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## Empowering youth vital to tackle African problems: Demeke Mekonnen

• First African Prospect Leaders' Summit kicks off

BY ABDUREZAK MOHAMMED

**ADDIS ABABA** – Empowering and educating African youth is very essential to address the continent's pressing challenges and to put the vision of an integrated, peaceful, and prosperous Africa in a solid base, Deputy Prime Minister Demeke Mekonnen said.

The Deputy Premier's remark came here yesterday while opening the 1<sup>st</sup> African Prospect Leaders' Summit in the premises of the African Union.

Demeke, who is also Ethiopia's Foreign Minister, stressed that youth-centered strategic investment in education, health, energy, economic reforms and good governance is instrumental to address the continent's multifaceted socio-economic, political, and security challenges. Africa

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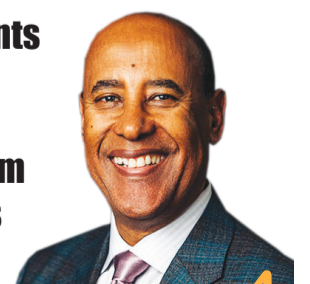
## Ethiopians' unity bars leeway to ill-conceived attempts

BY MENGESHA AMARE

**ADDIS ABABA**-As Ethiopians have consolidated unity and set minor differences aside, foreign interest groups which have ruined Yemen, Libya and Syria will not

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# News

## Advocacy groups vow steadfast support against external pressure

BY MESERET BEHAILU

**ADDIS ABABA** - Ethiopia's Diaspora advocacy groups pledged that they would continue supporting the measures of the Ethiopian government in Tigray state and fight against the undue external pressures in a bid to secure national interest.

In a press statement sent to *The Ethiopian Herald*, the advocacy groups stated that they have attached due emphasis to the fighting against external factors imposing pressure on Ethiopia even at a time when peace talks are being held in South Africa.

According to their statement, Ethiopia has been suffering a lot from the T-TPLF untold atrocities since it attacked the National Defense Forces' Northern Command triggering the war in November 2020. The Aftermath of the this conflict brought about devastating humanitarian, economic, and



social consequences for Ethiopians living in Tigray state, Amhara, and Afar that might take years to mend. The group is working to destabilize Ethiopia in particular and the Horn of Africa (HoA) through extending threats.

The statement further stated that no one has still mentioned the loss of human life, property destruction; displacement of innocent citizens, and the likes because of the terrorist atrocities in the country. Besides, the group has caused a range of

conflicts, massive destruction and looting of property, loss of human life, kidnapping citizens during its invasion of the Amhara and Afar states.

Following the chauvinistic nature of the terrorist group, the government of Ethiopia has been forced to engage in war and now holding peace talks with T-TPLF leaders as the government stated that it can hold discussions with no preconditions since the beginning of the conflict. Therefore, the Force is willing to support the ongoing

peace talks, the measures taken by the Ethiopian government towards ensuring sustainable peace in the nation, and the efforts of African union to ensure peace and secure Ethiopia, as well as the Horn, the statement noted.

The statement also underlined that destabilizing T-TPLF, which coordinates external pressures with Ethiopia's historical enemies, is a legal, historical, moral, and constitutional mandate to safeguard Ethiopia's sovereignty, territorial integrity and lasting serenity.

The Ethiopian government should avoid third parties' interference in the peace talks to bring about and the force would like to praise the effort of the Ethiopian government and that of the national Defense Forces ensure peace and stability across the country.

## Ethiopia's defiance against western pressure exemplary: Analyst

BY MISGANAW ASNAKE

**ADDIS ABABA** - What Ethiopia is doing right now can be regarded as an exemplary move to curb anti-imperialist pressure and Pan-African causes across the continent and others need to follow its footsteps, American Moscow-based political Analyst.

Moscow-based American political Analyst, Andrew Korybko stated that just like it is always historically done with respect to pioneering anti-imperialist and Pan-African causes across the continent, the Global South leader will not accept the U.S.-led West's Golden Billion continuing its disinformation-driven Hybrid War assault against Africa.

He said, "Every effort that Ethiopia has made in good faith to repair its relations with that New Cold War bloc has failed precisely because the latter expects that it submits to their demands."

The government of Ethiopia is forced to weigh its options and consider its relations with some states and entities that are making unsubstantiated and politically motivated accusations of such gravity against the country. This shows that one of Africa's most influential multi polar leaders in the Global South is rising up.

Ethiopia under the leadership of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed refused to take the U.S.' side in its worldwide competition against China that America ruthlessly decided to punish this leading African country in order to set an example for deterring all others. The resultant Hybrid War of Terror that this declining unipolar hegemony has since waged against Ethiopia in partnership with Egypt and other vassals is so a neo-imperial campaign to enslave that state, he underlined.

As to him, the jointly run U.S. and Egyptian-led Hybrid War of Terror on Ethiopia has always relied on fake news in order to "justify" the aggressors' unconventional attacks and those of their terrorist-designated



Andrew Korybko

TPLF proxies.

"Unlike Russia which respects every society and state's UN-enshrined sovereign right to manage their affairs however they deem fit, the U.S. and its vassals do not acknowledge this selfsame right and instead seek to impose their own models upon everyone else for ideological and self-interested reasons."

"By attempting to coerce it into unilaterally conceding on its objective national interests, these aggressor states and their proxy organizations including "NGOs as well as WHO chief Tedros infiltrated the UN are violating Ethiopia's rights. This therefore makes that state and its society's struggle an anti-imperialist one being fought to ensure their historically cosmopolitan civilization's freedom to manage its affairs however it deems fit."

He said it is understandable why Ethiopia has finally had enough of being maliciously smeared by the Golden Billion and is thus preparing to fight back retaliatory informational and political action in defense of its sovereignty, reputation and integrity.

"If the Golden Billion does not immediately cease its unprovoked aggression against this African leader, it can expect Ethiopia to resolutely expose that bloc's neo-imperialist plots like never before and thus inspire the rest of the continent's people to peacefully rise up as well," he underlined.

## Korem town regain stability: Residents

BY YESUF ENDRIS

**ADDIS ABABA**- Korem Town residents told media that the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) has ensured stability following the decisive measures it has taken to neutralize Terrorist-TPLF.

Talking to local media, residents said: "Our kids had been violently forced to join the T- TPLF military campaigns. Now, we are free of that mysterious life. The ENDF has ensured peace and the residents are also coordinating with ENDF."

Another female resident of the town also recounted that she missed her 14 years old child as T-TPLF militias kidnapped and took him to the warfront.

"It was very difficult to move freely. The youth were under siege of the T- TPLF forceful soldier recruitment. Many of the youths who fear the recruitment are still in the jungle. They started returning home and live freely," she stated.

T-TPLF militias had obligatory rules for the youth. The terrorist elements were preaching all of residents to join war campaigns. If someone decides not to join the military campaign, he/she will be killed or imprisoned immediately as they have had no mercy at all, said another resident.

Group's faithful were hunting people house to recruit soldiers, but now all the residents are made free from that barbaric rule, he stated.



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## Editorial

### Cutting the invisible arm infringing our sovereign right

As political analysts put it based on current global politics, a nation's being located in the geo-strategic area makes it a focus of unhealthy attention by hypocrites, opportunists and satellite organizations that recruit Trojan horses which prove alacritous to see to the former dictates to the letter.

The former handpick Trojan horses that presume treason up for the grabs. The Trojan horses could be bloody terrorists that could wreck down a great nation violating its sovereignty and territorial integrity. What do hypocrites care in so far as their lust for wealth and power is met?

As such Trojan horses take pride and handsome bribe to engage in a proxy war, while their occupants go to a great length to save the neck of Trojan horses on deathbed suffering counter offensives by united citizens. How could hypocrites keep on exercising such satanic acts elsewhere in the world unless they rescue connivers tuned to death knell?

We can substantiate the aforementioned fact with how they (US, UN and EU, according to US expert on US policy Eugene Puryear and others) are creating a mess in Ethiopia found in the horn of Africa riding their Trojan horse— Terrorist TPLF.

Starting from day one the bogeyman TPLF heartlessly stabbed nation's pride and fort ENDF deployed in the northern command specially to protect people of Tigray, it had in a well-planned manner indulged in numerous clashes to reduce Ethiopia to rubble and as a failsafe method strip it of a spine.

Just like dry twigs thrown on fire, it had been heartlessly pushing Ethiopians into the inferno of war. It had perpetrated genocide and mass killings in Maikadra, Galicoma and Chena, among others. That is, by extension, not to mention many other areas that time will reveal. In areas it managed to invade it did pillage and ferry properties and put on fire on the rest it failed to transport to Mekelle. In a show of its depravity, it committed sexual harassment without discriminating age brackets.

It is a public knowledge that the parasitic-and-public enemy chimera went on its ruinous indulgences backed by hypocrites and international satellite organizations that charlatans maneuver with a remote controlling device. And also aside from sweeping the monster's satanic act it is accountable to under the carpet, hypocrites and allies were dis-informing and misinforming the world to muddy water.

It is the responsibility of all Ethiopians to denounce and expose the depravity of so called patrons of democracy that poke their noses in the internal affair of a sovereign

nation violating the international conventions to which the latter appended their signatures to, on top of foiling the 3<sup>rd</sup> round attack by the terrorist group.

Snatching food aid from the mouths of hunger-stricken victims of self-triggered war, the terrorist group was channeling it to its war machinery. Even if it is well known this group doesn't represent Tigrayans, hypocrites and dishonest leaders of international organizations were referring to it as if it were on par with the government. Westerners and power abusers of international organizations were deliberately elevating a region into a country and a terrorist group into a government unwilling to remind themselves this trend is not only uncouth but also a blatant defilement of international laws.

They were massaging the ego of the terrorist group to the extent of inflating the ego putting the group on par with the incumbent compelling the government to engage in ego-deflating as well as citizens protecting task.

Changing their stances in correspondence with the outcomes of the terrorist's indulgences, beyond any reasonable doubt, hypocrites have portrayed their interest and share in the attempt to disintegrate Ethiopia and enjoy the diabolic profit that accrues to them.

Based on the information they feed TPLF when it makes advances massacring innocent civilians and creating destruction on its sway, they express kudos repetitively in biased and bribed media outlets.

But when people of Ethiopia are dead set to hit the last nail on the coffin of the impish party, they cry foul as a knee-jerk reaction. They initiate discussions in the Security Council of the United Nation to force Ethiopia to buckle under undue pressure. They support a warmonger group that opened a third round war treating a peace talk with a cold shoulder, blocked and looted humanitarian aids meant to needy Tigrayans and diverted aid towards military confrontation. They could not denounce the conspicuous crime.

It was in cognizance of the need to expose the connivance of a terrorist and so called patrons of democracy and freedom Ethiopians are pouring out into the streets across the globe to lay bare hypocrites' follies. An all-out effort is under way to cut the invisible arm.

Let it be known that there is no internal problem Ethiopia is incapable to solve and something out of its control.

Ethiopia a votary of "African solutions to African problems" attaches significance to African peace talk.

## Opinion

### Why Africa must invest in solid statistical systems for sustainable development

BY STAFF WRITER

Ethiopia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Demeke Mekonnen, has called on the community of African statisticians and data experts to come up with a road map for the reform and modernization of the continent's official statistical systems to provide reliable information for informed decision making.

Addressing the joint opening session of back-to-back meetings taking place this week in Addis Ababa as part of the eighth Statistical Commission for Africa (STATCOM), Mr. Mekonen stressed the need for "comprehensive tools that can enable governments to create and execute the policies required to achieve the digital goals needed for regional integration as efficiently as possible. Organized under the theme: "Modernizing data ecosystem in Africa to support regional integration", the Eighth Statistical Commission for Africa seeks to strengthen the inter-related natural linkages between data, statistics and civil registration.

"It is unfortunate that Africa continues to have the highest proportion of unregistered births and deaths in the world, said the Deputy Prime Minister, noting that in the COVID-19 Pandemic period, only a handful of countries were capable of

producing sufficient quality mortality and cause of death statistics to guide public health decision-making and planning. "This situation, which has endured for a very long time, must change, and this event should define the steps Africa must take to stop the tragedy of invisibility," he added.

Through its Statistics Service, Ethiopia has made significant progress in electronic collection and transfer of data using PDAs, CAPIs and tablets for surveys, censuses and transmission of data, greatly reducing costs and human resource demands, said the Deputy Prime Minister. Furthermore, the country's Consumer Price Index (CPI) is now being released between the first and fifth days of the month – marking a significant improvement in timeliness. More work is underway to collect new data for monitoring national plans and SDGs, including agriculture, migration, urban agriculture pilots, livestock, production and postharvest loss.

Touching on some key aspects of this week's theme, Mr. Oliver Chinganya, Director of the ECA's African Centre for Statistics bemoaned the negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on civil registration and vital statistics systems, particularly in Africa, leading to the absence of vital data. "Data and statistics have

never been more significant than they are now – they are needed to influence policies and measure progress to attain the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development as well as the African Union Agenda 2063," Mr. Chinganya said.

He stressed the importance of modernizing Africa's data for facilitating regional integration and for "enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of decision-making in support of a stronger regional integration in the continent, arguing that barriers to economic progress can only be overcome through a reliable data ecosystem.

Mr. Chinganya challenged African countries to "participate in creative and innovative methods to solve some of the major obstacles facing National Statistics Offices such as limited funding, insufficient personnel, inadequate Information Technology infrastructure, and inadequate legislative framework."

On the integration of geography and statistics under the auspices of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, he called for a change in "the way we generate and package data and statistics to guarantee that the narrative of Africa's progress is properly captured," and pledged ECA's commitment

in providing technical assistance to member countries to restructure and modernize their statistics systems.

In a keynote address at the Eighth Session of the Statistical Commission for Africa, Chris Baryomunsi, Uganda Minister for ICT and National Guidance stressed "the need to develop agile statistical systems that are resilient to crises such as COVID - which heavily impacted statistical production and National Statistical Systems."

He emphasized the need to improve administrative data and civil registration systems which together account for up to 70% of the data required to monitor national development processes.

"It has been declared a 'scandal of immense proportion' that at the turn of the third millennium, few countries in Africa have complete civil registration systems. This scandal has had serious implications for vital statistics, human and constitutional rights, policy and national development," said Mr. Baryomunsi.

Source: UNECA

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# News

## Lion Insurance earns 63.9 mln Birr profit

BY TEWODROS KASSA

**ADDIS ABABA**-The Lion Insurance Company announced that it has earned 63.9 million Birr profit before tax in the 2021/22 fiscal year showing 8.1 % increment from the past fiscal year.

Presenting the company's annual report during its 15<sup>th</sup> ordinary general shareholders' meeting held on October 29, 2022, Company Board of Directors Chairperson Abraham Gebreamlak said that the company has secured the indicated profit despite the COVID-19 pandemic, unrest in some part of the country and the Russia-Ukraine war

impact.

As to him, the company's progress and achievement is promising compared to the overall economic challenges.

The company's profit after tax exceeded 61.8 million Birr, he said.

Moreover, the company's total asset reached 1.32 billion Birr that surpassed with 345.1 million Birr or a 35 % growth from the past fiscal year's performance.

"Our company is doing well in the market and showed that it has gained a better recognition among the re-insurance service providers and other sector stakeholders", he said.



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## Twitter's block cannot block Ethiopia's truth: Social media actors

BY TAMERU REGASA

**ADDIS ABABA**- Western interest groups may have the power to block pro-government twitter accounts, but they do not have the power to block Ethiopia's truth, a noted social media actor Simon Tesfamariam (MD) said.

Appearing in Hermela TV, Simon and other Ethiopian scholars whose twitter pages were blocked by the U.S.-based communications company stated that the firm has made very undemocratic measures in suppressing their voices for a shrewd political benefit. "We spoke the truth and organized a community which was not a crime."

Noting their involvement in mobilizing the people of Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa to stand together for common cause, the social media actors expressed dismay over Twitter's

politically-motivated ban.

Simon said: "I am so over this twitter banning issue, musk will open it back up, I am sure of it. Even if they want to shut your mouth on the platform, they do not stop from making your case. Nobody can extinguish the powerful light of Ethiopia."

Mentioning Ethiopians and other Africans have been opposing the banning of their twitter accounts, he called on the whole black community all over the world to fight to bring them to the platform. "Scholars whose twitter pages were blocked are role models for the Ethiopian Diaspora in the U.S. to participate for the sake of their home country, truth and justice."

It is to be recalled that apart from Simon Tesfamariam, twitter has also blocked accounts of other notable Ethiopian Diasporas including Nebiyu Asfaw and Eyerusalem Kebert.

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has also been ravaged by poverty, poor governance and corrupt institutions.

"The event is designed to bridge our past experiences with our future leaders and to keep pan-Africanism high on our agenda." Building upon this vision of African founding fathers, this Summit envisions becoming an important continental platform to appoint the youths across the continent with the ideas of pan-African leadership."

Noting the African Union has made several commendable youth development policies and programs, Demeke indicated that the continental body has established the African Youth Charter, the Youth Care Plan of Action, and the Malabo Decision on Youth Empowerment under the umbrella of Agenda 2063. "The successful realization of these programs needs to be our collective priority."

Explaining Ethiopia's experience, the DPM said a National Youth Policy that recognizes the potential and actual contribution of the youth in the process of nation-building holds the central place in the ten-year national development plan. Ensuring youths' participation in leadership and decision-making positions is one of the priorities of the policy.

"The Ethiopian government recognized that any effort to ensure peaceful coexistence, inclusive economic development, and national unity has to be youth-centered. That is why we have embarked on mobilizing youth voluntarism under the national youth volunteer

program which has been under implementation for some time."

Demeke urged the African youth to play a vital role in shaping the continent's future and realize their responsibility to secure the interests of the continent in the years to come. "I have no doubt that this is achievable. As all our deliberations and activities are defined by the spirit of pan-Africanism and African fraternity I am certain that this summit will yield positive results."

African Union (AU) Deputy Commissioner Monique Nsanzabaganwa said for her part that the AU recognizes the youth population as a critical resource for the development of the continent. Intergenerational dialogues including the African Prospect Leaders' Summit serve as a valuable platform for the empowerment of African young leaders.

According to the deputy commissioner, trusting the youth and mainstreaming their issues across all policies and programs and taking their views through consultations are also very important. "We should access finance, jobs, markets, and public procurement opportunities. We must address them with leadership roles and take care of societies and the environment. Finally, we must protect them."

She further opined that the AU is committed to harnessing the youth potential as an opportunity for the continent to achieve its vision of becoming integrated, peaceful, and prosperous.

## Council points up issue voting in U.S. midterm elections

BY BETELHEM BEDLU

**ADDIS ABABA**- Ethiopian and Eritrean voters need to be 'issue voters' rather than 'party voters' in the coming U.S. Midterm elections, the American-Ethiopian Public Affairs Committee (AEPAC) said.

Speaking to an international media, AEPAC Executive Director Mesfin Tegenu stated that examining each party's foreign policy that ultimately impacts Ethiopia should be the prime focus of the voters. "We are not saying that people should go totally in the party line, but we are saying that we need to stay focused and become issue voters. Let us make sure that the voting is based on issues rather than party affiliations."

"Thus, every voter needs to simply ask whether the candidates are pro or against Ethiopia. This way, those who are against Ethiopia won't get the vote."

Mesfin also went on saying that: "The party that is in power has made significant damages to Ethiopia for whatever reason.

Hence, we have identified candidates that have agreed to support pro-Ethiopian causes or agenda and for the most part disagree with what is happening at this point."

Noting the people whom AEPAC have endorsed are open-minded and have agreed to work with the Ethio-American community, the executive director highlighted the importance of getting them into office. 22 candidates that AEPAC endorsed have agreed to be part of the Ethiopian caucus that will be chaired by Congressman John Raymond Garamendi.

The caucus will be very active and will be pushing pro Ethiopia and positive legislation. It is also going to push forward ways on how the two countries can work together on trade and tie bilateral relationships. "Moreover, there would be a well thought legislation pushed and the candidates will push it."

Everyone should stay in a similar lane and make a difference and repeat the three thousand years of civilizations of Ethiopia, he pleaded.

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have the leeway to utilize internal differences to bring a collateral damage, a prominent scholar said.

Speaking to local media, Kotebe Educational University President Berhanemeskel Tena (PhD) stated that steps taken by the government to ensure the sovereignty of the country and maintain lasting peace since the outbreak of the northern conflict are promising.

So long as Ethiopians at home and abroad have drawn important lessons from failed states, they have been tirelessly working to foil the well-organized conspiracy of some interest groups. The legitimately elected government is duty bound to defend the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country and safeguard the wellbeing of citizens, he added.

"Since no one can come and devise solutions to Ethiopia's internal problems, transforming the country is our sole responsibility and no interference is required at all. The people of Ethiopia are now fighting proxy war and averting propaganda campaigns that are targeting to weaken the government and dismantle the country.

Berhanemeskel further noted that the government continues liberating the people of Tigray from the yoke of the terrorist group. As the #NoMore movement provided the nation with a sigh of relief, Ethiopians' coordinated efforts to curtail the intensified propaganda has to be well fueled with a view to curtailing western interference.

"Some Western powers consider us a jungle to root out and grow whenever need arises. So long as we are sons and daughters of a sovereign nation and people whom others could never use as Trojan horses, their propaganda is dispersed in vain. They are also trying to dismantle Ethiopia by fueling differences in ethnicity and religion, but this doesn't work at all as we have drawn important lessons from countries which have been victims of false propaganda."

The international community and interest groups in focus have to comprehend that Ethiopians have united more than ever before disproving T-PLF's dividing weapon and can solve their problems using homegrown mechanisms. Therefore, they have to put their hands off Ethiopia and leave the country alone to manage internal problems, the academician emphasized.

# Opinion

## Tana Forum: A platform that brings peace, security for Africa

BY GETACHEW MINAS

The Tana Forum was launched ten years ago. It was organized with the objective of bringing sustainable peace and security in Africa using local means. Following the Tripoli Declaration of November, 2010, believing that the handling of peace and security to be a collective challenge, Tana Forum was launched in 2012 with the aim of bringing about sustainable peace and security in Africa. The major contributors to the establishment of the Forum were Ato Meles Zenawi, Prof. Andreas Eshete, Olusegun Obasanjo, the AU, AAU, and Institute for Peace and Security Studies. The Forum has been intended to serve as a free and informal assembly of African leaders, decision makers, interested assemblies and representatives of the civil society. It serves as a free and open forum of discussing the persistent issues of peace and security and other encounters and challenges facing Africa.

The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tana Forum was held in Bahirdar from 14-16th of October 2022 with the theme of “Managing Security Threats: Building Resilience for the Africa We Want.” It was based on general discussions and different issues, conducted in a meeting or virtually. Issues discussed have been related to civil wars, coup d'états and terrorism and other concerns related to peace and security. The Forum does not take direct measures on peace and security in Africa. The major objective of the Forum has been to create agenda for discussion by various participants on different issues. The high officials and authorities as well as other interest groups discussed issues related to peace and security in the continent. During discussions, they generated issues that are currently relevant to the various countries of Africa.

Apart from the African leaders, the meeting has been attended by African peace, security and development experts. The meeting has also been attended by ambassadors, government representatives, expert groups, scholars, youth, women and private sector representatives. Development partners, media, and others have also attended the Forum. The deliberations have focused on current pressing issues such as “unconstitutional change of governments,” climate change and other security threats. The Amhara Regional State has contributed to the success of the Forum as it has been conducted in Tana. The Forum had created an opportunity to the development of tourism in the region. The bureau of Culture and Tourism has made great efforts for hosting the forum efficiently and effectively.

The Forum brought Ethiopia and Sudan closer that may result in economic integration. Abdel Fattah Abdulrahman Al Burhan, President of the Sovereign Council of Sudan, believed that border dispute and GERD issues could be resolved peacefully. The leaders of Ethiopia and Sudan discussed bilateral matters. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed revealed that he had a discussion with Al Burhan regarding bilateral

and regional issues. The two countries have a long history of friendship. Also, it is stated that the problems between the two countries could be resolved peacefully. Al Burhan was one of the speakers at the Forum who discussed security matters in the continent among other things. He also said that the session would achieve positive outcomes that contribute to achieving security and stability in the region and enhance the growth and prosperity of peoples.

Observers have questioned if that resounds well among Ethiopians given Sudan's recent hostility towards Ethiopia. This hostility has led the Ethiopian government to open what it called a “law enforcement operation” against the TPLF junta. Sudan has invaded Ethiopian territories in November 2020 as the Ethiopian Defense Force posted in the border zone was withdrawn from the area in connection with the TPLF war. It has been reported that Sudanese clandestine support to the TPLF has been heartbreaking to Ethiopia. Also its position on the GERD negotiation has created suspicion and distrust among concerned Ethiopians. This has been observed from social media whether Al-Burhan could be reliable any more. Moreover, the Ethiopian government announced in August 2022 that it shot down an Antonov plane that flew from Sudan with a mission to deliver weapons to the T-TPLF.

The TPLF has been trying to open a corridor to Sudan, an objective that ended in failure. It has lost tens of thousands of forces earlier while trying to control Metema, a strategic town for military operation. Based in Sudan, the TPLF also launched attacks repeatedly, using the Samri combatants, but in vain. These bunches of criminal gangs were captured by the Ethiopian border guards. Similarly, the Kimant armed gangs tried to attack the Ethiopian forces, but suffered severely. Observers believe that despite the failure of Sudan to destabilize Ethiopia by supporting a rebel group and its associates, the two neighboring countries need each other. This observation would be true as the junta loses the war and disappears from the political scene. Its main supporters, particularly the Western powers, would suspend their critical support to the junta for failing in its mission. These powers have come to realize that the TPLF has been misinforming them of its influence in Ethiopia, which was absolutely unrealistic. It had been usurping power from the Ethiopians by unsustainable means of the barrel of the gun and bloodshed.

There are thousands of Ethiopians making a living in The Sudan and Ethiopia has been home to thousands of Sudanese. If they used their untapped natural and human resources, they would have created immense possibility for economic development, employment creation and income generation for their people. Also, the strong Ethiopian-Eritrean political alliance will have its positive impacts on the peace and security in the Horn of Africa. This alliance could be transformed to economic development based on bilateral and multilateral agreements

between countries of the Horn. They could engage in some kind of division of labor based on their natural resource endowment. Socio-economic cooperation is of the essence for improving the standard of living of the people of the Horn. But, the Horn countries have to watch the interference and bullying by the Western powers with eyes to exploit the natural resources of these countries.

The Tana Forum is a nucleus for developing the cooperation for sustainable peace and security. This is a precondition for development. As Africa begins to develop on her account, the neocolonialists will have no space in the continent. They need this part of the world for exploiting its natural resources. The entry points are skirmishes, clashes, fights, combats, and battles all ending in atrocious bloodletting civil wars between peoples of the same country. The neocolonialists come with “food aid” with their eyes on the rich natural resources of the country. These resources have to be used by the so-called foreign investors. These are exploiters of resources using their own tech and staff, with locals serving only as guides or low level functionaries. Behind these foreign investors lie the superpowers who lend huge amounts foreign exchange to the leaders of developing countries.

Some of the African leaders are dishonest ones who enrich themselves at the expense of their own people. These people are left to starve despite the rich resources they are surrounded with. Lack of tech to exploit the natural resources forces the honest leaders of the developing countries to engage foreign investors to conduct prefeasibility and feasibility studies to ensure the availability of sufficient resources for exploitation. Following the green light given by the superpower, these investors may or may not be willing to exploit the resources, such as gas, oil, and other minerals that are demanded by the global market. The major condition of the superpower is to politically subdue the leaders of African countries that are endowed with immense natural resources.

African leaders are swinging and wavering between development and alien exploitation. The superpowers would like to keep African people hungry, starving and famished. Then they would stretch their hands to provide food aid and alms to the impoverished Africans. They also provide scholarship for young people to study in universities of the developed world. These students graduate in professions which are inapplicable in their mother countries. So, they are forced to stay abroad where they could be employed productively and earn enough for their living. Once in a while they transfer money to their parents for their survival. They are trapped in a vicious circle of work and leisure, the balancing of which is sensitive. A slight preference for more leisure costs ones means of living. Leisure has varieties of colors and forms stretching from smoking, drinking and enjoying drugs to deserting once parents.

Most Africans intellectuals residing in the developed world finally end up in homes

for the retirees and the aged. They become forgetful of their poor countries and families by whom they are forgotten. The developing countries lose their youth to the West as young and skilled worker. They are squeezed and thrown out the system due to their failure to cope with new and latest tech that is in vogue in the developed world. This world is still in the hearts and minds of young Africans, who want to acquire skill and serve it to earn high income. The capitalist system absorbs skilled workers from anywhere in the world, use them, throw them and deny them the basic human right to be treated equally with the Whiteman with the exception of the current PM of UK. The migrant workers aspire for citizenship in the West where they acquired higher education and training. They know in advance that whatever skill they acquired is not applicable in their home country, where peace and security is not sustainable.

Africa has to be peaceful and secure for its people to live in comfort. However, Africans are not allowed by alien forces to live in peace. They have to be engaged in a continuous process of clashes, combats and conflicts. Petty fights grow into battles and wars which are encouraged by foreign powers. In so doing, they sell arms, guns and missiles to the warring factions. These groups squeeze their people to finance the purchase of latest weapons that help beat the local opponent, adversary or antagonist. These enemies are usually people of the same region, zone or area who want to grab political power for dominating the contender. The warring groups tend to forget their economic activities which are their means of survival. But, foreign powers do not think that hard working people would let them interfere in their internal affairs. Yet, they manage to create hostilities among people of the same ethnic, tribal and social groups as observed in Ethiopia today.

The African reality, including that of Ethiopia, demands farsighted leaders who would encourage their people to fight poverty through hard work. Their efforts should be supported with professionals who are deeply concerned with the exploitation of resources by foreign powers. In line with this reality, the Tana Forum discussed the management of security threats in Africa. They identified the means of fortifying resilience for the whole continent. Security threats originate in the West that intends to implement its neocolonial strategy of exploiting the natural resources of every country in the continent. Africans should be engaged in warfare that opens the gate for Western interference in the domestic affairs of the people. African leaders have taken painful lessons to keep alien powers at bay. The people they lead are fully behind them ensuring free political actions and socioeconomic development, which is the objective of the Tana Forum.

**Editor's Note: The views entertained in this article do not necessarily reflect the stance of The Ethiopian Herald**

# Business & Economy

## Farmers' initiative to produce wheat for exportation

BY BACHA ZEWDIE

Recently, field visitors from the agriculture sector from different zones of Oromia region attended Shaki Sharara kebele of Hitosa district, which is known for its wheat production in Arsi zone, and Feysa Buta was one of the farmers who shared his experience. This farmer, apart from being a member of the Buchi Habe Badosa Kebele Cooperative, also runs his farm in a cluster. The farmer is responsible for the cluster. Since he is a dedicated farmer, the name of the cluster consisting of many farmers has come to be known as "Feysa Cluster".

The cluster is also visited by many guests. Farmers in Faysa cluster produce wheat on 506 hectares of land. Out of this, 100 hectares have been used for seed propagation.

Feysa said that begging all the time is not only disgraceful but also shameful. When he explained why he said it is shameful and scandalous, he claimed that it is because Ethiopia does not lack anything. He mentioned that the country is blessed with a large land that grows any type of crop and water. It can detach from the previous production method via paying any sacrifice and should be improved.

He said; "We must not only be self-sufficient in food, but now we must work hard to achieve the plan of supplying wheat to the foreign market, which was started by the honorable Prime

Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed. We will exhaust all our capabilities to implement this. Without exaggeration, the farmers in our area said that they dare to say 'we are enclosed in the spirit of 'possible'."

130 farmers are embraced by the cluster. Feysa said that they were given the opportunity to be the first to export wheat. He indicated that they are committed to making this first opportunity work properly.

As to him, Ethiopia is the owner of untapped resource. It also has a large number of young people. Although agriculture is a sector that has mostly been left to the farmers previously, now both the educated and the uneducated must engage into the work.

Mentioning that some have given low interpretation to the importance of agriculture, he said if they devote their full potential to agriculture and work hard, they can be no less effective than any other sector. He requested to buy combine and tractor. He does this not because he has any other income, but because he can work hard in the agricultural sector. Feysa pointed out that it is definitely possible to change agriculture. If they can produce it diligently, there is no reason why they should not export it. In fact, he said that it is the easiest thing to do in the foreign market.

Feysa said that Hitosa Union works with them

from providing seeds to taking over agricultural products, adding he said that Hetosa Union is their collective result. He also mentioned that a private company that imports agricultural inputs called Chemtex is a company that works with them. If an organization like this can provide better things for everyone's work, Ethiopia can be lifted out of poverty in a short period of time. If this year's product is successful as started, they will not only increase the product to be shipped next year, but they will be competitive. Nothing will stop them from doing this He said.

Zerihun Mekonnen, the deputy head of the Hitosa District Agriculture Office, said that Hitosa District was known for its wheat production in the past and pointed out that the fact that the cluster is widely cultivated in the district makes this year's special. He explained that more than 95 percent of the total land in the district is cultivated in cluster scheme using mechanization.

As to him, the district is working by collecting 1, 390 clusters together. Out of 26 thousand hectares of land, 24 thousand hectares are planted in cluster. Out of that, 15, 952 hectares are covered with wheat seeds. In this way, the largest share is wheat. Wheat is being produced on a large scale, especially in the highlands and the lowlands.

Administrator of Hitosa District, Moha mmad Husein, on his part said that the issue that has

been discussed by the Prime Minister has been put into practice through hard work.

According to him, Ethiopia is not a war-torn country, as is rumored in the foreign media. It should not only be brought to an end in terms of enforcing the law, but it should also be told that it is working properly in terms of development and showing this by producing wheat in all seasons. The mass media that claim to be big should consider whether it is a developing country or stagnated on its poverty.

Muzein Aman, a crop development expert of Arsi Zone, mentioned that wheat covers the vast fields of the zone, and this year, out of 656,000 hectares of land covered by harvest crops, 281,000 hectares are covered with wheat. He said that one of the reasons why the wheat, which is ready for harvesting after one month, has maintained its standard is because of the proper use of herbicides.

According to the expert, the government is paying great attention to the agriculture sector. Adding he said that they expect a total production of nearly eleven million quintals from wheat alone of which 60 percent of this is for local consumption and 40 percent for domestic and foreign markets. Out of this, one million quintals of wheat is covered from Arsi zone alone that has the potential to cover the largest share of the country's planned export market, he explained.



The Federal Government of Ethiopia has awarded

## Huawei Ethiopia a platinum level

loyal taxpayers award.

October 22, 2022. Addis Ababa Ethiopia.

The fourth round of the Federal loyal Taxpayers' Recognition Ceremony was held on October 20, 2022 in the presence of Her Excellency Sahilework Zewdie, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. Ethiopia's Ministry of Revenue recognized most loyal and highest tax payers for the fiscal year that ended on July 7, 2022.

The event, held at the Sheraton Addis, honored 400 of the best taxpayers, 40 of whom received platinum badges. At the ceremony, Her Excellency President Sahilework Zewdie urged the "business community to play its role by paying taxes".

In the event, Huawei Ethiopia recognized the platinum level loyal tax payer award. The company has been praised by the government for being a gold-level tax payer in the years 2020 and 2021 consecutively.

The President also expressed her hope that the recognition of those enterprises mentioned above would encourage winning businesses to keep paying their taxes on time and that others would follow suit.



Mr. Chen Mingliang, CEO of Huawei Ethiopia, said: "We feel honored to be awarded and praised by Her Excellency the President and the Ethiopian Government. Huawei will keep making more contributions to the Ethiopian ICT business by using cutting-edge technical solutions and abiding by local laws. It will also strive to get more accolades"



Since its first business exploration in 1999, the company has gained a reputation in the Ethiopian market for reliable products and solutions, high-quality service delivery, and standardized business management.

Huawei is a leading global provider of information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure and smart devices, and it was founded in 1987. In 2008, Huawei Group established Huawei Technologies Ethiopia PLC, a local subsidiary that serves Ethiopian clients in various industrial sectors, including telecom, finance, education, electricity, and so on.

Currently, it serves millions of Ethiopians with its telecom carriers and enterprise business solutions. The company is also striving to cultivate the ICT talent ecosystem, where the future generation of the industry will be equipped with up-to-date knowledge and skills.

# Planet Earth

## Replicating summer wheat development success on fishery sector

BY EPHREM ANDARAGCHEW

Fisheries are one of the important and renewable natural resource bases for many developing countries, and the livelihood of many rural communities relies on the fishery sector. Accordingly, the sector is key to reducing poverty and diversifying household income directly and indirectly. Studies have shown that in developing countries, over 116 million people are benefited from the fishery sector and more than 90 percent of them are working in the small-scale fisheries sector.

Although the total amount of fish produced from aquaculture is grown from time to time over the past decade, the experiences show that Africa's fisheries output is dominated by capture fisheries that lack modernity. The benefits gained from the development of fisheries are significant. From local to global levels, fisheries play an important role in the food supply, income generation, employment creation, and nutrition security.

Fish farming has been practiced in different parts of the world including Ethiopia. In Ethiopia, fish production depends on the inland waters for the supply of fish as a cheap source of animal protein. It can also indirectly contribute by providing revenue for purchasing food for deficient areas. The country has different geological formations and climatic conditions and is endowed with considerable water resources and wetland ecosystems, including river basins, major lakes, many swamps, floodplains, and man-made reservoirs.

In Ethiopia, the fish supply in most cases comes from the major lakes and some reservoirs such as Fincha, Hawassa, Tana, Chamo, Ziway, Koka, Abaya, and rivers. Still, its production is underexploited with limited access and production status in the food marketing system. Because the sector is mainly practiced, is threatened by poor production systems with catchment deforestation (shore damage), water pollution and siltation, overfishing, habitat destruction, invasion of non-native species, illegal, unregulated fishing, and poor governance, and is far below its potential.

Hence, improvements in the fishery sector highly contribute to sustaining the livelihood of a rural fishing community and ensuring environmental sustainability in Ethiopia. The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Sustainable Environment Unit Program Manager Eshete Dejen (Ph.D.) said that it is imperative to utilize the untapped fishery sector in the region with a view to alleviating food insecurity problems.

IGAD socioeconomic situation and capacity need assessment of fisheries basin study report indicated that intervention to improve the fisheries sectors in the region in general Ethiopia in particular is key to benefiting



the sector. So, scaling up cooperation and coordination between IGAD member states is critical to use sustainable water management and fishery activities to alleviate poverty, Eshete added.

Indeed, the fishery sector can contribute to accelerated economic growth and development, income generation, nutrition, employment and export earnings, and overall food security. Hence, the focus now should be on increased production and value addition since fish has high domestic market demand, can contribute to improved domestic nutrition, and offer good trade opportunities at the global, regional, and national levels, Eshete added.

Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture State Minister Fikru Regassa in his part noted that Ethiopia has been working to utilize its fish resource in collaboration with various stakeholders. "Ethiopia in its 10-year strategic development and the agricultural plan has paid significant attention to the fishery and aquaculture development."

Indeed, it is well-recognized that fishery development supports the efforts of ensuring food security. Even we can garner a response when we why Ethiopian fisheries are not strong? According to experts in the field of fishery, the overall fishery production potential of Ethiopian water bodies is estimated to be 100, 000 tons per year, while the actual production is 70, 000 tons. Despite more water bodies and more fish diversity in the region, fish production and marketing is very low.

Gatriay Tut Deng 2020 review article "Assessment of Factors Affecting Fish Production and Marketing in Gambella Region, Ethiopia" stated the major underdevelopment factors of fish production. Accordingly, the major factors contributing to fish production are inefficient fishing gear, poor transportation access, poor postharvest handling, low price at the landing site, and improper marketplace.

Besides, drying is the predominant postharvest technique and fishing methods are on a subsistence basis. All the

bodies in the region. Because the country has water resource potential and incredible fish species diversity, aquaculture needs to be established and popularized.

Addis Ababa University Department of Zoological Sciences Aquatic Biology Professor Abebe Getahun noted that fisheries and aquaculture practices in Ethiopia are very much underdeveloped, although the former had been in practice for centuries. Because the natural (capture) fisheries from the lakes, reservoirs, and rivers of the country are mainly artisanal conducted, processed, and marketed under poor conditions. Furthermore, reed and wooden boats are largely used and motorized boats are few and not readily available in the market.

"In the same way, the fisheries resource is open access and there is no strict control or management of the resources and there are extensive Illegal, Unlicensed, and Unreported (IUU) fishery activities. As a result, most of the capture fisheries of the country are overexploited," he explained.

Cognizant of the underdevelopment of fishery production in Ethiopia, the Ministry of Agriculture has planned to do effective work this fiscal year. Ministry of Agriculture State Minister Fikru Regassa (Ph.D.) said that a lot of work has been done including restructuring the organization to make the sector productive and efficient.

Taking into account the great attention given by the government to the sector, it is necessary to increase the productivity of the sector by working with commitment and coordination between the regions and responsible institutions as well as the projects and programs that support the sector in order to achieve the goals in the development of fish resources, he added.

Central Statistics Agency Director General Ato Birattu Yigezu elucidated that statistical information of the country should be strengthened. Hence, deploying trained and qualified human resources is key to identifying, and organizing accurate aquaculture resource data. Because knowing the strengths and weaknesses of the sector support the concerned body and stakeholders to implement key strategic measures.

Indeed, the government brings promising achievements in completing various developmental projects including summer wheat development across the nation. This achievement should be repeated in fishery production by consolidating the best practices available in the country and working to expand them across the nation. Especially, traditional methods of fishery production should be improved and changed via training and available modern technologies to ensure food insecurity problems across the country.

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fishing activities take place in the natural environment, and aquaculture is not yet established. Enough modern and efficient gears need to be made available. Other modern postharvest handling techniques need to be introduced to ensure a longer shelf life of fish after harvest. Infrastructures need to be constructed to access all water

# Art & Culture

## The right time to promote nature tourism in Addis Ababa

BY MULUGETA GUDETA

Nature tourism or nature-based tourism is “tourism based on the natural attractions of an area. It consists of responsible travel to experience natural areas and the landscape and flora and fauna, protecting the environment and improving the quality of life the local population.” Starting from its very name Addis Ababa seems to have been conceived as a “nature capital” to borrow or coin another expression.

Addis Ababa, literally means “New Flower” and is befitting the face of the Ethiopian capital that is currently undergoing a radical facelift as one of the busiest metropolises on the African continent. Addis Ababa is not only the capital of Ethiopia. It is also the capital of Africa and needs to reflect this grandiose vision and reality. Historically, the Ethiopian capital has undergone three major reconstruction in its no-so-long history which is only less than 150 years.

The first construction upheaval was engineered by the late Emperor Haile Sellssie who saw in Addis the capital of the newly liberated African country as it emerged its independence and sovereignty intact from the brief five years Italian fascist invasion that had no time for consolidation and crystallization into a classic and permanent overseas territory of Duce Mussolini. Addis Ababa which was then largely a conglomeration of eucalyptus trees and dilapidated huts and narrow alleys and neighborhoods that looked like abandoned hamlets and makeshift residences.

Emperor Haile Sellassie whose brief sojourn in exile in Europe gave him the imagination of what a real and modern capital should look like, set on a construction frenzy as soon as his steps into a newly liberated capital with a great deal of hope and energy but little resources to make his vision a reality. He asked the participation of some European engineers as well as Indians who came to the country earlier than anybody to engage in small businesses as well as provide teachers to the then budding education sector. Modernization was the name of the game even though things on the ground could not move as fast as the emperor wished they would.

The next forty or fifty years of imperial administration were usually busy times when Addis Ababa underwent radical changes in its reconstruction as new streets were built, modern buildings constructed, hotels and businesses came into being and recreational and artistic venues were given attention for the first time in the long history of the country. By the end of the 1970s

when the Revolution overturned everything causing more damage to Addis Ababa than good, the Ethiopian capital assumed its present shape if not its face although there was much to be done to turn it into a modern African metropolis. The establishment of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) in Addis Ababa was the single most important impetus for Addis Ababa to become a pole of attraction not only for diplomats but also for great powers who eyed the place and the region in general as their future neocolonial possession although colonialism was on the wane.

The establishment of the OAU had served as a catalyst for the reconstruction of Addis Ababa and helped it assume new dimensions. The imperial palace was not only renovated but the present National Palace was built according to modern palaces in Europe. This has added to the grandeur and influence of the Ethiopian capital as an ancient land of builders and architects whose old palaces and churches testified to the great imagination of hard work of the Ethiopian people.

The second architectural or reconstruction “revolution” may be said to have taken place after the fall of the imperial regime and the advent of the military government that tried to change the face of the capital in accordance with socialist architecture and inspiration. It built the great Revolution Square, whose real name was Meskel Square and used it as staging ground for its military parades that turned into the venue for popular protests and demonstrations. The military government had added little to the previous facelift of Addis because it lacked the resources for implementing such a huge project as it was engaged in conflicts in the north as well as in internal instability.

The third phase of Addis Ababa’s renaissance as a city started after 1991 and includes the present time when the Ethiopian capital is witnessing modernization and beautification like no other time. The last ten or even five years have accelerated its modernization as Addis Ababa benefitted from the economic boom of the 1990s and early 2000’s when high rises replaced old and dilapidated houses, narrow streets were replaced by broad avenues and the skylight of Addis radically changed. It assumed the face of many Asian or African capitals whose high rises and modern architectures give them the face of modernity despite the attendant problems. The demographic explosion in Addis came on the heels of its expansion and modernization, serving as a pole of attraction to hundreds of thousands of people living in the country who are now seeking better opportunities in the booming

capital. The third architectural “revolution” of Addis Ababa is still underway despite the economic slowdown and the rise in the cost of living for underprivileged citizens in particular. It is amazing to see Addis growing both horizontally and vertically while its overexpansion is creating more problems than it solves in this time of economic difficulties. Nowadays the attraction of Addis is apparently fast changing from its building to its new parks, recreational places, green areas, and gardens as well as its avant-garde structures like the newly built Abrehot Library and the recently inaugurated Museum of Art and Science, among others.

As a footnote, one is tempted to suggest here that what Addis Ababa now lacks is another Museum of Arts and Motion Pictures or an Academy of Motion Pictures because the Ethiopian capital has a long history as the first city where the first African modern movie was made back in the 1960s. Film studios and academies of motion pictures have the potential to radically change the face and economy of any city in the world. Film academies serve as places where the new generation of filmmakers would be educated in the latest science and arts of making movies and this would create additional jobs vocation for the young generation.

The development of film studios would attract foreign investors as Ethiopia is famed for its rich cultural, geographic and demographic diversities and potentials.

We are lagging behind the world and even African in this particular area and there is no place more suitable than Addis Ababa to lay the basis for a dynamic and vibrant film industry that will contribute to the stimulation of related sectors of the economy. With the creation of new studios will certainly come the opening of new and modern theatre houses and the explosion in creativity imagination or creativity. WE may perhaps call the Addis Ababa film industry “Addiwood” like Bollywood for Bombay and Nollywood for Nigeria. That would mark a new chapter in the development of Addis Ababa as not only the diplomatic capital of the world but also as the motion picture capital of Africa. What we need is investment, technology and hard work while the capacity for imagination and creativity are already there.

The tourism aspect of Addis Ababa is also untouched as new public places worth visiting are springing up here and there in the capital. Empty spaces and rivers are being turned into parks and recreational places. Old and historic building are being

refurbished and given radical facelift. There are still new projects in the pipeline so that Addis would tap into its tourism potentials fully and reinvest it in the further renovation of its relatively less developed quarters or neighborhoods.

Addis is already the conference centre of Africa and the international community although the 2020-21 COVID pandemic had wrecked havoc in this sector too. Nowadays the COVID pandemic is apparently on its way out and people are feeling freer and foreign visitors are coming back to enjoy Addis Ababa’s new and old structures. Its mild climate, its sporting events as the venue for the biggest annual running event in Africa if not in the world.

The Entoto Park, north of Addis Ababa, is in itself worthy of tens of thousands of foreign and local visitors. Addis has a great time ahead of it because it serves as a kind of “promised land” or as the capital of “nature tourism” because it is still continuing to flourish true to the symbolism encapsulated in its very name. In this sense we can say that Empress Taitu, Emperor Menelik’s consort, was a great visionary as the capital city whose name was invented by her is still keeping her dreams alive.

### Confident

SENAIT G/HIWOT

*Oh! I seem confident*

*But I am just faking it*

*There will be a time*

*When I’ll really be it*

*I tremble when I speak*

*I second guess everything*

*But I speak boldly*

*And seem so lively*

*The turmoil inside me*

*Makes me act kindly*



# Society

## “Everyone has talent; what’s rare is the courage to follow it.”

BY LULSEGED WORKU

Melkamu Haile, is a young film maker here in Addis Ababa. He is a gifted young movie maker and director. Despite his talent, he did not properly capitalize on his blessing for various reasons. Absence of external training opportunities, inability to share knowledge and skills with other African filmmakers is among the factors. However, according to Melkamu, despite all the challenges, Ethiopia still has several passionate young filmmakers who can promote their country in the world of film industry.

His recent experience in the 2022 MultiChoice Talent Factory Academy (MTF) has confirmed him the potential he and his nation has in the area of film industry. After successfully accomplish his one year training in field of storytelling, directing and production, Melkamu is awarded a full scholarship to an eight- week program in the New York Film Academy which is renowned as one of the best film schools in the world. When asked the secret behind his success, Melkamu said that passion and commitment are reasons for his achievements. Everyone has talent. What is rare is the courage to cultivate and follow it for the reason it sometimes does not put food on the table and pay bills.

“Whenever youths give no excuse for the failure they may face, they can achieve whatever they want. There may be several factors that block our way from achieving our goals; but we should be persistent towards our dream. Africa in general and Ethiopia in particular are places where diverse cultural practices and ancient stories are found. In this regard, building continental as well as regional images through movies should be the responsibility of every African youth.

Indeed, Africa is a land with talented youth. Be it in the area of literature, painting, film making or any form of art, the continent is a land where many gifted youths thrive. However, absence of opportunities to showcasing their talent in the international arena, they are seen giving up their dreams. In some cases, however, there are opportunities that bring African youth talent to the real world, where they can promote themselves and contribute their part to the world. MTF Academy is among these African institutions that are working to nurture African talent. Using its available resources the Academy offers training to gifted African youth.

Lately, MTF, East Africa has awarded youth from different East African countries and for this year, Ethiopian filmmaker, Melkamu Haile, has become among the outstanding trainees who excelled in the training. Using this as a ground, *The Ethiopian Herald* had contacted MTF Academy Director, Victoria Goro, to ask the objectives



*East African talented youth*

and the importance of having such kinds of Academies in Africa, especially, East Africa.

According to the Director, MTF Academy program has an aim to develop emerging film and TV talent in East Africa by offering a 12-month accredited program within local production houses. “The objective of MTF is to accelerate development of talent in film and TV in Africa. By using such opportunities talented African youth could improve their skill. They can combine film studies with studio experience in both the academic (theory) and practical immersion (hands-on experience) in storytelling, cinematography, audio-production, and editing. The program is offered in partnership with Kenyatta University- a respected tertiary education institution in Kenya. The students get the chance to hone their skills in film and TV production by making films along with industry’s experts.”

Asked to what extent the Academy has gone to produce talented African youth, she said, since the inception of the East Africa Academy, it has graduated 49 young filmmakers. “Our graduates are a true representation of talent, enthusiasm and passion for film in our region; and after leaving the Academy, they have gone on to launch successful careers in film and TV production both as independent producers and also as employees of leading production houses. Our alumni are trailblazers who have kept the tradition of African storytelling alive, cognizant of the fact that our stories are rooted in our oral culture and traditions.” Concerning cultural and historical richness of the region, Victoria said, East Africa is a hub of unique African stories yet to be told. East Africa is also home to young, vibrant, focused and purpose -driven film talent waiting to be unveiled. These two scenarios provide the perfect opportunity for the MTF program to craft a training program that speaks to the need to bring uniquely African stories to homes and cinemas across the continent.

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“Our intensive one-year program is facilitated by seasoned and award-winning filmmakers from our continent and working with our partners amongst them the New York Film Academy (NYFA), Dolby, Canon and Henley Business School, equips our talented young filmmakers with knowledge, exposure and skills to produce multi-skilled, market ready graduates who are ready to contribute to both the technical

and professional value-chain as we tell the African story.”

For young African filmmakers and directors like that of Melkamu, this exposure will sharpen their skills, give them extra training and opportunity to create their own original work in a multicultural environment, and attend intensive workshops in areas of their choice. “In this regard, I expect that Melkamu will use the knowledge, experience and exposure he has gained from the NYFA program and enables him to bring to the fore innovative production models that will be utilized to unveil to the world the rich stories found in Ethiopia. I also expect that he will expand his unique vision, voice, style and approach to storytelling with expert guidance from the faculty at NYFA,” she opined.

“Melkamu will actively and dynamically expand his body of film projects and creative resources with self-designed projects in screenwriting, narrative film, and new media. I expect that the program will expand his body of work whilst maintaining continuity in his professional life.” As highly motivated individuals that have creative vision, I expect that Melkamu and the winners of this top award from our three Academies will emerge with powerful original work and a more distinctive artistic voice, he reiterated.

Speaking at the welcoming ceremony of Melkamu, the well-known Ethiopian actor and film producer Mikael Million said that beside promoting the country, having such kind of opportunities to Ethiopian youth truly support the film industry and encourages young Ethiopian film makers to be more competent and boost their confidence in global arenas.

MTF Academies were launched in October 2018 to promote African stories and talents through the means of film making. The East Africa Academy based in Nairobi, Kenya trains 20 emerging and talented young filmmakers drawn from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia every year.

# Law & Politics

## Are things getting under or going out of control?

BY SOLOMON WASSIHUN

**A**t last the end of the war is in sight. To the great surprise of friends and foes, the war in northern Ethiopia is nearing its end. With each passing day, more and more thousands of people in that part of the country are being liberated from the hostage-like occupation of the terrorist TPLF.

The ongoing AU-led peace talks, if not compromised by the TPLF protagonists, could have a real chance of success in making the last chapter of the conflict relatively peaceful. That means the surrender of all TPLF fighters and the quiet entrance of Ethiopian forces into the regional capital, Mekelle.

If that is what would follow, it means an ironic repetition of history. 31 years ago, the TPLF marched into the nation's capital, Addis Ababa, almost quietly, ending the 17 years of rule of the Derg era. Now, it is TPLF 's turn to go down the drain, and its decades-old tyrannical Stalinist reign of terror in the Tigray region terminated.

The feel of Deja-Vous does not end there. In both cases, eleventh-hour peace talks were progressing in foreign lands.-Now in Pretoria, then in London. The Americans were the major foreign powers deeply involved in both crucial moments of Ethiopian political history. The difference is, now they [the Americans] do not want the Ethiopian forces to march into Mekelle, but 31 years ago they urged the TPLF rebels to roll their tanks into Addis Ababa while the London peace talks were in progress.

Returning to the present, the wind of freedom has once again reached many of the areas of the Tigray region. Now, residents of several provinces in the Amhara and Tigray regions are no more victims of the atrocities committed by TPLF. Armed TPLF gangs could no longer rape women and children, and households will no longer be looted. Men will not be conscripted. The gun is silenced, and the rule of law is being restored. Roads are opening for humanitarian supplies and civilian travelers. Clinics and schools and other basic social services will soon be opened. public utilities and commercial institutions are resuming operations to return to work.

Abebe Assefa is a resident of Alemata town, of Amhara region, which was liberated last week after suffering brutal occupation by TPLF forces for over a year. The town is ransacked. Public properties and local government offices are either looted or destroyed. The residents' households were forced to give away their money and private property to the TPLF. Most of the town residents who were self-reliant farmers and business owners are now expectant food aid.

"TPLF has been looting us regularly. Every household was assigned to feed a certain

civilians. Even captured TPLF fighters are held humanely. "Our commanders were telling us we should fight until death and should never consider surrender. They were telling us Ethiopian forces would torment and butcher us if we got captured. That is all lies. We are now in good care under the protection of Ethiopian forces." says Alem Abreha, a recently captured TPLF fighter

Disapproving TPLF propaganda, thousands of Tigrayans have been fleeing from TPLF-held territories to find safe havens in the liberated areas of Tigray, or in the neighboring regions, that the terror group describes as enemy territories. Recently liberated Tigray towns like Shire are now relatively peaceful and stable, and their people are starting to go about their daily business.

The Tigray people are finding out how much they have been lied to by the TPLF cadres. Humanitarian supplies that have been hoarded by the TPLF as a ration to its fighters are now distributed to their rightful destination. - the civilian population. Now that the majority of Tigray is liberated, humanitarian supplies can reach the region via several routes, unlike in the past when the only access to Tigray was via Afar.

Town and village residents have started holding peace and stability consultative meetings to establish interim local administration with the support of the federal government and security forces. The reign of terror and chaos, and lawlessness, are giving way to peace, stability, and the rule of law. Things are getting under control now. Ethiopians are making a sigh of relief and filling their heart with renewed optimism that the war looks to be grinding to a halt.

The remark made by the Ethiopian Premier a few days ago resonates with this point. "The situation in northern Ethiopia will come to an end, peace will prevail. We will not continue fighting forever. I believe that in a short period of time, we will stand with our Tigrayan brothers for peace and development," he said.

However, The reaction of international agencies and some foreign powers to the positive developments in the war zone was quite the opposite of what is happening on the ground and Ethiopians' optimistic assessment of the developing situation.

If there is one thing that the northern Ethiopian conflict revealed to us is how the international agencies and media are devoid of integrity and are compromised by a few powerplayers. It also revealed how the values and principles they said are sacrosanct, like neutrality, equality, professionalism, justice...etc are just the mantra they only pay lip service to. The diplomatic and media campaign against Ethiopia calling for strong intervention intensified recently

after Ethiopian forces began making crucial military gains on the battlefield. Soon after the news of the liberation of the strategic town in the west of the Tigray region, Shire, the UN Chief himself, not his spokesman, came to the spotlight to tell the world the situation in northern Ethiopia "is spiraling out of control."

The statement makes it abundantly clear from which standpoint the UN is looking at the Ethiopian situation. when you look at things from the TPLF perspective, indeed things are spiraling out of control. TPLF forces and command chain in disarray. Its political leaders are running out of lies and narratives they could use to pacify and keep the morale and loyalty of their supporters and fighters. They have lost much of Tigray to the advancing Ethiopian forces with breathtaking speed.

Such biased and unjust pressures by some foreign powers and international agencies have angered and mobilized Ethiopians across the world. The anger was manifested last week by huge demonstrations held in various towns and cities across the country and also overseas. Ethiopians believe that a well-organized and networked diplomatic mission is underway to rescue the TPLF from its grave situation that is spiraling out of its control.

The urgent target of the pro-TPLF block is to secure an agreement on what they call, an immediate session of hostilities. This would provide TPLF with opportunities to reorganize its forces that are currently in disarray and devise new plots to mobilize resources to launch yet another round of terror on its people.

Nevertheless, the fact remains that the worst days of war, destruction, and lawlessness are behind Ethiopia. surely the war in the north is coming to a victorious end with or without peace talks. Like a day break, the light of peace and stability is getting stronger as each minute goes by. The government and people of Ethiopia have drawn a practical lesson from the missed opportunities of the last year. Every move of the Ethiopian forces in the Tigray region now tells the lessons drawn and experience garnered from the experience the past year.

If those external forces who are expressing concern for the return of sustainable peace and stability in Ethiopia mean business, then they need to support the government's post-conflict activities to bring peace and stability to the war-affected areas. First of all, they need to acknowledge and give recognition to the immediate humanitarian, peace, and development efforts being made by the Ethiopian government to bring the recently liberated territories back to normalcy. They should admit the truth that northern Ethiopia is better off with a diminished presence and even a total absence of TPLF. And that, for Ethiopian people including Tigrayans things are getting under control, not out of control.

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number of TPLF fighters regularly. In addition to that, every household was forced to contribute money to support the rebel group. Even, TPLF has forced churches and Mosques to give them money as a contribution to the war effort."

The TPLF was desperately trying to preach and brainwash the Tigray people with toxic propaganda that demonize the Ethiopian forces. The TPLF leaders were saying the Ethiopian forces are coming to exterminate them. But what the Tigray people in the liberated areas saw were the same friendly soldiers they knew before the start of the war, who happily share their rations. There is no killing, looting, or mistreatment of



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# Between you & me

## “Mayday! Mayday!” SOS from the ‘Twitter Warlords’!

The guns will fall silent in northern Ethiopia; Make no mistake about it, however much the Satanic machinations thrown all over the place as ‘humanitarian’ narratives, however concerted the ploy to make Ethiopia another pawn in the global geopolitical game, however much the inherent age-old ill will against this historical nation the guns will fall silent. Sooner than the naysayers would have liked; that’s what the campaign underway in northern Ethiopia is all about. This is one of those the facts with no ‘if’s and ‘but’s.

For a moment forget the ‘twitter warlords’ and just give a moment’s thought to the astounding backstabbing of some circles who were thought to be ‘neutral’ or reasonable. The question here is, have they always been looking at us with such hostile grinding-teeth hostility; or (and this is an important ‘or’) is it all about what they call the New World Order and that lurking notion of ‘all of us’, none for the others?”

But in this convoluted, muddled world teeming with political, cultural, religious and yes, financial mercenaries the mobs trying to prevent the guns from falling silent are running berserk. For more than two years they have been spewing arrogant racist and fascist narratives against Ethiopia and its people for more than two years.

Remember last year at around this time when we were told Addis was about to be swallowed up by the rebels, airlines were warned to stay away from Addis skies, foreigners were told to “Flee! Flee! Flee!” there was absolutely nothing about cessation of hostilities. In fact the ‘twitter warlords’ and those who manage the remote controls were having a field day because they thought their dreams of seeing Ethiopia on its knees was finally to happen. They thought that finally, yes FINALLY, the country and people they hate because they always keep their heads up and their chests out despite all its problems multitude of so

much is to end on its back for good. Well, that didn’t happen now as it didn’t happen for Crispi’s marauders, as it didn’t happen for Mussolini’s fascists and as it didn’t happen for Siad Barre’s thugs. No one was calling for “cessation of hostilities” or anything like that at that time.

Look where ever conflicts are raging there could be nothing nicer or more humane than calling or pleading for there is nothing nicer than calling for cessation of hostilities; that’s as long as they are made with no hidden motivations of helping one side get some sort of advantage or breathing space and putting the other in some straight jacket. That’s what is happening now. Just look at the timing and the actual realities on the ground.

The ‘twitter warlords’ are at it with haste and alarm. Haste because their mercenary-like attempts to see an Ethiopia on its knees will never, ever happen and alarm because ‘the house of the enablers and twitter warlords’ waging an all-out social media onslaught on a country of more than three thousand years of is being turned to dust. (Sorry if the checks are to stop coming!) The ‘twitter warlords’ are so desperate that the real motivations they’ve been trying to camouflage all this time are being exposed. They, as of recent weeks, have descended so low that they’re most of the time indirectly calling for more blood so that the blood-stained checks would keep coming. One of them, who even in advanced age fails tweets; “Tigray’s resistance will grow in the face of adversity” This comes days after a tweet in which he said (or ‘wished’) the rebel group will take up guerilla warfare. Don’t blame the guy; the checks should keep coming! Otherwise he’ll end up in the dungeons of despair as his account runs dry! For the grid of the ‘twitter warlords’ to be realized blood should flow. That is how devilish their whole game is!

The other ‘twitter warlord’ who these days

seem unable to hide his concern at his paycheck falling on the wayside tweets “... It is almost certain Addis Abeba’s recent military gains will be reversed – slowly but surely – as the war enters a new phase of grinding attrition.”

And this very hate-filled ‘twitter warlord,’ whose animosity towards Ethiopia and Ethiopians is smearing the social media, tweets “Those consumed by hate for ‘others’ will be consumed by hate of ‘others.’” Ha! Ha! Ha! Him! The very guy who would have easily won the chief of staff position in the ‘Hate Ethiopia’ army and on the frontlines of twitter war tweeting this!

Some innocent people might think maybe he is coming back to his senses, if he has left any left, that is. Any person with clean conscience would have exactly that though if things have been normal. But the things aren’t normal.

And in another tweet he wails “...Whenever I Tweet on the war in #Tigray, these days, I am unusually met with a barrage of defaming, insulting, threatening tweets. Nothing will stop us from telling the truth. STOP the war on Tigray.” What other scenario was the ‘twitter warlord’ thinking about when for months and months he has been throwing dust and every other ‘weapon’ within his reach to denigrate, blaspheme a country and its people who only want three things Peace! Peace! and Peace!

Please read this very shrewd and at the same time extremely stupid tweet; “Sources from the area claim Ethiopian and Eritrean forces (their allies) have been instructed to kill three Tigrayans each, including elderly and children, and that victims’ limbs and skulls are on display.” Believe it or not this is taken from an article published in a certain western newspaper by yet another latecomer to the twitter ‘Hate Ethiopia’ mob; And she is profiled as a senior fellow in some on US Foreign Policy. Well; well; well. Isn’t that news!

And a British paper calls for “sustained external pressure” and calling on donors to end anything but humanitarian assistance to the country. RACIST!

Here is a latecomer so eager to join the enablers and warlords who tweets one the most stupid, sly and tweets in the whole saga; “There is some talk about an Eritrean administrator to be installed in Tigray. This idea would be entirely unacceptable to people of Tigray and unworkable after the atrocities committed by Eritrean military in Tigray after 2020 invasion.” And she is, hold our breath, a professor! Whoa!

Another of the warlords in disarray writes; “The U.S. and Europeans can impose high costs on Ethiopia on Abiy if he refuses to declare a cessation of hostilities in the coming days” Well, twitter warlords are nothing but mistakes of Mother Nature.

And here is a parting shot; “Today, Russia called a Security Council meeting, once again, for the sole purpose of spreading disinformation about Ukraine. They are trying to distract us from the atrocities Russian forces are carrying out in Ukraine. It’s not working. It’s never going to work.” Wow! This coming from Ambassador Greenfield all you can say is “Wow!” How many times has the West and its cohorts ‘to distract Ethiopia from ensuring law and order’ in the northern part of the country calling UNSC meetings! More than a dozen times! Huh! Now this! ‘Respect the UNSC’ .You know, sooner or later the rooster comes home to roost.

“Mayday! Mayday! Isn’t anybody listening?”

Someone quotes Donald N. Levine in their tweet; “Ethiopians do not have the psychic scars that come from having grown up as an alien in one’s own country. Rather, they enjoy a high degree of self-esteem and pride in their long tradition of Independence.”

Case closed!

## A Marketing Strategy!

Recently, one of the very few people I’m comfortable having tea with, asked me to accompany to some mall in town because he needed a new suit for some event. You know one of those events where one comes face to face with the brass of society. (A few years back I’d have written “with the cream of society;” not anymore!) We go to this bustling mall and sort to another. At some point he says; “Let’s see in this one.” Well the shop seems to be not different from we’ve already seen. Was I hopelessly wrong! It was different; the only young lady in the shop makes it different. Why? Well, she is one of the most presentable human beings you could get anywhere else. (In the Amharic language we’ve this thing we call ‘Kine’; you know where you appear to say something when you’re actually saying another thing. (No, ‘satire doesn’t come anywhere close to describing it!) I’m not sure when the last time I laid my eyes upon a young lady so pretty was. In fact I’m not sure if I ever did! Well my friend drags me in for nothing.

Flashback; in the shops we entered earlier we

were in for some shock. At one of them my friend sees some suit which he liked and asks “How much is this?”

“Thirteen thousand birr!”

For moments both of us weren’t sure we heard the right thing. It was like you’re listening to your favorite program on radio and suddenly some strange sound interferes in the background.

“Sorry,” my friend says. “I didn’t hear you.” Of course, that was not only a weak excuse; it was a lie! And you could see on the two young men tending the shop were having none of it. The smirk which they didn’t even tried to hide told volumes.

I was trying to do what almost every shopper was expected to do; bargain. “Look we’re here to actually buy. Can you tell us the real price?”

The shopkeeper was about to respond when my friend practically muscled me out of the shop. He was furious. The maximum he was ready to spend was six thousand birr and not a single cent more. Even that amount would bend quite big

dents in his household budget. He murmured some expletives and we went to the next shop. The least price was ten thousand birr and that wasn’t even in many shops. Now we are here in a shop tended by the reincarnation of Cleopatra herself. You could see the hundred or so stars on my friend’s face. No; I’m not exaggerating! Well, nothing could have emanated such multicolored flashes except stars! What do you mean “what about you?”

What about me? How in the world could I tell you if the stars on my face were mere or less than his? Ha! In the earlier shops there were weren’t many opening niceties on our parts. We just hit the nail on the head; “How much does this cost?” But here was Cleopatra smiling like anyone has ever smiled at us. (He was Julius Caesar and I was hmm...Mark Anthony, of course! Just wondering, which one of them had the better of ‘things?’)

He was all teeth and it looked like he was trying to rival her smile. After a few ‘special niceties for a special person,’ we were down to business.

We looked at the scores of suits and my friend finally gets what he was looking for. She didn’t wait for any question from us and just jumped in and told us that it was made in some European country and that it was durable. My friend needed no more cajoling he asked the price. She took a few seconds and more and said, “Since you’re nice guys I’ll deduct one thousand birr and you can take it for thirteen thousand.” That ‘thirteen thousand’ nuke again! my friend staid mute for a minute or two and suddenly said to me “Wait for me here just a few minutes, I’ll return.” What! What the hell is he thinking about? In a few minutes he came back. And without saying anything he pulls stash of birr from his pocket, counts thirteen thousand and hands her. Then it hit me. He has a habit of keeping two or even more ATM cards in his pockets.

This is to say forget what the marketing people tell you and get it into your head that there is nothing as fresh beauty to sell all those expensive things. I’ve a question, was it a marketing strategy on the part of the owners to put such a pretty lady to look after the shop!

# Verbatim and Caption

## Public keep on condemning undue external pressures

BY HAFTU GEBREZGABIER

Ethiopians from all segments of the society went to streets last week to support the government and to condemn continued external interventions in various regional states and cities. Here are some of the photos and the slogans the crowds hovered high in support

of the government in several parts of the country.

In their slogans written in different languages, the large crowds condemned the undue pressures and external interferences that compromise the Ethiopia's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

