col Fekade Wakene, an Ethiopian officer who trained the late Nelson Mandela](#)? You see, this is why I say your aim has never been to tell the Mandela story; it is all about your twisted little dream of sanctifying a mass murderer by attaching to the coattail of a great African leader story. Shame! Shame on you ESAT editors!

Unless you are a card carrying atrocity denier cadré of Mengistu Hailemariam, the [whole world knows what Mengistu did to our people](#). He is a mad man and mass murderer who has left us evidence after evidence of mass graves, [hundreds and thousands of people around the world](#) and in the country who survived his tortures, so many grieving family members and millions of people who were forced to witness his killings and abuses and lived to tell his atrocities. So, Ato Fasil what are you trying to tell all those people? Please don't mention "rights" crap again! You don't have "rights" to force this smut unto us.

Talk about "rights", hello up there, the ivory tower of ESAT gurus, what kind of "rights" are you talking about, may I ask? Ato Fasil, you even have the audacity to call this scum dictator "former president", how dare you? Shame on you! Shame on ESAT! I don't know if you are a former Mengistu cadré; brother you are wrong! ESAT was wrong, period. Until I hear your "free media" ESAT apologize and pull all recordings of Mengistu's interview from your media sites, I hereby boycott ESAT. I also urge good hearted people of Ethiopia around the world to do the same until ESAT apologizes to all victims and Ethiopian people. I urge all those who participate in the ESAT fundraising events to stop funding to insensitive atrocity supporter ESAT!

Boycott ESAT!

Stop funding ESAT who is in the business of helping victimizers of Ethiopian people!

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<http://assimba.org/History/to-kill-a-generation-by-babiletola.pdf> (To Kill a generation – The Red Terror in Ethiopia -- By Babile Tola : A must read book for ESAT editorial board and all Ethiopians who want to know what went on during Mengistu's rule)

http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_24282616/witness-glad-face-ethiopian-accused-torture-murder?source=pkg (A recent story here in North America - Witness "glad to face" Ethiopian accused of torture)

<http://assimba.org/Memorial/index.html> (List of Victims of the Red Terror - Please send names to be added to this memorial page)

Boycott ESAT: AtoSewye's response to ESAT Editor Ato Fasil Yenealem's e-mail

-----Original Message-----

From: Esat Editor [<mailto:editor@ethsat.com>]

Sent: Sunday, December 22, 2013 5:40 PM

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Subject: Re: Please post the following article if you think it is useful to your site

Dear Ato Sewyew

Thank you very much for the feedback.

I would like to remind you that the editorial policy of ESAT gives everyone the right of access to the station, and the former president was invited on the basis of this policy.

Highest Regards

Fasil Yenealem

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