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## November 3 We Never Forget

### AU-brokered Peace accord upholds Constitution

• Agreement proves 'African Solution to African Problem' practicality: *Obasanjo*

ADDIS ABABA- The Government of Ethiopia has welcomed the signing of peace agreement at the conclusion of the African-Union Peace Talks held for ten days in Pretoria, South Africa.

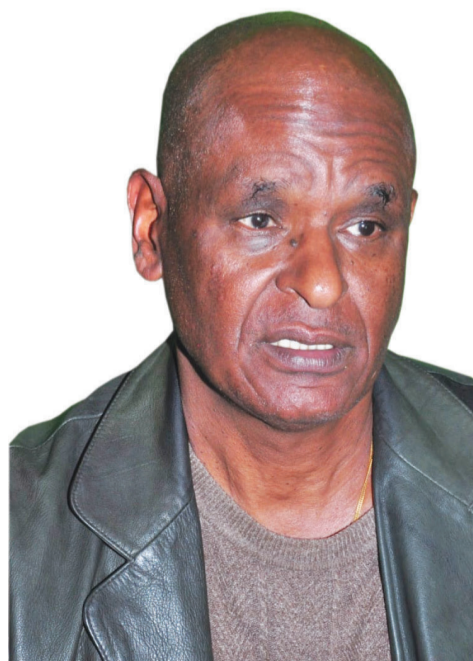
A statement by the Ethiopian Peace-talks delegation says that it must be noted that

the Agreement has reiterated respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ethiopia and to upholding the Constitution of the country.

Consistent with the Constitution, the Agreement also reaffirmed that Ethiopia has only one national defense

force, according to the statement. To implement these and other cardinal principles agreed in the Agreement includes provisions on the disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of the

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### T-TPLF committed unforgivable crime on Nov. 3, 2020 : Ephrem Madebo

BY MENGISTEAB TESHOME

ADDIS ABABA- The Terrorist TPLF brutally slaughtered members of Ethiopian National Defense Force(ENDF) of Northern Command based in Tigray on November 3, 2020 and such war crime is unforgivable, Ephrem Madebo said.

In connection with the 2<sup>nd</sup> year remembrance of the victims of T-TPLF's vicious attack on the ENDF ,the Senior Political Analyst Ephrem Madebo told *The Ethiopian Herald* that Ethiopia had many gloomy days and lamentable moments from which it has been suffering still. Of the dark circumstances,

what was done in the night of November 3, 2020 by T-TPLF against the Northern Command is recorded as a Black Day in the history of ENDF and the country as a whole .

"I strongly believe that November 3 is a day we Ethiopians should commemorate and honor our fallen heroes of the Northern Command with deep sincerity. There should be no Ethiopian that should ever stop thinking and talking about that uneventful November night, a night the Northern Command was attacked and its members brutally slaughtered by the rulers of the very

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### November 3, 2020 remind Ethiopians T-TPLF's high treason

BY YESUF ENDRIS

ADDIS ABABA- The November 3, 2020 attack of Terrorist -TPLF on the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF)'s Northern Command is an extreme treason and have never seen in the world history, a Lawyer said.

It was learnt that the day is being remembered today across the country under the theme : "We Never Forget the 3 Nov. 2020."

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### ENDF to mark Nov. 3 attack Memorial Day

BY MISGANAW ASNAKE

ADDIS ABABA— The Ministry of Defense announced that as part of the nationwide 2<sup>nd</sup> year marking of the brutal attack on the Northern Command by the terrorist TPLF, it will pay a special tribute to the victims November 3, 2020 tragic event at its Headquarters today.

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## Eyewitness to T-TPLF's atrocities

BY TAMERU REGASA

**ADDIS ABABA**-The November 3, 2020 evening, the day that numerous patriotic members of the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) slaughtered, wounded, and hanged by the evil Terrorist TPLF members will not be forgotten by the generation to come, ENDF member said.

Accordingly, the T-TPLF has committed unforgettable massacre against millions of Ethiopians since its inception.

An eye witness of that unforgettable night and ENDF member Shambel Aklilu Hailu was caught up by T-TPLF members and faced inhuman treatments.

He said that the terrorist group members launched their attack against the Northern Command of the ENDF using the

opportunity that the military members are on a rest.

However, the courageous ENDF members immediately reacted to the traitor's attack.

Through, it was difficult to dismantle the devilish group members that had been prepared to betray the motherland for longer time, he commemorated.

As to him, the T-TPLF's betrayal against the ENDF is unparalleled in the history of countries.

"The T-TPLF's leaders purposively hosted a thanks giving program for the ENDF members who have been contributed a lot in controlling the locust invasion and combat COVID-19 pandemic in the state. No one expected to be betrayed by those who provide us with extra accommodation for our

achievement and fraternity with the people of Tigray."

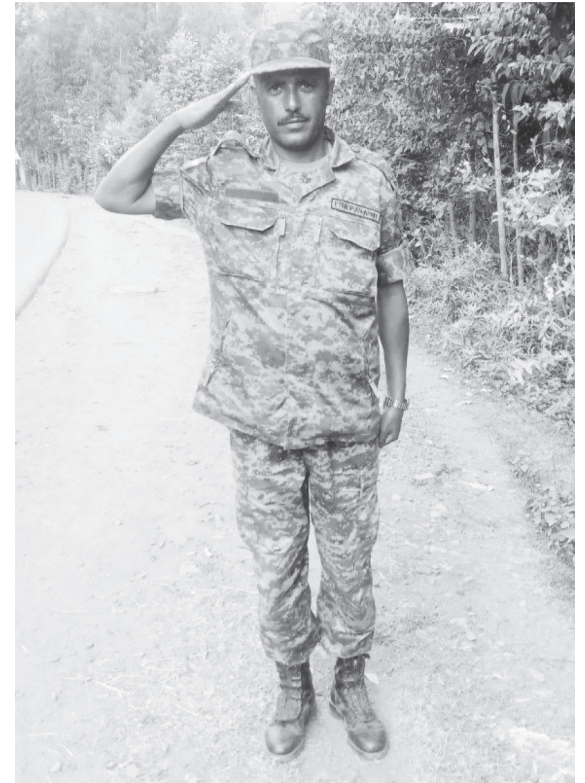
The Northern Command of ENDF has been stationed in the state for more than two and half decades in service and protection of the people.

However, the terrorist group members have no mercy even for their brothers and sisters who have been their best friends during difficult times.

More importantly, numerous members of the ENDF have formed strong ties with the people of Tigray in marriage following the long period of time service in the area.

However, in contrast to the willing of Tigray people, the terrorist group has operated at its maximum potential to massacre the army.

Accordingly, dozens of the esteemed



members of the ENDF were massacred and died from starvation after captivated by the devilish T-TPLF members.



## Activists commemorate T-TPLF's massacre on ENDF

BY ESSEYE MENGISTE

**ADDIS ABABA**-The barbaric act committed by the Terrorist TPLF against the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) will always be remembered as a crime of treason that will never be forgotten in the nation's history, said Activists and Journalist.

Accordingly, the activists lauded that "We will remember and honor Ethiopian soldiers who were massacred on Nov 3rd 2020 night. We honor the thousands who sacrificed their sweat blood and lives to defend the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our nation. We salute northern command."

Activist Sultan Ibrahim Abagissa tweeted that "All Ethiopians will never forget the betrayal and massacre of ENDF on November 3, 2020. ENDF soldiers were slaughtered in their sleep by TPLF. This day will go down in history as a never seen before betrayal."

"ENDF camps in AdiHagerai and AdiDaro, the former military bases of its Northern Command. This was where all the conflict began after TPLF forces slaughtered thousands of ENDF soldiers," he elaborated.

On his part, a renowned Ethiopian Political Activist Neamin Zeleke tweeted on November 03, 2020 that, "TPLF Ethiopia's former overlords slaughtered 1,000s of ENDF. The aim was to march to Addis and return to power. TPLF digital also started massive cyber war fare to dupe the international Community."

As to him, November 03, 2020 can be labeled as black November for Ethiopians.

"We will never forget the massacre of our unsuspecting soldiers by the T-TPLF warmongers in the Tigray state. Judgment day is coming soon," noted Journalist Silabat Manaye.

Meanwhile, Association for Peace and Unity in Ethiopia announced that Diasporas in the USA set to stage a rally protesting foreign interference and to commemorate the second anniversary of the massacre by the terrorist TPLF on the Northern Command of ENDF.

Accordingly, the organizers announced that the rally will take place today Thursday November 03, 2022 in Washington DC. Demonstrators are scheduled to start their rally at the U.S. State Department and head to the Capitol Hill.

## Remembering fallen heroes betrayed, backstabbed by T-TPLF

BY ABDUREZAK MOHAMMED

Members of the Northern Command of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF) spent Nov. 3, 2020, with farmers in harvesting crops the whole day in Tigray. It is to be recalled that the Northern command had been stationed in the Tigray State for over twenty years in service and protection of the people of Tigray from any external threats.

However, during the past few weeks before Nov. 3, 2020, the Terrorist TPLF was organizing irregular militias and arming them unconstitutionally. On 29 Oct. 2020, the T-TPLF rejected the federal government's appointment of new leadership for the ENDF's Northern Command. And, in the late hours of Nov. 3, 2020, the T-TPLF attacked the ENDF base located in Tigray and attempted to rob the Northern Command of artillery and military equipment.

The attack on the Northern Command had been premised on T-TPLF viewing the national army as a foreign army rather than an army that has been protecting the people of Tigray for over twenty years.

As everyone knows, despite T-TPLF's continued provocations and incitements for violence, the federal government had maintained a policy of patience and caution to avoid any harm. In addition to the Ethiopian government, the thug manufactured military uniforms similar to the Eritrean National Defense Forces to implicate the Eritrean government in false claims of aggression against the people of Tigray.

The Ethiopian government had used all means to avoid a military confrontation with the criminal group, but war cannot be prevented only on the goodwill and decision of one side. The T-TPLF crossed the red line by brutally attacking the Northern Command on Nov. 3, 2020.

Following the attacks, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who is also Commander-in-Chief of the ENDF ordered the army to carry out its mission, under the direction of a Command Post, to save the country and the region from spiraling into instability.

He also called upon all Ethiopians to remain calm, to be vigilant in the face of possible

harassment, and to stand by the ENDF in that critical time.

It was disclosed extrajudicial killings had occurred during the attacks. The T-TPLF identified and separated hundreds of unarmed non-ethnic-Tigrayan soldiers, tied their hands and feet together, massacred them in cold blood, and left their bodies lying in the open air. T-TPLF forces had also recorded themselves singing and dancing on the bodies of their victims.

The then ENDF's Indoctrination Director-General Lt. Gen. Mohammed Tessema also stated that over 1,000 senior commanders had been taken prisoner by T-TPLF forces on the evening of Nov. 3, 2020, after being invited to a dinner party by the criminal group.

A few days after the attack, the terrorist group officially admitted that it attacked the Northern Command of ENDF stationed in the State. Appeared on Television, T-TPLF's top official Sekoutoure Getachew confirmed the federal government's claim that T-TPLF forces sparked the conflict by attacking a military base.

"Should we be waiting for them to launch attacks first? Or take preemptive action to avert the looming war? Israel made surprise attacks against these forces [Arab countries] and demobilized the enemy troops to successfully defend itself," Sekoutoure said.

"It is a similar strategy that was used now. It was imperative to take a thunder-like strike. If these attacks were not taken, Tigray now would not be in its present situation," he added.

It is to be recalled that following the premeditated and surprise attack the Federal Government initiated a large-scale effective law enforcement operation in the State. By reorganizing itself after T-TPLF's attack, the army was able to control the entire Tigray in less than three weeks.

November 3, 2020, in which the ENDF was betrayed and backstabbed by the terrorist TPLF group, has become an unforgettable day for Ethiopians.

Today, the nation is going to pay homage to the members of the Northern Command of the ENDF who were sadistically massacred by the T-TPLF group on November 3, 2020.



## T-TPLF committed grave felony against Ethiopia: Political Activist

BY MESERET BEHAILU

**ADDIS ABABA** - A political activist stated that the entrenched sense of jealousy, irresponsible manner and self-centeredness had pushed the Terrorist TPLF to commit severe felony attacking the Northern Command Force stationed in Tigray.

Having a stay with International Media, the political activist Neamin Zeleke said that the belligerence of T-TPLF clique attacked the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) Northern Command with a view to triggering the war on November 3/ 2020.

As to him, the group has dominated 95 percent of total core offices especially the core places of the military, and

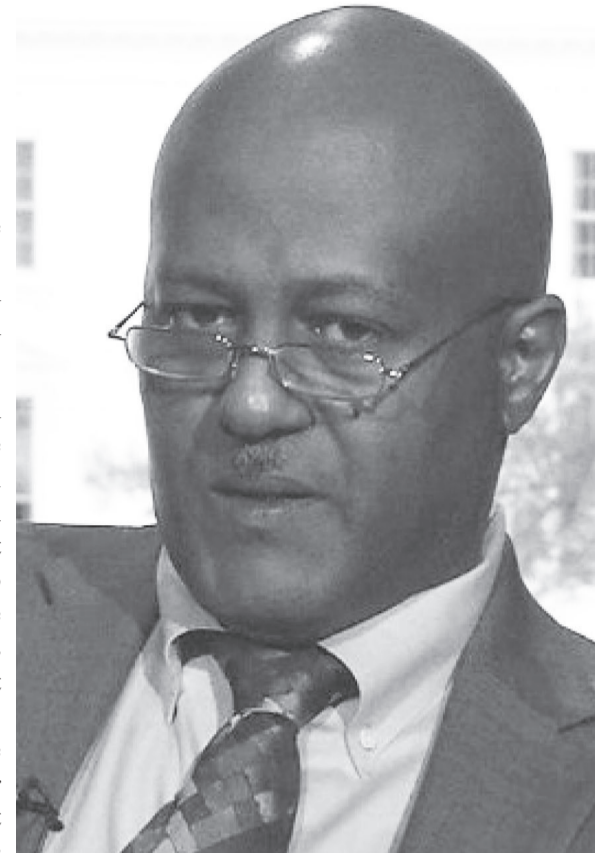
control the command communication among others, thus, the group made miscalculation by triggering war on the Northern Command Force. Neamin, moreover, said some western countries and their media have been working closely with T-TPLF to paralyze the Ethiopian military force aiming at dismantling the nation.

Similarly, over 80 percent of heavy weaponries including missiles and rocket were stationed in Tigray before the coming of the current reformist government. This could be taken as another means of the miscalculation of the terrorist group provoked war against its brothers and sisters on November 3, 2022, 2020.

He further stated that the rebel group

has deployed over 107,000 forces close to 200,000 forces including militias, especial forces, and others when attacked the Northern Command Force stationed in Mekelle.

“The T-TPLF particularly miscalculated situations and said, “If we capture the weapons of the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) deployed in Tigray, we’ll easily hit the set target and be winner in the war front. In so doing, they have exhibited that they are still at the 1991 mode of thought.” This is another devilish spirit and illicit act the group had run that time. However, the Ethiopian people have rejected the TPLF tyranny, and domination of power following its irresponsible and bankrupt rule for close to three decades,” he underlined.



Neamin Zeleke

### November 3, 2020 remind...

Talking to Ethiopian Press Agency (EPA), the Legal Expert and Lawyer Chernet Hordofa further said that the betrayal and the backstabbed on members of ENDF doesn’t have any synonymous incident in the world history.

“As African country, coup d’état is not news for Ethiopia. But, the attack of Nov 3 had been carried out by attacking the army that had been guarding Tigray state for quarter a century. So, the crime is more extreme than of coup d’état,” he stated.

“They have kidnaped and massacred ENDF members and controlled 80 percent of ENDF equipment within a night. The attack can be defined as typical ultimate taboo and legally impermissible act taken against a sovereign country,” Chernet said.

Quoting the Ethiopian criminal code, he also described that T-TPLF has committed

all types of heinous crimes that day.

Extreme crimes including crime against humanity, treason, violation of sovereignty of state, terrorism and all other types of crimes had been committed within one night, he noted.

Following the attack, T-TPLF has invited foreign foes to take advantages over the situation in a bid to its hidden mission on Ethiopia. Therefore, the attack was intended to destabilize the country though the ENDF has unprecedentedly repelled it. Besides, the attack is “beyond crime,” he said.

“Massacring civilian soldiers of own country is unusual and historically unforgettable. They had massacred members of the northern command and terrorized the whole people of Ethiopia. In any legal view, the attack is unthinkable and intolerable,” he remembered.

### ENDF to mark Nov. 3...

Briefing media yesterday on the commemoration, Ministry of Defense Public Relations Director Col. Getnet Adane, said that the Terrorist TPLF betrayed the country massacring ENDF’s Northern Command based in Tigray on November 3, 2020.

He pointed out that the terrorist group has proved its barbaric and treacherous nature time and again by betraying the nation and its people.

As to the Col. Getnet, the commemoration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the day is being observed today, 3 Nov. 2022 at the General Staff of ENDF and in all areas of the army’s bases throughout the country.

As to him, the aim of commemorating the day is to raise public awareness not to repeat the acts of treason and national destruction in the country.

Today is marking the second anniversary

of the terrorist TPLF’s unprovoked attack and barbaric massacre and slaughtering on the Ethiopian Defense Forces Northern Command.

It is to be recalled that terrorist TPLF made treasonous on Northern Command of Ethiopian National Defense Forces by attacking and doing untold crimes against the command situated in Tigray State.

“On November 3, 2020 T-TPLF officially plotted scheme for dismantling the nation, committed treason and showed anti-development and anti-people in the nation history,” he opined.

The devilish act of T-TPLF against ENDF has been quite strange in Ethiopia and even in the world as it has never occurred in the universe.

### AU-brokered Peace accord...

TPLF combatants.

The Government also reaffirmed commitment to immediately embarking on the rehabilitation and reconstruction of communities affected by the conflict.

“The Government is ready to work closely with international partners in this regard.” The Government will continue to diligently work to ensure accountability measure against alleged violations of human rights.

The African Union (AU) High Representative for the Horn of Africa, and former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria **H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo** said monitoring and supervision and verification would be carried out by the AU High Level Panel.

AU had been persistent in bringing about

peace, security and stability in Ethiopia, he said, adding that the signing of the agreement has proven the practicality of ‘African Solution to African Problems’.

The two-sides also read out the joint-statement of the Government of Ethiopia and the Tigray People’s Liberation Front.

Representing the Ethiopian Delegation Redwan Hussein mentioned the importance of being true to spirit of the agreement making clear that the people of Ethiopia demands peace and development.

“We reaffirmed our commitment to safeguard the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ethiopia into upholding the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. Ethiopia has only one - defense force. “

### T-TPLF committed unforgivable...

regime the Command protected and served for over twenty years.”

“The everyday sacrifices paid for us are not just digits that we take for granted; and most importantly, dying for one’s country is not a natural debt imposed solely on our ENDF; it’s a debt that we all must pay. Therefore, we must support ENDF and the forces lined up alongside them with all our knowledge, all our energy, and all our resources. Standing with ENDF is ensuring the survival of our country.”

He further said that ENDF is one of the most important institutions that hold a nation together, it is an institution that creates and shapes virtuous citizens, not just for times of war, but for all times.

Nation-building in Ethiopia is closely related to building a standing army, and Ethiopia had a strong national army until 1991. In 1991, the generationally built Ethiopian National Army was disbanded and replaced by guerrilla fighters, Ephrem added.

Over the last four years, the Ethiopian government has done an astounding job in rebuilding a merit-based professional army, an effort that every single Ethiopian must applaud and be part of the process. Millions have died for this imagined myth called Ethiopia to make sure that this myth passes on to generations.



# Opinion

## “We never forget”: Gruesome act of T-TPLF

BY LAKACHEW ATINAFU

The deep seated desire to dismantle strong East African country has been averted with solidarity and covalent bond among Ethiopians. It would not be appropriate for Africans to extenuate matters and stay hand folded for Lord Lugard's colonial policy of “divide and rule.”

Right after the breakneck reform and the emergence of clairvoyant leaders, the stubborn white led minority began to sire up complications in the Horn Region which is manifested in the pulling triggers against their shield the north command of Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF.)

November 3, 2020 appeared to be one of the gruesome historical incidents upon Ethiopian History while the cruelty of T-TPLF reached climax no matter the group was unable to get satisfies from atrocities and barbarism.

T-TPLF had laid foundation to fragmentation of Ethiopia some three decades back and served as a right hand to sustain neo-colonialism, abolish strong countries in Africa, particularly the Horn region. The group had done every evil to the amassed pro Ethiopian citizenry, tortured thousands concentrating power in a single hand under the guise of EPRDF to get political legitimacy.

Ever since the demise of Derg, T-TPLF members went on achieving their rapacious plan shouldering the interest of foreign elements that hate Ethiopia and

Ethiopianism. Eventually, they indulge in reputation and lunatic luxury. As time went by, new visionary young leaders join the arena of politics to gladiate such despotic groups from inside.

Applauding the new administration Eduardo Byrono in his face book address said that master of achievement is taking some time out. Nearly all abandoned, deserted and unfinished structures, buildings, roads, bridges so forth are now under construction around the city.

Addis Ababa is turning to something like a miracle. Abiy is working and motivates the nation to move ahead along with him. In the meantime, he doesn't need some type of sells person to go door to door and announce what he does. His action speaks louder.

This is not to be an elegy singer for Abiy as Eduardo puts forth, but in pieces and bites it showed us how lunatic groups are envy of the effort that the failed to do in their hey time.

The effort ushered popular uprising and resistance in almost all corridor of the country. Having feared the popular uprising T-TPLF have stationed in Tigray region the point of their inception.

Relaying on the foreign elements and the artillery looted from Ethiopia and, the group reiterates their hollow bravado as they are the ultimate designers of war. In doing so they deceived their people preaching the moon to come politics and they are absolute marshals of Africa.

To regain the federal power snatched away by popular uprising and public

resistance they ignite the conflict committing treasonous attack upon the north command mostly busy of helping the needy Tigrayans in participating in every endeavor of development.

The Day was November3, 2020 that the government launched counter attack to enforce law and sustain law and order. According to government's statement the day will be commemorated every year to mark the rarely occurred brutal incident in the planet of Earth.

The country will commemorate members of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF) who were brutally massacred by the Terrorist TPLF group in Ethiopia's Tigray.

Government Communication Service (GCS) stated that the nation is going to pay homage to the members of the Northern Command of the ENDF who were stationed in Tigray for more than two decades in service and protection of the people of Tigray from any threats, and sadistically massacred by the T-TPLF group on 3rd November 2020.

GCS State Minister Kebede Desisa noted that the day will be memorialized throughout the country under the theme: “We will never forget [that day]”.

According to the State Minister, the day will also be observed by all public and private institutions across the country to remember the atrocities committed by the terrorist group against the national army and honor the sacrifice that members of the army are paying for the sake of their country and the people. He added that

on that day (3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022) at 4:00 am local time, all Ethiopians, including students, drivers and members of the security forces, and others will also stand for one minute and show their solidarity with the ENDF.

Kebede further called on all Ethiopians to actively participate in the programs designed to remember T-TPLF's dreadful attack on the Northern Command of the army and honor members of the army who are sacrificing their precious lives to protect the sovereignty of their country.

According to political analysts and human right advocated paying all attention to the north might not be of paramount importance since the Horn region is very volatile and of geopolitics importance and the land mass of diversity.

Hence, along with commemorating the treasonous attack committed in north Ethiopia the state should also patronize the other quarters of the country and working towards to assure state of security.

While our attention is on the North, the plight of people residing in the others regions might get worse as there are mercenaries and proxy wars sponsored by TPLF and other external forces.

Nowadays, the government of Ethiopia has built strong army to defend the

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## Joint Statement between the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the Tigray Peoples' Liberation Front (TPLF)

- As per Article 3 of the Agreement for Lasting Peace and Permanent Cessation of Hostilities, the Representatives of the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the TPLF have agreed to announce to the people of Ethiopia and the rest of the world that after 10 days of intensive negotiations have concluded a peace agreement.
- We have agreed to permanently silence the guns and end the two years of conflict in northern Ethiopia.
- The conflict has brought a tragic degree of loss of lives and livelihoods and it is in the interest of the entire people of Ethiopia to leave this chapter of conflict behind and live in peace and harmony.
- It is fundamental that we reaffirmed our commitment to safeguarding the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ethiopia and to upholding the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. Thus, Ethiopia has only one national defense force. We have also agreed on a detailed program of disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration for the TPLF combatants, taking into account the security situation on the ground.
- We have agreed that the Government of Ethiopia will further enhance its collaboration with humanitarian agencies to continue expediting aid to all those in need of assistance.
- We have agreed to implement transitional measures that include the restoration of Constitutional order in the Tigray region, a framework for the settlement of political differences, and a Transitional Justice Policy framework to ensure accountability, truth, reconciliation, and healing.
- To start implementing these undertakings without delay, we have agreed to stop all forms of conflicts, and hostile propaganda. We will only make statements that support the expeditious implementation of the Agreement. We urge Ethiopians in the country and abroad, to support this Agreement, stop voices of division and hate, and mobilize their resources for economic recovery and rehabilitation of social bonds.
- The Government of Ethiopia will continue the efforts to restore public services and rebuild the infrastructures of all communities affected by the conflict. Students must go to school, farmers, and pastoralists to their fields, and public servants to their offices. The Agreement requires the support of the public for its smooth implementation. This is a new and hopeful chapter in the history of the country.
- We express our gratitude to all actors contributing to the success of this endeavor. In particular, the African Union Commission Chairperson, the African High-Level Panel led by His Excellency former President Olusegun Obasanjo, supported by His Excellency former President Uhuru Kenyatta, and Her Excellency Dr. Phumuzile Mlambo, former Deputy President of the Republic of South Africa. We thank the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, His Excellency Mr. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Commissioner Bankole Adeoye and his colleagues for their tireless work during these talks. We rely on their continued support as we implement the Agreement.
- We thank His Excellency President Cyril Ramaphosa, the President of the Republic of South Africa, and Her Excellency Dr. Naledi Pandor, the Minister for the Department of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa for the excellent facilities they put at the disposal of these talks and their words of encouragement to the parties towards these successful results. We are indebted for the hospitality accorded to us by the People and Government of the Republic of South Africa.
- We are grateful to the people of Ethiopia for encouraging these talks and patiently waiting for the outcome. We are confident that they will embrace the results of these talks and ensure their timely implementation.
- Finally, we are confident that friends of Ethiopia and members of the diplomatic community will lend their support in rebuilding infrastructures in affected communities and the economic recovery of the country. We call on all types of media outlets to support peace, reconciliation, unity, and prosperity in Ethiopia.

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## Editorial

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### November 3, 2020 attack: Unforgettable, unforgiveable treason!

Two years ago, the terrorist group T-TPLF launched its tragic attack against the Northern Command of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF) in the guise of darkness. It deployed its forces to the base of the Commands and brutally murdered many of the soldiers. The remaining was humiliated and tortured. It then robbed the armaments and other facilities of the command to launch further attacks against the country. This can be recalled in history as one of the worst forms of treason against one's defense forces.

The Northern command is entitled to protect the country from the threats. It has been discharging its responsibility properly for decades. The command further extended community and social support services to the nearby people by pooling money from its staff and deducting from its budget, ration and benefits packages.

But the T-TPLF never acknowledges such goodwill and philanthropy to thrive and survive in a community. They ignored all the discipline and respect of the army and launched a barbaric assault. It would not be an exaggeration to argue that this level of treason has never happened in history and is even unlikely to happen in the future. It is the most intolerable crime by any government in any country on the planet. Consequently, the federal government, which devoted all its time and resources to peace and development, was hand twisted to take law enforcement measures against the treasonous group. With some instances of back and forth the law enforcement measure has inflicted a lot of worthwhile impacts against the terrorist group.

Amazingly enough, what came to light following the terrorist group's 3 November 2020 attack is that the whole course of the war is an orchestrated campaign by the western forces and their Trojan horse T-TPLF. The western forces have learned the hardest way that they will never succeed if they directly confront or engage in war with the people of Ethiopia. They have repeatedly proven the futility of such an attempt when they tried to invade the country and impose their rules or their interest at different times in history. Now the other option they have is to ride their 27 years of Trojan horse, the T-TPLF. This tyrant group has served their interest throughout the years until it was ousted through a popular riot in 2018.

It would not come as a surprise if these forces leave no stone unturned to resuscitate this defunct regime through any means possible. It did not take long for the evidence to be so vivid that the infamous 3 November attack is not a mere accident or spontaneous one. It is enough to recall the various media reports of the western countries about the possible perpetration of genocide, war crimes ... etc if war breaks out in Tigray. They propagated such news and reports as if they feel concerned or responsible for the safety and rights of the people of Tigray.

When their Trojan horse, T-TPLF felt that it was time for action, it kicked off the

operation by triggering a war against the Northern Command of the ENDF on 3 November 2020.

The western backers were also quick enough to spread their news of disinformation, defamation and incrimination against the Ethiopian government and the defence forces. They were busy disseminating fake reports about the perpetration of genocide, mass murder, rape ... etc without even making sure that the ENDF has yet paddled on the lands they mention.

On the same day a year later, i.e 3 November 2021 when the T-TPLF soldiers invaded towns in Afar and Amhara states the same old media started to spread their disinformation. For instance one of their reports had posed a picture of T-TPLF soldiers roaming around Axum town to support their fake news that their Trojan horse has surrounded Addis Ababa.

All those barrages of disinformation campaigns were geared towards disintegrating the country, which they failed to capture or impose their interest on, through the hands of the treasonous group whose longtime dream is to establish its daydream "empire of Great Tigray at the grave yard of Ethiopia".

Unfortunately for them, their orchestrated campaign was foiled by the concerted efforts of the committed people of Ethiopia both at home and abroad. They have heroically defended their nation against the plots of the enemy.

Their provocation has rather yielded a stronger unity and determination of the people to work for the growth and prosperity of their country. As a result, the people both at home and abroad have worked hard to pool their resources and knowledge for the development and self-reliance of the country which will ultimately put the country on a more solid foundation to fend off any foreign or domestic threat.

For instance, the country has scored better development outcomes in the last three to four years than in the preceding 27 years. This is because the government worked with utmost determination to implement genuine and achievable development policies and programs. Unlike what T-TPLF has been applying in the 27 years to please its backers the government has designed and applied a homegrown economic policy that employs the natural resource, a rich labor force and capacity. This is tailored towards liberating the economy from dependence on foreign powers.

Accordingly, the country is achieving success in the construction of electric power plants, wheat production, tourist attraction sites, space science and fintech, among others.

Hence, T-TPLF and its enablers have to go desperate sooner than later on their evil designs against the nation, quit their treachery and embrace peace. All efforts opposed to this fact are doomed to fail now and forever.

## Opinion

### Liberation from the fake liberator T-TPLF

BY ZEKARIAS WOLDEMARIAM

The people of Tigray have been an integral part of the whole history, politics and culture of Ethiopia. Since ancient times they have contributed their knowledge, skills and assets that are still vital components of the historical heritage of present-day Ethiopia.

The people and rulers from Tigray in various centuries and decades have also paid a lot of sacrifice in building a strong nation, Ethiopia. The strong bond between the whole people of Ethiopia in terms of language culture and religion has its roots in the strong culture of the people of Tigray in religious and cultural tolerance as well as working together to defend the nation from the enemy, developing a countries economy, collaborating at times of adversity.

It is difficult to imagine that such a good and constructive culture of the people would be snatched by a certain ethnocentric and terrorist group called TPLF. Since its formation, the group had cherished a political agenda that is completely against the age-old culture of the people.

How woefully these people fell into the trap of the terrorist group is an astonishing historical development.

As the group itself claims its origin is in the jungles of Tigray specifically known as Dedebit. Nine to eleven of them kindled their lunatic agenda of waging bloody, the terrorist war against the government, disintegrating the unity of the country and establishing the utopic nation "Great Tigray". After gathering a few followers,

they adopted the ridiculous name Tigray Peoples Liberation Front (TPLF).

As a matter of ignorance, the origins and the followers carried this misguided name for almost half a century. In the same way as its name, it led the followers and the innocent people through a wrong path to decades of mayhem. All of them should have stopped and thought twice about who they are liberating and from whom?

As mentioned above and as it is well known the people of Tigray have been an integral part of Ethiopia throughout their history. Liberating them from Ethiopia is such a meaningless motive that the people would even laugh at it.

Of course, by the time the group started to wage war the country was bounded by the challenges of various resistance movements in various corners. The resistance movements' quest, just like what happens elsewhere in the world was ensuring democracy, good governance and human rights, among others. Their quest is a legitimate one as the regime ruling the country at that moment was a military government, the Derg which excised stiff control of dissent as it had to stabilize the country which is just coming out of the century's old monarchic rule. In addition, it has to overcome the external pressure of the time as the world was divided into the east and west bloc.

Regardless of the way the regime handled the various quests, such questions are usually solved through political means. As

is the case, the Derg regime was overthrown in May 1991. This gave the terrorist group to continue its mischievous way of handling power. It deceived the various political groups to come together with the pretext of forming a democratic government.

However, the group used all the power in its hand to dissolve and disband all these groups and put their legitimate cause and their political quest in its repressive chokehold. Eventually, it turned itself into an even worse system that Ethiopians have never passed through. As a result, many people across the nation were forced into exile or ended up in prison for raising human rights and governance issues.

On top of what has happened to all Ethiopians, the people of Tigray have faced the worst magnitude of repression and suffered a lot under the terrorist group. First and foremost they were forced to be emotionally segregated from the rest of the country. For the last five decades, the people were told that the rest of the Ethiopians as enemies who want to destroy or persecute Tigrayans. In this way, they tried to alienate Tigrayans and keep them loyal to their throne.

The people of Tigray specifically and the people of Ethiopia, in general, are living witnesses that the so-called liberation front is rather a fake, terrorist group that survives only serving as a Trojan horse to external forces. It was able to breathe with the lungs of its external backers and extend its despotic rule over Ethiopia for 27 years.

When all these happened the people of Tigray never obtained in any way from the tyranny that the terrorist group put in place in the country. They were rather denied their rights and liberty to foster their fraternal relations with the rest of the people who were portrayed to them as monsters.

Even worse, the group has plunged the people into an earthly hell through the war it stirred against the federal government two years ago. By hiding in the course of the way as a blanket the group has caused a lot of damage to schools, hospitals, electric, water and telecom infrastructure as well as other important facilities. It has robbed banks, relief warehouses and medical supplies that were of vital importance to the people.

Through all these, the irresponsible and reckless terrorist group has thrown the people into a quagmire of misery that they never deserve. The group is still deceiving the people to think that it stands for their rights and benefits as well as freedom. Therefore, the people have to take this time as an opportune moment to see the demise of the group once and for all. It is only with the burial of this fake and treasonous group that they can enjoy peace, fraternity and prosperity with the entire people of Ethiopia.

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## “We never forget” T-TPLF’s unprecedented assault, its reciprocal devastation on economy

BY ABEBE WOLDEGIORGIS

Exactly two years ago today, on 3 November, 2020, the now fugitive TPLF forces made an provoked attack on the northern command of Ethiopian National Defense Force in the mid night while the army members were at rest in their barracks returned from preventing locust invaded farmers’ crops.

When bullet fire was on going, soldiers and their innocent family members were killed. T-TPLF forces also atrociously murdered the captives by running trucks over them. Raped women and cut their breast in their devilish acts and all grievance committed by the terrorist combatants still vividly remembered.

The murderers while laying the bodies of soldiers made festive and danced around and such barbaric act revealed the group’s sycophant mental state.

When it was stationed in Tigray region, for more than two plus decades, the Ethiopian defense force in addition to protecting the territory from foreign aggression, it helped farmers by paroviding labor to harvest crops, contributed money to support orphans and the downtrodden segment of the society to cover their education cost. It constructed roads, bridges, schools and other infrastructures.

But T-TPLF’s response to such philanthropic activities was devilish. After reorganizing itself the defense force launched an offence and recaptured many areas occupied by the junta with in two weeks and while retreating, the junta demolished the Axum international airport located in the historical town of Axum which was constructed by the federal government with the cost of billions of Birr.

Later, the Ethiopian army advanced its law enforcement operation and bitten heavily the junta forces and retaken Mekele, the capital of Tigray region.

Right after that, the federal government established new civilian interim administration and allocated 3 billion Birr for the reconstruction of the demolished infrastructure but the junta began to ambush the army and continued its atrocity by killing the members of the civilian administration. Eight months later, the government forces, for the sake of peace and to let farmers to do their farming activities smoothly, left the region declaring unilateral humanitarian ceasefire. Perceiving such positive measure as cowardice act, the junta ignited the second round war on the northern regions of the country including Amhara and Afar regions.

In its invasion, it demolished infrastructures such as electric lines, Tele-com installations, roads, bridges, universities, schools, hospitals, health centers, hotels, banks, factories, small scale manufacturing, residential houses, bee hives, mills etc. It looted money from banks and individuals, killed domestic animals and took some of them as booty.



T-TPLF destroyed 832 schools in North Wollo, in the regional state of Amhara

Until it reached to Tarma Ber of Northern Showa it committed unspeakable crimes against humanity.

Due to the war, millions of innocent civilians were displaced from their residential villages; universities and schools were destroyed and millions of students interrupted their education and hundreds of thousands of teachers and colleges instructors left out of jobs. According to a report from the Ministry of Education, about 3 billion Dollars is needs to reconstruct the ruined institutions.

The tourism industry was totally collapsed. As a result, thousands of people who earn their living from the sector became unemployed. Other self-employed job activities also halted in the invaded regions.

Right after the provocative war ignited by the T-TPLF, various economic sectors were affected first in the Tigray region and then the rest parts of the war zones.

The manufacturing, service and agriculture sectors owned by both the public and private sector had been crippled and many workers joined the unemployed army. The supply of raw materials to industries and their output to consumers had been disrupted that resulted in market distortion. Service sectors such as hotels and other amusement enterprises gave up their service provision due to lack of inputs and security issues.

The closing down of both public and private banks also affected the money supply to the market and strained transaction of goods and services. Banks also failed to recollect the money they lent to customers in the form of loan which in turn left them in financial crises and they are still unaudited.

Customers also were unable to deposit and withdraw their money for their day to day business activities. As it is known, in Tigray region, significant segment of the society used to survive by the money sent from their relatives resided in abroad. The money comes here in the form of remittance has significant value for the nation’s garnering hard currency and all these activities were halted due to war and ultimately left the

beneficiary pauperized.

The closure of banks also indirectly gave way the emergence of money laundering for criminal activities. Millions of local and foreign currencies smuggled to Tigray which comes from the central part of the country captured at check points of northern Wollo and Afar region by the federal police and members of the defense force.

According to the report of federal authority, only form Tigray region, the government lost billions of Birr that would have been collected in the form of revenue due to the outbreak of the war.

The mining products extracted from the region which play pivotal role as a source of foreign currency earnings also closed which in turn brought the deterrent effect on the export sector.

The interruption of air transport from and to Mekele also affected the sector and the mobility of people and commodity remained stranded. It also recessed the airlines business.

Farmers also were unable to plow their farm due to lack of inputs such as fertilizer, herb and pesticides and selected seeds. As a result, the farming activities in the rainy seasons were totally crippled and ultimately posed shortage of food.

Power installations also were not immune from attack. The Tekeze hydropower dam located in the southern tip of Tigray region was the first affected plant due to the war and the incident posed power interruption in the region.

Road transportation from the Amhara and Afar regions to Tigray was crippled that procreated shortage of commodity supply which resulted in aggravated inflation.

In a similar manner the economic activities both in Amhara and Afar regions were staggeringly crippled. All the economic sectors such as manufacturing, service and agriculture were critically affected. The dry port located in Kombolcha town and the textile industry was left to the verge of their collapse due to looting committed by the junta until their recovery later.

The displacement of farmers from their residential areas left the farm unplowed. Some of the cultivated crops which were eying their harvest were looted and burned by junta forces. As it is known the region where the war was ignited was the most pauperized and significant number of the population still survived by foreign hand outs in the safety net program. Hence, the outbreak of the war made the areas unreachable for aid distribution so that their livelihood became appalling.

While it was in power at the center for 27 years until it was removed by public movement, T-TPLF regime was characterized by the absence of rule of law, arbitrary arrest, extra judicial killing, looting and rampant corruption.

According to the Transparency International declassified report, while the junta was in power for two decades and half, Ethiopia lost 30 billion Dollars via illicit trade. The apartments and real estate constructed and owned by the junta here in the capital testifies that how the nation’s resource was abused by the junta and its affiliated business tycoons. Now, the money deposited in foreign banks is serving the junta for spreading propaganda regarding the war and maintaining clandestine activities here.

It had no tolerance for entertaining decent ideas. As a result, journalists and opposition party members stayed in jails for years. The fake federal structure of governance imposed by the junta only served to prolong its power tenure. People were marginalized from the political, social and economic affairs of the nation and everything was decided by the core party officials.

Forty years ago, when T-TPLF was guerilla fighter, it waged war not simply to topple the government but to block the nation’s historical nation building project. Article 39 inserted in the constitution which open the way for dismemberment of the nation testifies its satanic dream. It perceives Ethiopia as a country where various ethnic groups are fighting each other for scrambling of resource.

It pursued a divisive politics and put yes men in the all political structure only to advance self- centered economic policy to advance plunder and repatriate the nation’s wealth to abroad. It had never showed sympathy to its fellow citizens in terms of political wellbeing rather it served 100 percent foreign interest. It was the preferred political entity for westerners because it opened the door to foreigners to loot the country’s wealth and execute their policy in the horn. That is why currently some of the country’s historical enemies striving to rescue TPLF from its historic death under the guise of peace talks.

The government always unequivocally announced that there is nothing above the nation territorial integrity and exerting its energy for the nation continuity. And for these lofty ideas citizens should stand together.

# Being a soldier is a noble profession

(Selflessly upholding and protecting sovereignty, territorial integrity)

**Book Review: By Alem Hailu G/Kristos**

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In her opening poem *Gezot (Exile)* Major/Journalist/Author-Poet Woyinhareg Bekele notes that even if the slavish is unchained to let himself free he mongers to servitude tied down by vengeance. In bad shape and from force of habit, he is unable to unshackle himself from hatred.

Presumably in this poem she lambasts members of the terrorist-dabbed TPLF and Ogeg Shene engaged in killing spree of innocent civilians. Even if given a chance to mend their evil bent they had pressed ahead with their evil agenda to the extent of being dubbed terrorists by the parliament. The two extremist wings spliced in marriage do so obsessed by the secessionist and divisive agendas of opportunist westerners exhibiting revolting lust to colonize the mind of Africans creating and fomenting antipathy along ethnic and religious lines.

In her descriptive poem *Lanchiw new (It is just for you)* the poet narrates the priceless sacrifices a soldier pays for the furtherance of his nation. In word pictures the poet draws attention to how a soldier divorced from sleep see to the tranquility of his nation. When a soldier standstill he may face a grill underneath and when he gazes up he suffers a scorching sun bearing down on him not to mention the razor-sharp and bone-chilling cold that awaits him late at night.

Passing through the roller-coaster of the aforementioned feelings, a soldier never forgets to put his nation in the cherished corner of his heart. When he is martyred killing enemies it is with pining eyes his gazes at his beloved flag that hovers high.

Trekking rocky roads punctuated by twigs he has to jump from one cliff to another, while at the corner a roaring river to cross or a rolling mountain to climb waits in lay for him.

Consummating the acid-test nature poses on him with success, lighting the darkness, palisading borders with his bones and watering the flag with his blood, a soldier is one who is pursuing monasticism for the wellbeing of his country estranged from his parents, siblings and children.

When seen through the prism of impartiality, nation's sovereignty bears soldiers' footprint, sweat and blood, the poet relates, adding, true to his oath, a soldier effectively sees to his entrusted-duties.



In her short poem *Nigerwat (Tell her)* the poet encapsulates a deceased soldier's behest. He asks the living to tell motherland a soldier's best wish of wellbeing for her lingers even after he crossed the river of death.

In the poem *Kekedahegn Kehedet Yilek (Worse than your betrayal)* using a woman soldier as a persona the poet exposes a tainted trust by a fellow soldier with whom she exchanged romantic feelings far from parochialism at moments they got a relief from the arduous condition characterizing a military life.

In the aforementioned poem the poet relates about a woman soldier deployed in the northern command from where a soldier she befriended hailed. Unencumbered by language they were enjoying a romantic bliss. She was paying a visit to his mother's home. Oneness was permeating the air. Yet making a 180 degree turn this love partner of hers partook in the stab in the back the terrorist TPLF carried out against Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF's) northern Command.

What the persona found incomprehensible is not the betrayal of a love partner but how a soldier commits a treason attacking fellow border-defenders off guard? Worse still, how he denies them a proper burial exposing their bodies to vultures. "How failed I to unmask you then?" she introspects.

In another poem *Hager Setugen (Give me a country)* she mocks the narrow-minded that uphold parochialisms which aims at sizing down a nation to abodes as narrow as their outlook. With a figurative speech she tells them that as a yolk is nothing out of its shell she is like a fish out of its elements without Ethiopia (motherland). "If you have a dreg of national sentiment, give to me Ma Ethiopia so that my body lies to rest on her black soil," she rebukes such guys.

Unless one turns God-bestowed or nurtured talent to practical use it is nothing different from burying an asset, she notes so in her poem *Web Ejoche (Superb hands)* alluding to the biblical preaching about talent. Here she notes the significance of coming up with a brainchild—book— like I'm a soldier's

daughter.

Apart from the global peace keeping missions, zeroing in on discussions and deploying soldiers, peace brokers better consult mother earth about what(the landmines) it carries in its belly, the poet advises in her poem entitled *Selamn Felega (The pursuit of peace)*.

In another poem *Fikre Yizogn Enji (It is for love of labor/had it not been for love)* she portrays how a soldier pays selfless sacrifice not returning back home even on holidays.

Many are those who want to be friends or endear themselves when one is not short of money but a true friend is one who is there when one is in need. There is also a saying your friend is your fulfilled wish. Author-poet Woyinhareg puts a spotlight on this fact drawing attention to how soldiers in a battlefield compassionately exchange a cup of water. She portrays how a soldier hauls a wounded soldier to safety and a dead one to a proper burial ground. This poem entitled *Yameral (It is beautiful)* foregrounds friendship against the backdrop of a military life.

In her poem *Yewetader Lej Nagne (I'm a soldier's daughter (child))* the poet indicates that before her eyes her father appears as her country, while her country as her soul. That is why she feels an excruciating pain when she hears her country has encountered harm. Reverting back to her childhood, she notes how she began to twist her tongue uttering the sweet word Ethiopia and how she is imbued with a national feeling from early childhood. "Ethiopia is no joking matter to me," she notes.

As the author-poet indicated in the preface of "I'm a soldier's daughter"

"...as a soldier's daughter whose father was heroically martyred at Kara Mara during the Ethio-Somalia war and as such a half-orphan brought up by a single mother who had to work her fingers to the bone undaunted by all odds," Major Woyinhareg knows soldiers life inside out.

Later upon joining the Ethiopian National Defense Force inspired by her father's

valorous deed, she has a firsthand knowledge about a soldier's life and that of his wife and children. These experiences and intimate knowledge have afforded her to come up with a book that proffers a peck to readers regarding the life of army members. She uncovers a life strange to many. The bitter sweet expression that a soldier's daughter does not expect her dad at her wedding and graduation but she will be consoled by the flag decorating the room is so expressive of the case in point.

As commented on the Blurb by Dr. Commander Demelash Kassaye the book conveys key messages in an entertaining and sometimes ironic manner. The book whose themes are drawn from practical experience shows the role of a soldier is unmatched for the furtherance of a great nation like Ethiopia.

The themes of most of the poems 'being a soldier is a most important and significant task' is not only timely for Ethiopia, beset by challenges, but it is also of a universal one.

The major segment of her poems are crafted in art for life's sake style—conveying messages such as national feeling and soldier's life— while a few are shaped in art for art sake— like reading love from a timid lover's eyes and motherhood. "As my mother still carries me in her mind—worries about me— I am not yet born as a fetus carried in a mother's womb," the poet says. This fact has become all the more apparent to her upon giving birth herself.

Another poem *Altegenagnetom (Disconnected)* reveals a spouse's secret. Though their fingers are tied one by a ring their words are discordant.

The rhythm and rhyme of her poems with picturesque words renders her poems appealing to the ear. Allusion in page 13 on (Take super hands about talents; Mathewes 25:14-30) parallelism (Had it not been page 14) and simile (I'm just like a yolk, page 11), among others, are the palatable garnishes to the poetic dish she arrayed. She is capable of writing poems of different lengths and styles. Obviously, with the passage of time, practice and reading she could take her talent to yet another height.

Once more from her short stories I have noticed her ability of penning stories packed with social messages—a soldier's life, love with a soldier before whose devotions come duty to the nation, keeping promises even if pushed to the end of one's patience, perseverance and mental health.

From the way she crafted the setting, used characterization, employed ample dialogue, adopted flash backs to defamiliarize plot, created conflicts with resolution it is clear that she knows well how to make her stories immersive.

Her book reminded me of the literary pieces of Maxim Gorky the figure head of socialist realism.

I bow out recommending her to read his book and you her book.



## We will never forget what happened on November 3, 2020

BY FITSUM GETACHEW

November 3rd 2020 will live forever in our mind, in our memory. Every Ethiopian will feel deep sorrow and grief remembering what has happened on that cursed day, that dark day. 'Tikimt 24, 2013' according to the Ethiopian calendar is the day that treason and back stabbing was committed against the Ethiopian National Defense Forces, Northern Command stationed in Tigray by the terrorist Tigray People Liberation Front, TPLF. It was a day on which thousands of our heroic defense force members including high ranking officials were brutally massacred by the terrorist group forgetting all the great favours that the Northern Command members did to the local people during their more than two decade stay there.

With this gesture T-TPLF once again proved to the world what kind of brutal and fascist organization it is, unlike what it has been preaching during all the years since its foundation about five decades ago. It showed its true face of betrayal and ruthlessness to reach whatever objective it has in mind.

This particular act unlike all others for which it has gained notoriety was intended to break the heart of Ethiopians and reduce the country to small pieces. Destroying the Northern Command which was the back bone of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces was intended to make the country kneel down and submit to any alien attack. No wonder the leaders of T-TPLF have no sympathy neither for their own people, as we know how they forced their own constituency to bow down to their plans and policies, and of course to Ethiopia which seems to hurt their feelings even to hear the name.

The hidden manifesto that was discovered showed that their primary objective is to dismember Ethiopia into several small pieces and then found a 'grand Tigray republic' with the TPLF at the helm. The fact that they were the chief political force in Ethiopia during the years 1991 and 2018 was almost something they did not anticipate and what they always wanted and fought for was the formation of a separate state in the north part of Ethiopia detached from the country.

The atrocious attack that T-TPLF carried out treasonously against its comrades in arms, against those who lived with

them for years and stood by their side in hard times and helped them harvest the crops when it was necessary or plant tree seedlings to contribute to the greenery of the regional state and build schools when man power was needed and the members of the Northern Command were always ready and willing to take part in any social services that were of use to the community in which they lived. And yet all this was forgotten or did not count to the brutal leaders of the terrorist TPLF leaders.

Such a heinous crime committed by compatriots against the force that has been stationed there for the protection and security of the regional state and the entire country as a whole is unheard in the history of Ethiopia. There is no evidence of its existence even in other countries outside Ethiopia. It remains a unique occurrence and is of course a shameful act for any Ethiopian to even imagine it, let alone accept it as true. There are records of cruelty and ruthlessness in the long history of T-TPLF but not one that matches this particularly heinous act, particularly in its extent and magnitude, and in its ferocity.

On that sad day Ethiopians were informed about the treacherous attack of T-TPLF forces conducted against the Northern Command of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces by no one else but the commander in chief of the federal armed forces and Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed in a nationally televised announcement. He appeared on TV with a grim face and all his sadness and fury was visible in his face while declaring that a treacherous act had taken place against on the armed forces. He described at length how heinous the attack was and how much damage it had incurred on the national forces. He also mentioned how prepared the attack was and that it was carried out on dozens of posts where there was the federal armed forces stationed in Tigray and later on was to expand its attack deep in to the southern part of Tigray the adjacent regions of Amhara and Afar.

The premier's expression was enough to understand how sad he was and how disgusted he was when he described the TPLF with the expression of 'a baby who bites the breast of his mother who has been feeding it'. He then outlined briefly how shameful such an act could be by any proportion and how mentally deranged these leaders of TPLF could be

to engage in such an act.

Thousands of the members of the Northern Command were massacred while they were asleep and disarmed and were absolutely defenseless. They were given no chance to defend themselves. Hence the manner in which these soldiers were killed has never been heard of in the history of Ethiopia. They were subjected to the most disgraceful and disgusting type of attack with some even run down by heavy duty tracks. Those whom they did not manage to kill were stripped of their uniforms and let to go naked and some of these did cross to the northern border trying to avoid being massacred like sheep.

The premier then immediately assured to the nation that there were no chances that TPLF would win against a glorious country such as Ethiopia despite its heinous attacks and massacres, despite the losses. They could kill people in their sleep and try to advance to the south but the federal forces have every means to counter this heinous attack and eventually overcome TPLF, he noted. Ethiopian defense forces are resolute to immediately launch a counter attack and everything was ready and planned to launch that the premier said in his capacity as the commander in chief of the armed forces. He also said a special command was already formed to neutralize the assault and that Ethiopians need not have any doubts or worries about the success of the operation due to be launched immediately. He added Ethiopia was destined to win this war because it is on the right side. He noted the TPLF act was not only brutal, heinous and disgraceful but also a big dark spot on the history of Ethiopia.

By carrying out such a massive attack against the Ethiopian national defense forces, the country's defense was also exposed to any potential enemy which might have been waiting for the opportune moment to carry out attacks. It was in this sense a totally irresponsible act besides being treacherous. But the premier assured a totally taken aback audience that appropriate counterattacks would soon be launched and TPLF would be neutralized.

When we remember what happened two years ago, what has surprised many was probably the way the international media treated this news item. Most of the news coverage was an echo of what

the T-TPLF media was broadcasting and Ethiopia's side was forgotten, deliberately undermined. Even after several months and things were clearer, there was no willingness on the part of many international western media to admit that the attack was perpetrated by T-TPLF, a party that was disappointed to have lost power and tried to recover it using force against the federal forces.

Many so called western analysts were heard prophesying that in the end the cause of T-TPLF was right and that they were destined to win because they had everything it would take to do it. Some were even saying that the attack at the northern command was legitimate because the federal forces were about to attack them and that it was 'a pre-emptive attack' echoing what the T-TPLF propagandists were reiterating day and night.

In two years the war is still not over and T-TPLF achieved nothing but deaths and destruction to what it calls its constituency and deaths and destruction to Ethiopia as a whole. T-TPLF has no regard to human life and destruction and there is no way it can claim it fights for the people. In the end it is clear that T-TPLF is a clique of antiquated demagogues who still believe they can live by the rules of half a century ago forgetting that the world has completely changed. The people of Tigray have not been benefiting from the rule of T-TPLF and about thirty years of rule of the country and even more of the regional state, there are still millions embraced in the safety net programs of donors while the leaders and their families are owners of huge companies and economic empires not only in Ethiopia but also abroad. The children of the leaders of T-TPLF are all either in Europe or the US following their education in the best schools but the poor peasants of Tigray are used as cannon fodder in the various war efforts the T-TPLF leaders launch.

Hence, Ethiopians will never forget November 3rd 2020 for a good reason. The patriots that sacrificed their lives on that day and all those that subsequently took part in the various military missions carried out in and around Tigray will always be remembered as heroes of the country. They definitely have not sacrificed their lives in vain. Ethiopians at large will pay their respects for all those patriots and the day will remain as one of the historic dates of the country's history.



# Criminal TPLF's treasonous attack on Northern Command, the beginning of hoax 'Tigray Genocide'

BY ADDISALEM MULAT

In the early hours of November 3, 2020, the terrorist Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) treacherously and mercilessly attacked the Ethiopian National Defense Forces Base located in the Tigray region and attempted to rob the northern command of artillery and military equipment.

The Northern Command was stationed in the Tigray region for more than two decades in service and protection of the people of Tigray from any threats. Prior to the treasonous attack, T-TPLF had been arming and organizing irregular militias outside of the constitutionally mandated structure.

The attack on the Northern Command initiated on evil thought of viewing the Ethiopian National Defense Forces as a foreign army rather than an army that was protecting the people of Tigray for over two decades.

In fact, months before the unprovoked attack, the federal government had implemented a policy of extreme patience and caution to avoid any harm that despite the terrorist group's incessant provocations and incitements to violence of the TPLF.

The outlawed organization had also been persistently playing a part in manufacturing military outfits of Eritrean soldiers through Alemeda Private limited company to associate the government of Eritrea in fraudulent allegations of belligerence against the people of Tigray and mislead international community.

The attack was cruel that it was against an army that had been in the Tigray State for over two decades guarding the people of Tigray against external threats. The criminal organization has been leaving no stone unturned to come to power from organizing irregular military by breaching the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to plundering the Northern Command military apparatus.

While the Federal government used all means to thwart a military engagement against the T-TPLF, a war however cannot be prevented only on the goodwill and decision of one side, but on the mutual choice for peace by both parties. The last red line was crossed with attacks and the federal government was therefore forced into a military confrontation.

The Ethiopian National Defense Forces, under the direction of a Command Post, was ordered to carry out their mission to save the country and the region from spiraling into instability.

In fact, during the time, T-TPLF officially admitted that it attacked the Northern Command of the Ethiopian National Defense Force in the Tigray Region.

In its statement issued during TPLF's attack on the army, the Ethiopia State of Emergency Fact Check said if there was any iota of doubt left on the malicious attack perpetrated by T-TPLF on our National Defense Forces, reading the English transcript of T-TPLF's confession on the attack would clear the doubt.

Similarly, Aljazeera reported recently that the top official of the T-TPLF, Sekutire Getachew,

has confirmed the federal government's claim that T-TPLF forces sparked the conflict by attacking a military base.

In the English transcript of the video the Ethiopia State of Emergency Fact Check released, the top T-TPLF official said "A small nation like Israel, surrounded by big Arab nations like Egypt who were being prepared to launch attacks against it attacked first.

"Should we be waiting for them to take the first strike? Or take preemptive action to avert the looming war? Israel made surprise attacks against these forces and demobilized the enemy troops to successfully defend itself."

"It is a similar strategy that was used now. In the presence of 30,000 troops in Tigray, including four mechanized army divisions, unitary forces lying to the southern part of the region, and Isayas's forces along the northern border, should we be waiting for them to launch attacks first?"

"No, it was imperative to take a thunder-like strike. If these attacks were not taken, Tigray now would not be in its present situation. We would not be talking like this now. There would be a huge number of casualties."

Right after the premeditated and surprise attack, the Federal Government initiated a large-scale effective law enforcement operation in the region.

In his first message to the public, Prime Minister, Abiy Ahmed, called upon the Ethiopian people to remain calm, be vigilant in the face of possible harassment, and to stand by our National Defense Forces in this critical time.

Abiy Ahmed said on his Facebook page, "Ethiopia is a country of heroes surrounded by prudent children. Even if we fail to recall the past, we will never fail to recall the story of our heroes that were attacked.

"We are standing in the present day on the bones of our heroes who for the love of us gave their all unreservedly." He went on to note that the Northern Command of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces were not organized merely from one state but they were drawn from all Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples of Ethiopia to protect their motherland. In a similar vein, the Northern Command of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces lived for twenty years keeping the border isolated from their homes and villages where they grew up.

They as well managed to partake in the course of the harvesting season, play a part in social activities, and protect people from enemies and things of that sort. However, through the passage of time, in return for their good deeds, the Northern Command of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces received a betrayal from the terrorist TPLF group, he added.

"The premier stressed that previously Ethiopia's enemies who came to invade the country did not set in motion attack our war bases like the terrorist group. They as well did not partake in massacring senior officers and looting heavy weapons. For the sake of truth, although there is no holiness of war, the terrorist group's cruelty has no limit. No one is as hard on Ethiopia as the terrorist group,"

As the Ethiopian defense forces reversed the attacks and advanced into liberating more areas, there began the false claim of the 'Tigray Genocide'. From Axum to Humera, there have been continued fake narratives of massacres and the Tigray genocide.

Since the November 3 attack till this day, there has been a baseless claim of genocide that is supported by a coordinated misinformation campaign by the rogue element and its foreign enablers.

In fact, the fake massacres have been largely debunked later. In an attempt to respond to this wave of distortions and fabrications, a study entitled Premeditated 'Tigray-Genocide' Cyber warfare Against Ethiopia in the Age of Social Media" indicated that the data that revealed a piece of shocking information indicates that non-military actors outside Ethiopia were coordinating the #TigrayGenocide cyber campaign linked to the Tigray People's Liberation Front military command's pre-planned military attack or "pre-emptive strike" on the Ethiopian military base.

The study, which closely analyzed social media in the context of the conflict in Ethiopia on the night of 3 November 2020, (the day TPLF launched the pre-emptive strike), 17 Twitter accounts were created and the first #TigrayGenocide tweet began on Tuesday, 3 November, at 19:46 from one of these accounts. This is considered the genesis of the #TigrayGenocide hashtag, and it was never used before this day.

This work of a team of scientists and data analysts who investigated social media data to find the origin and trending of the hashtag that popularized the Tigray genocide narrative worldwide, which has been playing a key part in the international community's response to Ethiopia, including that of United States foreign policy. This is how the story of #TigrayGenocide, "weaponized rapes, forced famine, and massacre", was concocted and effectively executed – duping both discerning and gullible entities alike, including major media houses, think tanks, academic institutions, governments, and NGOs, among others.

T-TPLF criminals established a complex and expanded western partnership network, often focused on buy-offs.

It's a global war against the Federal government. Noting that TPLF is calling for international intervention to investigate crimes they staged and committed the sources indicated that there is ample evidence that residents of Axum colorfully and peacefully marked the annual St. Mary of Zion celebration on the day mentioned by Amnesty as a massacre day.

The state-owned broadcaster Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation (EBC) and other television stations interviewed the faithful who took part in the celebration and all confirmed that peace and stability in Axum were greatly restored. If Amnesty's allegation had been true, that kind of festivity and normalcy could not have happened.

Amnesty International report claims there

was no resistance or no TPLF in Axum on November 28 and 29, 2020 and this was false.

On the same day, the TPLF leader Debretsiion said "TPLF forces retook the town of Axum from federal forces after a fight." The news was also transmitted by some international media outlets.

The sources highlighted that the refugee Amnesty presented as sheltered in Sudan is not from Axum as the town does not share a border with

Sudan. To travel to Sudan from Axum, Humera and other cities should be passed through, and it is practically impossible given the circumstance.

By the same token, TPLF remnants were seen in a recently-released deceptive video while coaching Tigray residents to lie, exaggerate, and make up events about death and suffering with a clear goal to manipulate the international community to take wrong actions against the Ethiopian government.

In the video clip, it is observed that the defunct TPLF officials, aided by an associate, make the people rehearse the message that the latter would tell to the global actors. Accordingly, the official told members of the community to misinform the international community that over 265 people were killed by the Eritrean armed forces.

The video also falsely presented the people of Tigray were physically assaulted and mistreated by Federal security institutions.

In relation to the Humera massacre, CNN's journalist Nima Elbagir insulted the international community's intelligence by coming up with a fallacious argument about the hoax Humera massacre.

According to her tweet, some victims of the fake Humera massacre were executed months prior and piled on each other. But, in CNN's article Nima's star 'witness' was claiming that the bodies were of people who were seen being "marched down to the river" and that they get "the exact number of bodies it has been told to expect" from Humera.

Therefore, her tweet proved that the witness is a fraudster. And her whole article which depended heavily on testimony from him and other 'witnesses' has collapsed on themselves.

Some raised the question that if the bodies were of people who had been dead for months, what does that mean for Lucy's article? Does that mean her witnesses were nonexistent or just fraudulent? With the 'witnesses' accounts gone the only 'evidence' that remains of her article are 'very suspicious holes'.

Contrary to the hoax stories though, the Joint Investigation Team of the Ethiopian Human Right Commission and the United Nations Human Rights Council found that no Genocide has been committed in Tigray state.

As Ethiopia remembers the victims of the terrorist TPLF's attack on the Northern Command today, it must be clear that the criminal; organization has been the cause of the vicious circles of wars and atrocities being perpetrated on civilians.



# Women in Focus

## 'Out of suffering have emerged strong souls, the most massive characters are seared with scars'

BY BETELHEM BEDLU

While commemorating the treasonous attack that T-PLF committed on the Northern Command Post on Nov 3, 2020, it is impossible to ignore or fail to describe the women who were raped at gunpoint, robbed, physically and verbally assaulted at the hands of TPLF's fighters.

It is evident that women and girls even elderly women were subjected to unbearable physical and psychological attacks. Numbers of human rights watch institutions have been reporting the horrific crimes that they had gone through.

When the group launched attack on different parts of the country where Amhara and Afar states are the major ones, various women were gang raped, physically and verbally assaulted, as well as stolen.

The report that Amnesty international conducted in mid-August 2021 that comprise witnesses could be best example in this regard. Amnesty spoke with 16 survivors of sexual and gender-based violence in Nifas Mewcha, a town in Gayint woreda of South Gondar Zone in the Amhara State.

During the period between 12 and 21 August 2021, about 70 women reported to authorities that they were raped in the Town. According to the report, TPLF fighters had also destroyed and looted medical facilities.

In the same token, women in Woldiya Town have also been one of the victims who had been forced by the militants of the terrorist TPLF to go through an extremely horrific inhumane acts and terrible treatments. During its short-lived occupation of the area, the group is said to had been committed all kinds of crimes including murder and rape.

A woman, resident in the town, told local media that she was gang raped in front of her 3 years old child by the militant group of terrorist TPLF, threatening her by gun. "TPLF's militants raped me by pointing a gun on my 3 years old kid," she uttered with a deep pain.

"Our lives were mostly dependent on the livestock yet the T- TPLF group looted them. We took nothing when we left our houses. We feel very sad as the group put us in this situation. It makes us reliant on aids when we actually would have been cherished and well served. May God make them reap what they sow."

Andiya Hamed and Kedija Ibrahim, residents of Megale district of Zone two, Afar State, have been neighbors for more than 60 plus years. Needless to say that they have never thought of leaving their neighborhood, which each of them had established an extended family close to 50 members. Nevertheless, they were forced to flee from their house when TPLF reinvaded the area using heavy artilleries.

When TPLF opened the attack, the women left without taking anything. Not only that



Lance Corporal Gebeyanesh Debalke

they found their house turned into upside down but since they ran in different direction with their children, they could not know the whereabouts of their children.

As painful as these women had gone through, here, it is only unfair not to mention as well as commemorate the brave heroines who had carried out not only extraordinary deeds but took a leading role in hunting down the treasonous TPLF clique during the law enforcement operation.

Of these daring fighters, Lance Corporal Gebeyanesh Debalke is the major one. Serving in a regiment under the 20<sup>th</sup> Division of the Northern Command of ENDF, she was the security guard of Colonel Solomon G/Yohannes who was the Commander of the Division.

At the time the TPLF attacked the Northern Command in midnight, no one including Gebeyanesh had thought that Commander Solomon would secretly work with the terrorist group.

At that point in time, as she stated following the attack, not merely that the group blocked their access to food and drinks thereby exposed them to starvation and thirst; but all members were also made to give up and put their weapons in a store and ordered to facilitate the social service for the public three days before the attack.

After making the Tigray-born soldiers take security posts, on Nov 3, the group started firing heavy artilleries on the army that were unarmed. In a total ignorance of what was happening there, the Colonel was hiding in a toilet while the traitors were firing at members of the regiment who were so tired and fell asleep. However, the army was able to use strategic retreat to the Eritrea and save itself.

But as soon as Gebeyanesh learnt that the Colonel was hiding himself in a toilet, she told him that she would rather shoot him and herself than being shot dead by these treacherous soldiers.

She said in her words: "Everybody was running here and there to survive. The gun shots were increasing. I ordered him to get out of the toilet and to do whatever I tell him do; otherwise I would kill him. Being very fearful and nervous, the Commander came out of his place."

Then, Gebeyanesh ordered him to drop his weapon, take off his shoes and badge and the traitor Commander who had no choice but obeying her did what she ordered him to do.

Pointing her gun at his head, Gebeyanesh, along with other soldiers she met on the way that night, took the Colonel to Eritrean border walking barefoot. Eventually, she was able to hand over the unscrupulous Commander to the loyal Ethiopian commanders.

Asdesach who is also a soldier and took part at the law enforcement operations from the start, recalled how the National Defense Forces have made special care on its operations against the TPLF junta not cause any possible damage on the society in Akere and its surroundings.

While the forces have gone all-out to put the rebelling group before justice, unfortunately, few meters away from the area, Asdesach slipped down and broke her right hand in one of the mountainous areas in uncontrolled manner.

Even being agonized with the pain of her broken hand, she insisted on not giving up her arms. Rather, she made herself ready

to defend herself. Fortunately, when the Defense Forces have taken full control of the area, she was able to be taken to the hospital.

Even when she was following her medical treatment in Bahir Dar City, she was desperately asking for her artillery. Returning to the law enforcement operation was her utmost desire. After she got fully recovered from her illness, she requested to be returned to her mission.

As to her, the participation of female soldiers' in the army was one of a kind. There were higher officials and women who held around 150 bullets and completed their duties. These women could be example for others.

Uttering the incidents that led her life to the brink of death at the law enforcement operation in Akere Town, she said that she was committed to go ahead with the fight even after she was shot on her upper thigh and lost a lot of blood.

Still being Armies' right hands, there are plenty of female soldiers who are taking part in hunting the TPLF clique with firm commitment and strength in different areas and registering historic victory in beating the T-PLF enterprise and defending the sovereignty of the country.

Even though global community preferred to turn a deaf ear to condemn the wrongdoings of TPLF, members of the faction have gang raped children including the ones who committed suicide subsequent to the crimes and elderly women, massacred people, and looted properties. The brutal attacks they committed on innocent civilians when they invaded Woldiya, Shewa Robit and Meresa towns among others showcased the level of their cruelty.

## Invitation to Bid

**Bid No.: AAPPDS/FA2015-2017/NCB/PG/40/02/2015**

Addis Ababa City Administration Public Procurement and Property Disposal Service (AAPPDS) has funds with the Procuring entity's budget to be used for the Procurements of DIFFERENT TYPES OF printer and photo copy machine toner used by Addis Ababa City Administration public bodies with frame work contract agreement for Three Ethiopian Budget years. Therefore AAPPDS invites interested eligible bidders for the supply and deliver of goods mentioned below.

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Lot- 1	Printer and photo copy machine toner	500,000.00 ETB

- A complete set of bidding documents in English shall be purchased by interested bidders upon payment of non-refundable fee of Birr 400.00 (Four hundred) for 10 consecutive working days starting from November 3/2022 G.C. ጥቅምት 24, 2015 E.C./
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM on working hours.
- Documents will be issued at Addis Ababa City Administration Public Procurement and Property Disposal Service, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, room no. 606
- Bid must be delivered at address below on or before November 17, 2022 G.C /ህዳር 08, 2015 E.C/ 5:30 P.M/ 11:30 local time/ at 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Assembly Hall.
- Bid will be closed on November 17, 2022, 10:00 A.M and opened on November 17, 2022 ህዳር 08, 2015 E.C/ 10:30 A.M / 4:30 local time/ at Yobek commercial center 9<sup>th</sup> floor Assembly Hall.
- AAPPDS reserves the right to reject the bid partially or in full.
- Address: Mexico Sengatera, behind St. Mary University College, located at Yobek Commercial center.

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**Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**



## Invitation to Bid

**Tender No. ECWCT/ICB/PW/50/2015**

- The Ethiopian Construction Works Corporation invites sealed bids under International Competitive Bidding (ICB) from registered suppliers for the procurement of sub contract for construction of grouting works at upper Guder fatal dam and appurtenant structures construction project.
- Whereas a supplier wishes to participate for this bid but not yet registered in the suppliers' list may apply to the relevant authority for registration.
- The bidding document may be purchased by interested suppliers from the office of Foreign Procurement Team against payment of non-refundable fee of Birr 300.00 (Birr Three Hundred).
- This invitation for bid is open to all interested bidders regardless of their nationality and the bid evaluation and award shall be determined in accordance with the provisions indicated in the bidding document. The bidding document is prepared in English language.
- Interested bidders shall submit the following evidence;
  - Trading License renewed for 2014 E.C; and
  - Tax Clearance Certificate indicating the bidder is allowable to participate in any public tender,
  - Vat Registration certificate and
  - Registration certificate as supplier from the mandated public body,
- Bids must be delivered or deposited in the Tender Box available at the office of the Foreign Procurement Team before the closing date and time on, December 6/2022 at 02:00 PM.
- Bids will be opened on, December 6/2022 at 02:30 PM in the Ethiopian Construction Works Corporation, Procurement Department Conference Room in the presence of bidders and/or their representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security; the amount of the Bid Proposal security shall be 100,000.00 (Birr One Hundred Thousand). The bid security should be either in the form of Certified Payment Order (CPO) and Bank Guarantee in the name of Ethiopian Construction Works Corporation. Bid bond in the form of insurance bond or in any other form shall not be accepted.
- The Ethiopian Construction Works Corporation reserves its rights to reject any or all bids.
- Bidders may get further information at the following address:  
 Ethiopian Construction Works Corporation  
 Foreign Procurement Team  
 Telephone No. +251118 13 45 27  
 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
 Telegram address ECWC/አ.ኮከት

**Ethiopian Construction Works Corporation**

## Invitation to Bid

**International Competitive Bidding/ICB/**

- Addis Ababa City Roads Authority now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the purchase of vehicles and construction machineries as Followed:
- Bid No. AACRA/Input/T-2/ICB/008-SMM/2022, AACRA/Input/T-2/ICB/008-CTM/2022, AACRA/Input/T-2/ICB/008-SFP/2022, AACRA/Input/T-2/ICB/008-DT/2022, AACRA/Input/T-2/ICB/008-WE/2022, AACRA/Input/T-2/ICB/008-SCP/2022, AACRA/Input/T-2/ICB/008-TL/2022

No.	Description of items & bid Ref. No.	Unit	Qty	Bid security amount in Ethiopia Birr (ETB)	Bid Closing Date and Time	Bid Opening Date and Time	Bid Validity Period
1	Sand Making Machine (T-2/ICB/008-SMM/2022)	Pcs	1	200,000.00	Dec. 22, 2022 G.C Time: 10:00AM	Dec. 22, 2022 G.C Time: 10:30AM	90 /Ninety/ days for each bid
2	Concrete Truck Mixer (T-2/ICB/008-CTM/2022)	Pcs	5	500,000.00	Dec. 21, 2022 G.C Time: 10:00AM	Dec. 21, 2022 G.C Time: 10:30AM	
3	Slip Form paver (T-2/ICB/008-SFP/2022)	Pcs	1	200,000.00	Dec. 21, 2022 G.C Time: 2:00PM	Dec. 21, 2022 G.C Time: 2:30PM	
4	Dump Truck (T-2/ICB/008-DT/2022)	Pcs	20	500,000.00	Dec. 21, 2022 G.C Time: 10:30AM	Dec. 21, 2022 G.C Time: 11:00AM	
5	Wheel Excavator (T-2/ICB/008-WE/2022)	Pcs	3	500,000.00	Dec. 21, 2022 G.C Time: 2:30PM	Dec. 21, 2022 G.C Time: 3:00PM	
6	Stationery Concrete Pump (T-2/ICB/008-SCP/2022)	Pcs	1	200,000.00	Dec. 22, 2022 G.C Time: 10:30AM	Dec. 22, 2022 G.C Time: 11:00AM	
7	Tower Light (T-2/ICB/008-TL/2022)	Pcs	10	100,000.00	Dec. 22, 2022 G.C Time: 11:30AM	Dec. 22, 2022 G.C Time: 11:45AM	

- A complete set of the bidding document can be purchased by any interested bidders from the date of first announcement upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Ethiopian Birr 200.00 (Two hundred Birr) for each bid listed in the above table in cash from head office finance administrative directorates 1<sup>st</sup> floor, office No. 135
  - Bidders should submit valid business license indicating the stream of business in which the Bidder is engaged, business registration certificate (Domestic Bidders only), Appropriate business organization registration certificate or trade license issued by the country of establishment (Foreign bidders only), Value Added Tax (VAT) and Tax payer Registration Certificate (Domestic Bidders only), Valid Tax Clearance used to participate for the bid from Ethiopian Revenue and Customs Authority (domestic Bidders only), suppliers registration certificate from Public Procurement & Property Administrative Agency /PPA/ (mandatory for domestic Bidders only), written power of attorney and others as per the bid document.
  - All Bids must be accompanied by bid security indicated amount the above table ETB or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. The bid bond must be in one of the following forms. i. Certified Cash Payment Order (CPO) issued by a recognized domestic bank or ii. Unconditional bank guarantee issued and/or by a recognized domestic bank iii. An irrevocable Letter of Credit issued and/or confirmed through a recognized domestic Bank, all bid bond from a reputable source from any eligible country. Bid Securities issued by foreign banks or financial institutions shall be counter-guaranteed by a recognized Ethiopian bank.
  - The Bank that issues the bond as per 5.i, 5.ii and 5.iii here above shall unequivocally guarantee to pay the purchaser immediately upon the first written demand of payment. The purchaser's written demand of payment shall not be subject to any condition whatever.
  - The bond-issuing bank shall clearly incorporate the content stated under item 5 here in above on the issued bond.
  - If the Bid Security is submitted in the form of unconditional bank guarantee and an irrevocable Letter of Credit the bid bond should be valid for at least 120 days after bid opening.
  - The bid bond shall be submitted separately enclosed.
  - Bidders should submit their offer in a sealed envelope (i.e. technical and financial proposal separately) to AACRA's Head Office 1<sup>st</sup> floor office no.109 on and before the date and time stated on the above table.
- Technical Bid will be opened in the presence of Interested Bidders or their representatives stated date and time on the above table at AACRA's Head Office 1<sup>st</sup> floor office no. 109  
**Addis Ababa City Roads Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids.**  
**Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from: Addis Ababa City Roads Authority**  
**Goods Procurement and property administration directorate**  
**P. O. Box 9206 Tel. /+251 113 72 28 25 /15 /+251 113 71 41 03/+251 113 72 00 47**  
**African Union to Pushkin Square Road at Sarbet Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**Addis Ababa City Roads Authority**



## How should it END

BY SOLOMON WASSIHUN

Currently, most of the Tigray region is under the control of the federal government, which has secured all major cities except Mekelle and all major airports except Alula Aba Nega. Weapons have been all but silenced in most areas of the region. Post-war peace and stabilization efforts aimed at restoring normalcy in the liberated areas have already begun and are well underway.

Although the war is not yet over, Ethiopian forces in the Tigray region and government negotiators in Pretoria are nearing an overall military and diplomatic victory, despite undue pressure from some foreign elements to save the TPLF from being liquidated as a political entity, as its former opponent, the WPE.

Thirty-one years ago, just one day before TPLF and EPLF tanks rolled into Addis Ababa unimpeded, the country's then acting president, Lt.Gen.Tesfaye Genbre Kidan, delivered a live televised speech declaring that the decades-long war with the rebels was over and calling on his army to lay down its arms and go home. After Tesfaye delivered his surrender speech, he disappeared without a trace from the State House until a few days later when it became known that he had found asylum in the Italian Embassy.

Regardless of how the peace talks in Pretoria is manipulated or pressured by the "observers, no matter what agreement is reached, the war in northern Ethiopia will end soon. The most appropriate and credible way to peacefully end this conflict, if it happens at all, is not a press conference, warm smiles and handshakes by the mediators or talking sides. Rather, it is Debretsion's address to his fighters, asking them to surrender their weapons to the ENDF and go home in peace.

The day after Debretsion's speech, we should see videos of people taking to the streets and cheering ENDF soldiers on their tanks as they march through the streets of Mekelle. That is how the war should end. After all, it was TPLF sparked the war by committing one of the most atrocious and treasonous act in the country's recent history - the attack on Northern

Command, ENDF's strongest limb stationed in the Tigray region to defend the country's sovereignty and deter any foreign threats. So it would have been all too appropriate to have it ended by the declaration of the party that started it.

But the reality seen on the ground makes this just wishful thinking. Agreeing with TPLF without compromising the sovereignty of the Ethiopian state is just impossible. That would mean, the Pretoria Peace talk is nothing short of mission impossible. For one thing, the statement made by Debretsion last week after the peace talks started is far from accepting TPLF's defeat, and eagerness for peace settlements.

From Debretsion's last speech, one can conclude that TPLF does not mind the hundreds of thousands of Tigrayans it sent to the war and never returned home. He is still in the mood to continue the war, blinded by its misinterpretation of the past and misunderstanding of the present situation. He appealed to the Tigray people to continue the war, without realizing how the Tigray people were tired of listening to his war drums. The Tigray people have now begun to realize the lie they have been told by the TPLF and are enjoying the freedom they found after being liberated by the ENDF.

Now the Tigray people in the liberated part of the region are having access to humanitarian supplies. Every household will get its food supply without any precondition, unlike in the TPLF days when getting humanitarian ration was a quid pro quo for giving up a child to be conscripted as TPLF fighter. Local civilian administrations are being established. TPLF remnants that are trying to return the Tigray to lawlessness and unrest are being checked and neutralized. Maintenance activities to restart the public utilities are well underway. Works to resume social and commercial services including banks are in progress.

The people of Tigray are practically demonstrating their support for ENDF by participating in peacekeeping operations and pushing back remnants of the TPLF who are trying to incite riots and hiding in plain sight. In appreciation of the Tigray people's eagerness to bring peace and stability to the region, the

federal government and has issued a statement of gratitude to the Tigray people saying "The people of Tigray are playing a very crucial role in achieving the desired goal of securing a lasting peace in the region. The hospitality extended to ENDF by the people is exceptional. From providing logistics to clues to the hiding places of TPLF remnants and hidden arsenals, the people of Tigray have proven that they are on the right side of history."

For the TPLF and the foreign powers that sympathize with it, the holy grail of the Pretoria peace talks is an agreement on an immediate cessation of hostilities. Now that it is down after the terrible military defeats, what the TPLF needs most is time to catch its breath, time to regroup and think of better strategies to get back on its feet.

If an agreement is reached on a cessation of hostilities, it will mean that the TPLF is guaranteed to get the time it needs to recover. However, having learned how the TPLF responded to the previous two ceasefire initiatives, the Ethiopian government might not easily give in to the TPLF's ceasefire request without preconditions, especially after Ethiopian forces liberated large parts of Tigray at a huge sacrifice.

The TPLF's track record proves that it believes only in power and do not consider peace talks as a means to achieve their political interests and do not prioritize it. Just a year ago this week, the situation on the battlefield was almost the opposite of what it is today. At that time, the TPLF made spectacular military advances, reaching places as close as 250 km from the capital. In an interview he gave at the time, one of the TPLF bigwigs, Tsadkan Gebre Tensay said, "I wonder whether the need for peace talks would ever come up hereafter. The war is almost over. All is done. Who are we supposed to negotiate with?" . The funny thing is that Tsadkan is one of the TPLF representatives who is attending the peace talks in Pretoria without shame, while Mekelle is encircled by Ethiopian forces within less than 20 km.

On the other hand, for the Ethiopian government, the holy grail of the Pretoria peace talks is to have TPLF concede to disarm and recognize the

sovereign power in the Tigray region. If TPLF agrees to these two issues, the government side would not have a logical reason not to agree to the succession of hostilities.

So the Pretoria peace talks can be described as a diplomatic struggle to secure a trade-off between the TPLF willingness to disarm and accept the federal government sovereignty over the Tigray region according to the constitution versus the Ethiopian government agreement on a cessation of hostilities. The practicality of the trade-off is highly improbable, and however, that is how Ethiopia expects the negotiations to end up.

Given the complexity of the situation, it is no wonder that the peace talks have taken more than the scheduled time. There have been mounting pressures from international actors on the federal government delegation to concede to TPLF demands without the appropriate reciprocation. The Ethiopian government enjoying the full backing of the Ethiopian people and a solid military victory on the battlefield has stood its ground not to compromise the interests and sovereignty of the nation.

The ENDF has clearly stated last week that it will carry out its mission of liberating the whole Tigray people, which has been taken as a hostage and manipulated a political tool and military shield by the terrorist TPLF. Thus regardless of the outcomes of the Pretoria Talks, Mekelle would soon be liberated. TPLF may die or survive to leak its wounds and, but surely the war would soon end.

As we mentioned previously, this how the war should end. Debretsion should repeat the same message he sent to Ethiopian forces last year when his forces were in North Shoa. But this time that same message should be addressed to TPLF forces. "The war is over. From now on, there is no town you can defend. Instead of dying in vain, you better save yourself."

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## "We never forget": Gruesome...

amassed citizens and to safeguard even the volatile region of the Horn. The recurrent aggression ignited by the T-TPLF witnessed how Ethiopia is on the ladder of mightiness. The killing of civilians and tribalism has got its end in every quarter of the country as the government has committed to avert TPLF sponsored scenario.

The federal and the regional governments should engage seriously and take over the administration in line with harmony between the federal and regional states.

Be it as it may be shifting face to the head of the snake which is financed by mighty global firms should be taken as issue of priority. The Ethiopians and the People of Africa have to be on the Alert in understanding the heinous attacks of T-TPLF that pulled trigger upon its guardian. Mere marking of the day might not bear fruit if the people of Africa failed to take a lesson such tragic incident.

Since the eruption of the war Tigray turned

to be hunger stricken victim under age boys and girls involve in armed conflict that claims lives of thousands.

What is the merit and the object of war for Tigray for Tigrayans and craziest partiality of foreign elements frequently observed to poke nose upon internal matters of Ethiopia fight for sovereignty and safe guard territorial integrity.

Concurrently the Ethiopian government is on the right truck in building strong defense force in the three or more spatial variations like the naval, air and infantry divisions and will continue to be idol for all Africans as symbol of independence and beacon for the black people on the sea of darkness.

America does not want the terrorist TPLF to disappear. This question can be answered by writing about al-Shabaab.

Now every rational Ethiopian understands that what was happened in Tigray is a

massacre against the north command ENDF, a deliberate killing of innocent soldiers belonging to the non-ethnic base, a cruel and barbaric act motivated by deep hatred against the Ethiopians, and a full scale act of terror against civilians.

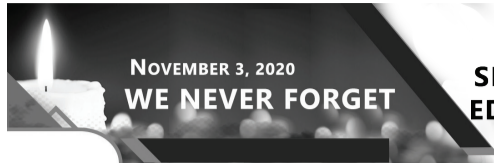
Majority of Ethiopians had been trying to tolerate earlier abuses and killings against the attempt to abolish territorial integrity of Ethiopia. Under the sponsorship of T-TPLF in several parts of our country with the assumption that ethnic violence may further deteriorate the situation of co-existence, endanger the security and wellbeing of the country and the Horn, fracture the inter communal relations between communities, and eventually threaten the very survival of our beloved country.

We were wrong to think so. Our silence did not save our people from the monsters. I believe deliberating on the way forward is more important than the cry.

The solution should be action. That includes action to properly investigate the situation and take concrete measure to bring perpetrators to justice, action to compensate the victims and ensure the security for the public, action to dismantle the discriminatory constitutions and laws, action to change the course of discharging public responsibility, and action to make every Ethiopian territory the land of those who live in it.

Who should do that? The government, political actors, civil society groups, the media, and all other peace loving Ethiopian stakeholders should engage in the way to find ways for everlasting peace.

How can they do that? By acting responsibly, by taking action based on their spheres of influence and responsibility, by conducting inclusive national dialogue and charting out a concrete plan of action and implementing it, and by taking other pragmatic actions.

SPECIAL  
EDITION

# Society

## “We will never forget it”

BY MENGISTEAB TESHOME

Who could guess that someone in his right mind would betray his/her country and carnage horrendously comrades; who spent both good and bad times together?

No one had expected the T-TPLF group to commit such a treasonous act against the country; and attack members of the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) Northern Command based in Mekelle barbarically.

What was happened on the evening of November 3, 2020 against the Ethiopian National Defense Forces stationed in Tigray State for more than two decades in service and protection of the people of Tigray was that.

By considering members of the ENDF as a foreign army rather than national forces who had been serving the people of Tigray with absolute solidarity alongside safeguarding the sovereignty of the country, the rebel group massacred them heartlessly.

The unprincipled, disgracing acts of the terrorist group have saddened, angered and broken the hearts of fellow citizens. And Ethiopians never forget the cold-hearted crimes perpetrated against the army; and they memorize it as one of the black marks that has happened in the history of Ethiopia and Ethiopians.

Today, Ethiopians are observing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Day with a special tribute and greater sadness; but renewing their commitment to stand by the side of the army, who are sacrificing their lives to defend the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country and to sustain peace and security across the country.

In connection with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Day, *The Ethiopian Herald* had a short stay with Ephrem Madebo, one of the top executive officials of the former ‘Patriotic Ginbot 7 Party’ to have his insight on this same topic.

*Enjoy reading!*

**Please tell us your feelings regarding to the unexpected immoral acts of the TPLF group against members of the ENDF on November 3, 2020?**

In its long history, Ethiopia has gone through number of gloomy times and lamentable moments where we suffered as a society from external aggressions, our own actions, and inactions. The war of aggression of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, the five years of Italian occupation, the February 1937 massacre, the 1974 Black Saturday massacre of 60 high-ranking, military and civilian officials, and the infamous red terror of the 1970s are some of the darkest moments that we still remember as a society. The night of November 3, 2020, the night our own home-grown terrorists attacked the Northern Command is yet another National Day of somberness and humiliation. The events of this day are the most damaging and generationally the most consequential

because these times the low jab and the backstabbing came from our own brothers and from a place known as the cradle of Ethiopian civilization.

**How should the attack of T-TPLF against ENDF be remembered?**

I strongly believe that November 3 is a day we, Ethiopians, should commemorate and honor our fallen heroes of the Northern Command with deep sincerity. There should not be Ethiopian that should ever stop thinking and talking about that uneventful November night, a night the Northern Command was attacked and its members brutally slaughtered by the rulers of the very regime.

**What is the lesson as a nation we should learn from this betrayal?**

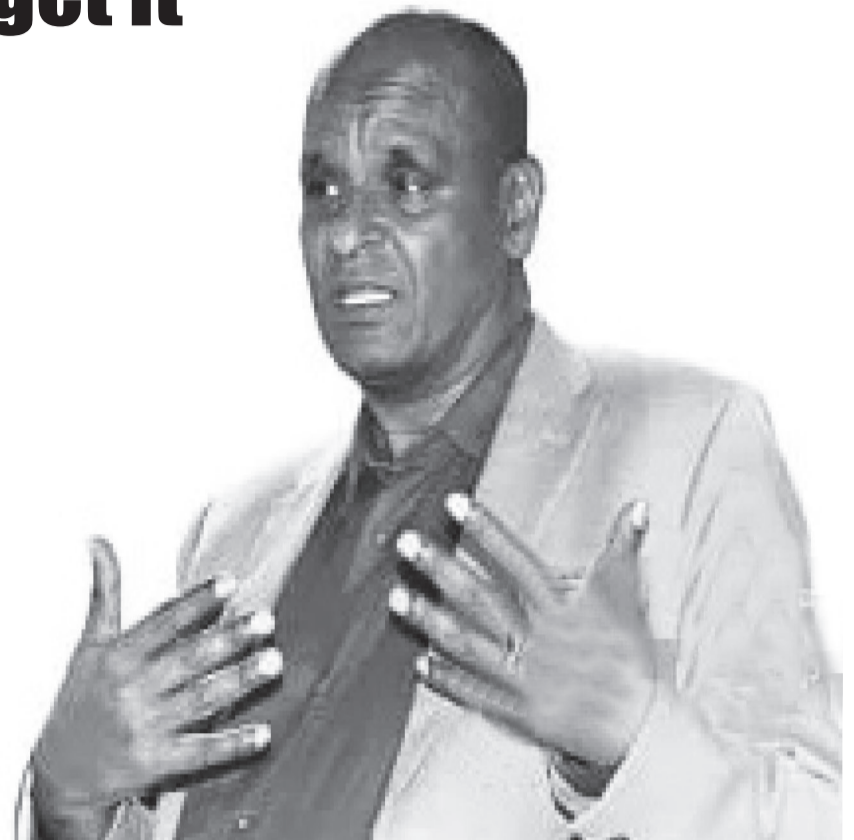
The night of November 3, 2020, and the traumatic events of the three years before it, is a clear indication that Ethiopia needs a moment of national reconciliation and a series of institutional reforms to continue as a nation. Ethiopia is a nation with a long history but a very short institutional memory where the grave mistakes of preceding regimes are repeated and at times exacerbated by successive regimes. The last fifty years history of Ethiopia is dominated by elite-centered ideological struggle where elites of all sorts promised a democratic political order, but all failed miserably, pushing the nation to the current unsettling condition. The current political actors of Ethiopia (Government, political parties, regional elites, etc.) have a lot to learn, not only from the political mistakes of the past; but from their own too.

If history is a lesson at all, we, Ethiopians, should learn from our own history that when we defeated the better-equipped and qualitatively advanced European army at the Battle of Adwa, our foremost strength was our unity. The political systems we tried to build in the last fifty years (Socialism and Ethnic oriented Revolutionary Democracy) have destroyed the social fabrics that glued us together creating political, ideological, and most importantly ethnic divisions in a society where unity was its symbol of survival.

The feud of regional forces, ethnic clashes, the civil war, and the complete lack of national consensus literally on everything in the last three years have challenged the nation’s hopes and outlooks, tested its resilience, and utterly endangered its very existence.

The sharp political divide between the political elites and the lack of national unity has exposed our nation to western aggressors and nearby historical enemies. As a result, Ethiopia, a nation that once was the symbol of black resistance against colonialism and neocolonialism, is now suffering from the existential threat of its own making.

**How should the nation and citizens respond and ensure lasting peace and security of the nation?**



Today, as we face an existential threat from inside and outside enemies, our collective resolve and our unity are the only weapons we have to defeat our enemies and ensure our survival as a sovereign nation. Like any other nation, we do have domestic ideological and political differences, but Ethiopians living at home and abroad must acknowledge that this is the time we put aside domestic political differences and stand together with our government and be integral parts of the nation-building process.

In many countries around the globe, political actors across the political spectrum work closely together and sometimes even forge a national unity government at times of severe national crisis. Unfortunately, working together, settling political differences through dialogue, and cooperating during national crisis has never been and still is not the culture of the Ethiopian political elite.

After the 2021 election, the government of PM Abiy Ahmed made a call to opposition parties to work together. This unique call, a call that downed a new era in our nation’s political history, was applauded by optimists and condemned by perennial naysayers. Today, almost two years after the historical call, the parties that answered the call are blamed as traitors by naive political pundits and extremist ethnic nationalists. But, there’s no doubt and it’s very much noticeable that the good side of cooperation and working together during the crisis with opposition parties has paid off, and PM Abiy’s bold initiation has given our nation a good lesson that the only way out of a national crisis is national unity.

The history of modern Ethiopia is a history of struggle against imperialism, colonialism, and neo-colonialism, a glorious and victorious history that shaped the name Ethiopia itself. Through the years, Ethiopia has been the beacon of freedom for colonial Africa and hope for racially segregated people elsewhere around the world. Today, the respect we had as a nation has tarnished and our place in the world as the symbol of the black struggle against neocolonialism

has been eroded. As a result, today for the first time in our history, we, Ethiopians are divided in the face of enormous and unprecedented foreign pressure and interference in our internal affairs.

All political actors of Ethiopia including the government, and the Ethiopian people at large should learn from the political mistakes of the past 30 years, especially the mistakes we made as a nation before and after the attack on Northern Command. Our failure to make preparations knowing the behavior of TPLF on one hand and our failure to consider other options other than war have contributed to a huge loss of life and the destruction of national resources.

Today at exactly this instant, the Ethiopian National Defense Forces are battling the forces of evil in every corner of the country and are sacrificing their lives so that the rest of us work and live in a stable and peaceful environment. The everyday sacrifices paid for us are not just digits that we take for granted; and most importantly, dying for one’s country is not a natural debt imposed on our defense forces; it is a debt that we all must pay. Therefore, we must support our defense forces and the forces lined up alongside them with all our knowledge, energy, and resources. Standing with our defense forces is ensuring the survival of our country.

**What piece of advice you want to add to our readers?**

In the last four years, the Ethiopian government has done an astounding job in rebuilding a merit-based professional army, an effort that every single Ethiopian must applaud and be part of the process. Nations are nothing but generationally imagined myths. Millions have died for this imagined myth called ‘Ethiopia’ to make sure that this myth passes on to generations. Some died and are still dying against this myth, and some die and as we speak are dying for it. What to die for is another question. What do you die for? My choice is always to die for the survival of Ethiopia.



SPECIAL EDITION

# In Pictures

## Never forget: Tribute to ENDF

The FDRE Ministry of Defense announced that victims of the November 3 attack by the T-TPLF will be commemorated with a special tribute at its HQ and the army's bases in all parts of the nation.

The T-TPLF launched unprovoked attack on the Northern Command army which had been based in Tigray for years with cruelty and betrayal. The dear children of Ethiopia, who have been guarding day and night for several years, with the cold day and night, passing through summer and winter, were stabbed by the T-TPLF's treachery in the country where they were sleeping, a statement by a statement by the FDRE Defense Forces reads.

In that attack, many members of the Northern Command were killed by the brutal TPLF attack. They danced over their corpses, beating drums. Many of them were wounded and lost their bodies. They were also kidnapped and tortured with hunger and thirst, the statement added.

"Even though the TPLF killed many of its comrades in a selective manner when it attacked the Northern command, it did not hesitate to brutalize even those who have Tigrayan origin members at the time. During the attack on the Northern Command, TPLF killed many leaders and members of the Northern Command army who did not cooperate with the conspiracy and showed us the corner of cruelty."

Getnet Adane (Colonel), the public relations director of the Ministry of Defense stated in his press statement with regard to the second year commemoration that the terrorist TPLF betrayed the country as it massacred ENDF's Northern command members on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

The terrorist group has proved its barbaric and treacherous nature again and again by betraying the nation and its people, according to the director.

Colonel Getnet stressed that the commemoration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the attack will be marked Today, November 3 2022 at the general staff of the ENDF HQ and in all the army bases in the country.



The day aims to raise the awareness to everyone that such acts of treason and destruction can never be repeated again, according to the director.

Thursday marks the second anniversary of the terrorist TPLF's unprovoked attack and barbaric massacre on the Members of the Northern Command of the Ethiopian Defense Forces.



A historic photographs of the quintessence of ENDF members endearment for the people. These are the best throwback picture taken from different fronts when elite ENDF protects towns and villages, mega projects, taking part in trees planting, bravery recalled as twitter trending posts by Ethiopian across the world went popularize. "This week, we remember & honor our troops who made the ultimate sacrifice for the peace & security of our country, and those who sacrificed their life."

