

## II: A TRUE LEADER IS A WORD WITH GREAT AND DIFFERENT MEANINGS. IN OUR CASE – **PRIMIER MELES ZENAWI**

### What the People can say about Current Ethiopia and its leaders?

PM Meles Zenawi has worked hard and contributed a lot to transform the nation, his contribution to his party and country dates back to 1975. He has been struggling to bring peace and development in Ethiopia for decades. His commitment and love to the cause of the EPRDF and Ethiopia is amazing. Some readers might think it's not fashionable to show love to our leaders, in this case let me be outdated and unfashionable, what do I lose and gain? I did the mathematics and there is none, it's time to freely express one's idea as open as possible. Great leaders have enemies as well as admirers. People who express their ideas openly know about that. Whatever people say, we got the best needed Prime Minister in Ethiopia. But this is not by chance or by money election, instead through terrible struggle of 17 years and by many sacrifices of the time, that EPRDF and its leaders arrived in such wonderful development rank of Africa.

Since the creation of the Ethiopian current government (EPEDF), *political, economic, social and Security power* has been progressed significantly. The majority of the peoples in Ethiopia have been subjected to the autonomous administration and democracy, economic progress and freely each and individual ethnic tribes to be able to develop their culture without any discriminations and racism. As a result, the contemporary Ethiopia is becoming a question for many individuals and some countries are concerning of this fast development of Ethiopia. This outcome is not just playing with Computer and current technology supported efforts but by working and giving life day and night for the success of common good of Ethiopia by overcoming all difficulties of oppression, hatred, struggle and liberation against dictatorial regime, violation of human rights, poverty, famine and misery in massive magnitude.

You are not alone but will not be free from temptations, while it is reality to face temptations and obstacles to do the best things! But many Ethiopians are with you and keep it please without feeling tired. This is my singing and Yingesey Daye!

I am sure together, under your leadership, we will come out from our poverty stamp and sign what makes us shame in front of all world people.

Yes, it is not hard to have a leader but it is almost impossible to find a true leader that has all the properties of the word leader. Around the world there are so many leaders that control either countries or companies or associations, but not all of them succeed in their mission in all the fields. A true leader is the one that the people want him or her to be their leader and accompany them through their life and experiences. Being a true leader is not an easy mission and 2 includes difficulties that only a true leader can face and go through without being hurt or destroyed.

A good example of a true leader can be found in each one's memory of us. If we go to the past and remember a person that really affected us and touched our life we can taste and feel what a true leader is. He is the kind that we go to in order to feel safe and we listen to their advice or instructions without hesitating or questioning if it is what we really want. But, what if you are a true leader ? Is it hard to be this person? What is the joy that you feel while being this character that not only has his own responsibility but others responsibility and needs?

If you are a true leader or you consider yourself so then you definitely know this joy that I am talking about, the joy that feeds your spirit although you go through difficulties and pressure. It is your skill and joy when you know how to act with every single obstacle and know how to change it into another amazing and interesting experience.

So my friend don't feel lonely or that you are facing your battles alone, because the joy and satisfaction that you see in the eyes of those who want you, love you, and need you is the fuel that you can use to face anything in the world. The Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front. The EPRDF, which has run Ethiopia since get rid of the communist regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam in 1991, has won all three previous parliamentary elections. The EPRDF leader and longstanding prime minister, Meles Zenawi, received the party's endorsement as leader for another five years in October 2009.

Do not worry those who says Meles is for three periods  $3 \times 5 = 15$  years leader-very short period to open door for 85 million people who were suffering in zero level economic and social education conditions including lack of instability. Look at Egypt how long dictators are using to consume our economy, look at Libya how long such man is ruling a country, look at back to our country within our history! However

when we see the initiatives of EPRDF led by Premier of Ethiopia, His Excellency, Ato Meles Zenawi, the period of transitional time, the constitution approved and ratified period, initiatives of the integral development infrastructures in such a huge nation with multiethnic problems and to make peaceful land which accommodates all nations, nationalities and peoples according to their different cultures and languages and so on-dear brothers and sisters it is very and very short period-nevertheless, they did a lot thanks to a good governance of this intelligent man and people who are assisting him!

First of he is not a dictator that leads everything alone and as we have said in previous many articles and papers, he is a leader of flexibility, decision maker according to a necessity and brilliant good governor. If not see what he did and doing. Not only this let us expect what will run for further step current fast growing Ethiopia.

#### **YES, THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD LEADER AND GOOD GOVERNANCES ARE:**

- Challenges me to do my best;
- Sets a good example;
- Explains the reasons, for instructions and procedures;
- Helps me polish my thoughts before I present them to others;
- Is objective about things; Lets me make my own decisions;
- Cares about me & how I'm doing; Does not seek the limelight;
- Won't let me give up;
- Gives personal guidance & direction, especially when I'm learning something new;
- Is empathetic & understanding;
- Is firm but fair;
- Keeps a results orientation;
- Makes me work out most of my own problems or tough situations, but supports me;
- Lets me know where I stand;
- Listens exceptionally well;
- Doesn't put words in my mouth;
- Is easy to talk with; Keeps the promises s/he makes;
- Keeps me focused on the goals ahead.
- Works as hard or harder than anyone else.
- Is humble. Is proud of those managers s/he has developed.
- Gives credit where credit is due. Never says "I told you so."

- Corrects my performance in private.
- Never flaunts authority.
- Is always straight-forward.
- Gives at least a second chance.
- Maintains an open door policy. Uses language that is easy to understand.
- Lets bygones be bygones.
- Inspires loyalty. Really wants to hear my ideas and acts on them.
- Lets me set my own deadlines.
- Celebrates successes.
- Is open & honest.
- Doesn't hide bad news.
- Gives me enough time to prepare for discussion.
- Is enthusiastic.

### **Follows through.**

Is patient. Wants me to "stretch" my skills. Gives me his/her full attention during discussions, and won't be distracted; Has a sense of comedy; Handles disagreements privately; Reassures me; Makes me feel confident; Tells me the "whole story"; Says "We" instead of "I"; Makes hard work worth it; Can communicate; Is courageous; Insists on guidance and education. Is a stabilizing influence in a crisis, Gets everyone involved; Wants me to be successful, Is optimistic; Operates well under pressure, or in a rapidly changing environment; Has a reputation for competence with his/her own peers; Has a good understanding of the job; Is tough & tender, Believes we can do it, Sets attainable milestones, Communicates philosophy and values; Is perceptive; doesn't believe that everything needs to be spelled out; Has a strong sense of urgency, Preserves the individuality of his/her team members; Thinks & operates at a level above that expected; Wants to make the organization the best in the industry; Is willing to act on intuition; believes feelings are facts; Empowers us; Is there when we need her/him; Enjoys his/her job and Likes to spend time with us.

In Ethiopian, President Meles Zenawi and members of the TGE pledged to oversee the formation of a multi-party democracy. The election for a 547-member constituent assembly was held in June 1994. The assembly adopted the constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in December 1994. The elections for

Ethiopia's first popularly chosen national parliament and regional legislatures were held in May and June 1995.

Though election of 2010 needs a special attention to every citizen, who were ready to elect their Democratic party and a true political leaders, it is more crucial and determinant role that the people should play by now to keep their gifted opportunities. ... A message to the youth of Ethiopia is to be intelligent and hard workers to create new future with these competent leaders of the country who determines the prospect destiny of that nation. The youth has remarkable positions of roles when one judiciously participates in their country's multiservice: for the security, for the productivity, for the creativity of new technology, through exercising their constitutional rights and duties, and determine the prospect fate of that nation are among others.

The young people of Ethiopia should never again to be confused in order to build tomorrow's entire generations. That is why the author gives special attention to the voice of the youth in the National Election period in 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2009. (A. Hagos Would). ... We should not be shock by external powers or any terror actions can be happen to us, while you never been for decades and as you are unique people who were and are rejected always the foreign violations in addition to an African scramble decided in Berlin Congress, 1883/4.

Contemporary Ethiopian renaissance and significant development period, my suggestion to all youth of Ethiopia is to be hard workers and productive agents in order to the ongoing situations and future benefit of our multi-resources. ... Our naturally beautiful country, Ethiopia is gifted with abundant agricultural and different mine resources. It is characterized by diverse physical features that allow the country to be divided into many major agro-ecological zones with its biological potential. ... Thanks to God, this given diversity, there are major agricultural investment opportunities in the cultivation of cash crops and horticultural products. Therefore, we should not be always the people who are expecting from abroad like disabled once and this grace of the government to initiate in order to use our resources is really appreciating issue. Long life for the true party-EPRDF.

To sum up, Seeking for peace is an important persistent theme in the social life of all the modern world. To advance a peaceful social order, prime Minister Meles, urges always the true awareness and participation of people in decisions affecting the common good, especially through democratic processes. Because, the Civil society or the political community is not a mere collection of men, but is a true society, an organic unity. Like every society, the political community has as the fundamental principle of its existence the end toward which all must work together. This common end requires from everyone--authorities and citizens alike--an attitude of active cooperation toward the end proper to the political community. Since this end is common to all, it is called the common good.

The common good holds the figure of those conditions of social life by which men are able to achieve the perfection proper to them with greater fullness and facility. This means the totality of those conditions through which individuals, families, and associations are able to achieve their perfection more completely and more readily. Above all, but not exclusively, the common good consists in respect for the rights and duties of the human persons, groups, regions, nation, nationalities and peoples.

Today, the common good is considered to rest principally upon the defense of those rights and duties. It is important to note that while the common good includes the production of goods and their protection, what is of principal concern to the common good is the just distribution of those goods among individuals, families, the various sectors of society, and other nations.

In economic matters, respect for human dignity requires the practice of the virtue of temperance, so as to moderate attachment to this world's goods; the practice of the virtue of justice, to preserve our neighbour's rights and render him what is his due; and the practice of solidarity, in accordance with the golden rule and in keeping with the generosity of the Lord, who though he was rich, yet for your sake . . . became poor so that by his poverty, you might become rich.

Love for the poor is incompatible with immoderate love of riches or their selfish use: Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure for the last days. Behold, the wages of the labourers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the

cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned, you have killed the righteous man; he does not resist you.

St. John Chrysostom vigorously recalls this:

*"Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." "The demands of justice must be satisfied first of all; that which is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift of charity":When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice. .."*

## **Ethiopia with other some African Nations growing very fast-said report of G8.**

The political community is ordained to the upgrading of persons; hence the public organization must not deprive persons of the means for their perfection and personal fulfillment. Far from restricting it, the government must assist them and empower them to act. The mission, of the state is to encourage, to assist, and when necessary to supplement the initiatives of its citizens. To advance a peaceful social order, the participation of people in decisions affecting the common good, especially through democratic processes, like current Ethiopian political mechanism is very interesting issues.

The new analysis contrasts national-level progress in absolute terms, as distinct from progress relative to global MDG targets. Absolute progress measures overall progress countries have made and relative progress measures how close they have come to specific MDG targets. Progress in absolute terms at the national level gives a fuller picture of the reality on the ground because performance against MDG targets hides significant differences between countries at the starting point (baseline year 1990), as well as differences in performance between countries since

the MDGs were adopted in 2000. Both measures are needed to tell the full story of progress, particularly in low income countries.

The top 20 countries in absolute terms are:

Benin	Bangladesh
Mali	Honduras
Ethiopia	Mauritania
Gambia	Ghana
Malawi	China
Viet Nam	Burkina Faso
Jganda	Rwanda
Nepal	Nicaragua
ndia	Guatemala
Cambodia	Togo

**Peaceful and democratic election is the main measurement of one country’s coming up!**

The FDRE constitution has become the common treaty of the Ethiopian Nations, Nationalities and Peoples to live in a mutual understanding and peaceful coexistence to put their shared vision in place-to realize democratic Ethiopia and emancipating the nation from abject poverty.

The constitution also closes any possible form of arbitrary rule for the supreme political power resides in the hands of the Ethiopian peoples. Thus, Ethiopians have constitutional right to recall an elected representative in case of loss of confidence. The FDRE constitution established National Election Board of Ethiopia to implement this basic constitutional right of citizens. The 2010 Ethiopian National Election manifests the practicality of the constitutional right of citizens-right to vote and to be elected.

Because of these and other reasons, the Ethiopian Nations, Nationalities and Peoples voted for their common right of land ownership. They defended the constitutional principle stated that the right to ownership of rural and urban land, as well as of all natural resources, is exclusively vested in the State and in the peoples

of Ethiopia. Similarly, they voted for the constitutional rule that stipulated as 'land is a common property of the Nations, Nationalities and Peoples of Ethiopia and shall not be subject to sale or to other means of exchange.'

By and large, the main contestants in the 2010 Ethiopian National Election are the rule of law and arbitrary rule in which the rule of law got a landslide victory. The proper vote of Ethiopians is also for the fundamental rights and freedoms of Ethiopian Nations, Nationalities and peoples. They, they voted for their constitutional rights in order to enhance the ongoing development endeavors of the nation and thereby consolidate its Renaissance. Moreover, they voted for equality, sovereignty, fraternity and mutual understanding of the Nations, Nationalities and Peoples of Ethiopia in order to ensure the necessity of creating economic and political unity among themselves.

*Individuals on power can have absolute negative consequences like communist leaders of our country in past years and some illuminated individuals can have such measurement of development and peace achievement in country like -Ato Meles and his Party (EPRDF)!*

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