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Power blackouts in Korem, Waja, Temuga come to end today

BY BILAL DERSO

ADDIS ABABA- The Ethiopian Electric Utility (EEU) has announced that residents in Korem, Waja and Temuga towns and surrounding areas are expected to get trial electricity service from today and joined Alamata which was electrified on Sunday.

EEU Corporate Communications Director Melaku Taye told the Ethiopian Press Agency (EPA) that after the electricity service was restored in Alamata, efforts were being made to electrify Korem, Waja and Temuga towns.

The director further highlighted that due to the completion of the repair work in the electricity line which was destroyed by the Terrorist TPLF, it is expected that the community in the three towns is expected to get the trial service from today. While carrying out repairs in the aforesaid areas, inspection work is being carried out on the entire line to prevent unexpected accidents in the electricity transmission areas.

By the same token, the restoration of electricity infrastructure destroyed by the

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ICHREE bias, unfair on Ethiopia's human right issues: Amb. Taye Atskeselassie

BY ESSEYE MENGISTE

ADDIS ABABA- The International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia (ICHREE) has been exercising partiality, bias and even does not show a little of professionalism in its work, Ethiopia's Ambassador to the United Nations (UN) said.

In his address to the Third Committee of the UNGA, Ethiopia's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN Taye Atskeselassie stated that the ICHREE does not even pretend to exercise impartiality and objectivity and exhibit a modicum of professionalism in its work.

"...Unfortunately for us trust has died, mistrust is blossoming right and left. What

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T-TPLF enablers begin to realize inability to change course: Scholar

BY TEWODROS KASSA

ADDIS ABABA -The Terrorist TPLF enablers have now clearly understood that it is impossible to resurrect the criminal faction in a bid to realize their dream of neo-colonialism in Ethiopia, according a social science expert.

Civil Service University School of Diplomacy and International Relation Head Endale Niguse told The Ethiopian Press Agency (EPA) that the current shuttle diplomacy of some interest groups that aims to revive the T-TPLF has miserably failed.

"The U.S. Secretary State has been giving redundant press briefings in support of the terrorist group. It is shameful and against the diplomacy and international relations ethics."

As to him, the Biden Administration, the European Union (EU), the UNSC and some interest groups have been openly inciting violence in Ethiopia through supporting the T-TPLF. Currently, those groups clearly know that the clique is dismantled and it is impossible to resurrect it.

"All Africans and the international community are in aware of the clear intention of the Biden's Administration about the T-TPLF. It is time to no longer



think about giving life to the outlawed group that has been committing massive genocide for the past 27 years."

As to the academician, the Biden Administration does not have a clear and well-structured foreign policy rather it is lead by individuals and groups that caused enormous damages throughout the world.

The Biden Administration and the UNSC have been repeatedly shouting that Eritrean troops to get out of Ethiopian boundary not to give recognition to the Ethiopian National Defence Force's (ENDF) capability of arresting the T-TPLF remnants.

"They know everything going on in

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Africans' unity way out from external pressure: African youths

BY ABDUREZAK MOHAMMED

ADDIS ABABA – Africans should be united and cooperate for the realization of independent Africa and get the continent out of the external pressure, so said African youths.

African youths approached by *The Ethiopian Herald* stated that Africans need to come together and discuss how to make the continent self-reliant in all sectors.

Tanzanian Jackson Akim Pemba indicated that it is about time now to take Africa forward to be independent without depending on the Westerners.

African leaders to concentrate to solve all African problems by Africans without depending on Westerners, he said adding, that Africa does not need westerners anymore to solve African problems that can be solved only within Africa. "We do not depend on the Western countries."

Mentioning Ethiopia's case as an example, Pemba said: "We know the propaganda of

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News

Several couples conduct mass wedding ceremony

ADDIS ABABA (ENA) -Several couples married in a ceremony held inside the newly inaugurated second phase of Sheger Park in Addis Ababa in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on Sunday.

Prime Minister Abiy inaugurated and officially opened the second phase of Friendship Park built in Addis Ababa on the same day.

It is to be recalled that Office of the Prime Minister offered a special gift to couples who wish to conduct their wedding ceremony during the inauguration of the second phase of the Friendship Park inside its wedding garden.

Accordingly, several couples who responded to the offer have married in a ceremony held inside the wedding garden of the park.

The wedding ceremony was attended by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, Addis Ababa Mayor Adanech Abiebie and other senior government officials.

The newly opened park is comprised of various standard entertainment providing facilities including children playing grounds, wedding gardens, football and basketball playing fields, cafeterias among others.



Ethiopia to commemorate ENDF members massacred by T-TPLF

BY ABDUREZAK MOHAMMED

ADDIS ABABA – 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, the Government Communication Service (GCS) said.

Briefing journalists, 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



GCS State Minister Kebede Desisa

the army are paying for the sake of their country and the people.

He added that on that day (3rd 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.

Ethiopia pathway to new African renaissance: Historian

BY BETELHEM BEDLU

ADDIS ABABA- Ethiopia is a best pathway to the salvation for all of Africa and potentially much of humanity is located in the battle that is being waged in Ethiopia, Historian and Political Analyst stressed.

The fact that the nation decided to develop itself with energy independence (the GERD), it could be a driving force and model for a new African renaissance, not just Ethiopia. This is why Ethiopia is targeted for destruction said Matthew Ehret, Historian and Political Analyst speaking with an international media.

He said that Ethiopia has essentially decided to develop itself GERD which is a wonderful example of what every country can do if it is properly motivated to develop the needs of its people and its nation to stand on its own two feet.

As to him, the issue is something which keeps a lot of imperially minded geopoliticians awake at night because, "if this is permitted to properly blossom the dam could be a driving force for a new African renaissance not just for Ethiopia but for all over Africa."

The amount of energy that's being created would create energy independence and it would create a role model for many other countries to do the same, however he noted this is the reason that Ethiopia specifically and all of Africa is being targeted for destruction.

Besides being a sovereign nation state, Ethiopia has taken a unique stand and has obviously chosen to break out of great game and start doing things that it was



'not allowed to do' or was 'not supposed to do' like the emission of credit for large-scale infrastructure projects and creation of bilateral large-scale treaties with china that is being increasingly seen as a US enemy, among others, he underlined.

Nonetheless, he stressed that Ethiopia has moved through amazing and accomplished miracles up until now through the last years.

"Not only it has remained the only country that has never been colonized but there's a very strong deep seated tradition which is something that the oligarchy that is trying to manage the world as gods of Olympus today don't understand," he underscored.

He also noted that the tradition has allowed Ethiopia to navigate through crazy storms adding that it has exhibited all of the characteristics of a nation that is fit to survive and has the creative vitality to do it.

Furthermore, he reiterated that Africans need to be focusing on building up industrial hubs and projects with neighbors and with the help of other countries, enhancing the spirit of cooperation and creating inspiration among one another.

News

Ministry prepares youth for Fourth Industrial Revolution

BY TAMERU REGASA

ADDIS ABABA- The Ministry of Labor and Skills said it has been operating the youth for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) that aims to significantly reduce youth unemployment.

Labor and Skills State Minister Nigussu Tilahun told *The Ethiopian Herald* that Ethiopia has been fulfilling essential infrastructure that enables it to achieve 4IR. To this end, the country has been strengthening electronic based doing of businesses and expanding technical and

vocational education (TVET).

The state minister pointed out that close partnership has been formed with higher education institutions with a view to providing sizable jobs for skilled and unemployed youth. Efforts have also been made to identify the sector's challenge with research and study.

"There is mismatch between the supply and demand of labor due to poor quality and relevance of education and training in Ethiopia and we have been working to address this problem"

Presenting a research paper titled Youths,

Employment and Skill in Ethiopia, Policy Studies Institute (PSI) Researcher Amare Metebu (PhD) said education and training have great impacts on economic and all spheres of development of any country. "There is a great mismatch between supply and market of employment and several companies encounter difficulties in finding employees with the right skill set."

Ethiopia should revise the TVET curriculum, improve labor marketing information system, establish the culture of lifelong learning and ensure the digital infrastructure and skills sets to the needs of 4IR, the academician recommended.



Nigussu Tilahun

Africans' unity...

Westerners. When they cannot get what they want from the African continent, those caused the problem. We saw in Egypt before we saw in Libya as well."

He added that it has been seen in different places that when Westerners can get their own way, they will always be a problem.

According to him, there is no problem in African countries unless westerners have interest in that place. "So this wakes us up to know Africa should be dependent on ourselves and we should be very careful to tell our problems to Westerners." African problems should be solved by Africans themselves.

Cameroonian Fadimatou Iyawa Ousmanou on her part stated that many African countries are facing various challenges. To tackle these challenges, Africans need to be united.

"First of all, we need to be able to show our responsibilities in terms of youth leadership by bringing our innovation,



Aldaw Abdellah

creativity, potential, and skills. As African youth, we need to provide our patriotism so that we can be able to defend the interests of our countries," she added.

She further insisted that Africans need to share their good experiences so that other countries can be able to benefit from that.

Regarding Ethiopia, Fadimatou said that she has information about the current situation in Ethiopia and foreign forces' undue pressure on the country.

"As African youth, we are bringing



Jackson Akim Pemba

our voices to support peace-building in Ethiopia as an African country. We can be able to bring our contribution to so that Ethiopia can be able to overcome this challenge," she indicated.

Africans are supposed to be united because each country in Africa has difficult problems even though they have huge opportunities, so said Sudanese Aldaw Abdellah.

According to him, African countries need to have a strategy to make good collaboration in economic, social, and political affairs.



Fadimatou Iyawa Ousmanou

"For example, when we speak about Sudan and Ethiopia, in Sudan there is an agricultural resource, and Ethiopia has a great population number and market opportunity. So Sudan can export agricultural products to Ethiopia," Aldaw explained.

At the same time, he added, there is an electric power shortage in Sudan, but can purchase electricity from Ethiopia. "When we collaborate we can find solutions for our problems as every nation have its own solutions for problems."

ICHREE bias...

we heard is not a message of peace but warning one after the other. But I would like to remind member states that as a proud African country; that has endured many challenges; we will definitely pass the challenges that we are facing today. We might look powerless in the face of a block of countries, which we have faced during World War II, but the spirit of our soul is strong."

That soul is not only to stand and be Ethiopian, but also to stand and bring peace and resolve those challenges. The government cannot let the fate of 120million people into handful of experts, Ambassador Taye emphasized.

"Having said the above; however, we will always welcome well-meaning actors, but not those who already made their decisions, condemn, censor and put us to death. I would say 'Forgive

them, for they know not what they do. Therefore, as a government, I can assure you; all perpetrators of human right violations will be accountable. As Ambassador, we have to do it on our own, not to please anyone, we know lasting peace can only be achieved with just and accountability for the crimes committed in all regions; but that has to be Country owned."

The ICHREE is born out of a political calculation to intensify pressure against Ethiopia. Ethiopia was criticizing the disputed mandate of the commission at the very beginning, the Ethiopian Government reiterates its position that the establishment of ICHREE by the Human Rights Council was uncalled for and founded on a series of erroneous premises, the Permanent Representative remarked.

Power blackouts...

T-TPLF in other areas of northern Ethiopia is continuing.

"Rigorous preparations had been made in advance to repair electricity infrastructure in areas liberated from the terrorist group," Melaku said, adding that the infrastructure maintenance is being done in difficult conditions following the footsteps of the residents who were released by the invading force.

"The restoration of the damaged power line from Alamata to Kobo was done through a joint effort and 120 employees worked hard day and night to complete the electrical infrastructure maintenance in a short period

of time."

During the repair work, 42 main distribution transformers in the Alamata area that were destroyed by the T-TPLF group have been replaced. Also, there are electricity transmission lines that have been destroyed by bullets and six thousand meters of damaged electrical conductors have been replaced.

In addition to the maintenance work done from Alamata to Kobo, more than 90 percent of the maintenance work of the 66 kilovolt transmission line from Alamata to Lalibela has been completed, he remarked.

T-TPLF enablers...

Ethiopia through their satellite information and have been supporting the T-TPLF from the beginning. However, Ethiopians repeated the Victory of Adwa through withstanding the endless neo-colonialism efforts."

Accordingly, the Ethiopian government and citizens in home and abroad should work proactively and repeat the battlefield success through arresting the hidden agendas of the internal and external enemies and exposing to the international community, Endale appealed.

Opinion

Sanctions Showdown with Ethiopia: The Wrath of Biden

BY ALMARIAM

PART ONE

Author's Note:

The Biden administration is at the end of its wits in its policy towards Ethiopia.

Over the past two years, the Biden administration left no stones unturned to help the terrorist TPLF win an outright military victory against the Ethiopian Government in three campaigns. Failed!

The Biden administration mobilized the European Union, the United Nations and certain Western countries to pressure Ethiopia to submit to TPLF demands. Failed!

The Biden administration coordinated and organized the Western press-titute media to demonize, stigmatize, ostracize and dehumanize Ethiopians and their democratically elected government. Failed!

The Biden administration worked with key members of the US Congress to sponsor punitive legislation to impose crippling sanctions on Ethiopia. Failed!

The Biden administration terminated Ethiopia from participation in the African Growth and Opportunity Act regime throwing out tens of thousands of thousands of poor Ethiopians out of work. Failed! (No doubt those factory workers, mostly women, were thrown into unemployment and poverty. Biden can chalk that up as his victory!)

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Is the Ethiopian Government negotiating with terrorist TPLF or the Biden Administration?

Duplicity comes from the Late Latin word *duplicitās*, meaning "doubleness" or twofold.

Applied to Biden administration's diplomacy (a/k/a "dumbplomacy") in Ethiopia, it means pretending to play the role of concerned mediator and arbiter while secretly conspiring and working like the devil in hell to save the terrorist TPLF from military defeat and restore it to power in Ethiopia.

Since terrorist TPLF attacked Ethiopia's Northern Command on November 4, 2022, and its defeat shortly thereafter, individuals soon-to-be top-level members of the incoming Biden administration (including Susan Rice, Antony Blinken, Jake Sullivan) have been using the language of diplomatic duplicity to enable the TPLF to murder, plunder and gain military victory in Ethiopia and gain international legitimacy.

I have documented that meticulously in previous commentaries.

Almost two years to the week of the initial TPLF terrorist attack on November 4, 2020, it is now show time and showdown time.

On October 21, 2022, three days before the

start of peace talks between the Ethiopian Government and representatives of the terrorist organization in South Africa, a black woman, US Ambassador to the UN Linda Thomas-Greenfield was given the dirty job of throwing down the gauntlet to Ethiopia. (Reminds me of the duping of Gen. Colin Powell with his UN statement on the bogus weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.)

Thomas-Greenfield fired a shot across the bow threatening "the US is prepared to take appropriate measures" if the Ethiopian Government and terrorist TPLF do not reach a resolution to the conflict."

In her October 21, 2022 statement, Thomas-Greenfield hectored:

The situation in Ethiopia is spiraling out of control. The social fabric is being ripped apart, and civilians are paying a horrific price. Thousands of Ethiopian, Eritrean, and TPLF forces are engaged in active combat. The scale of the fighting and deaths rival what we're seeing in Ukraine, and innocent civilians are being caught in the crossfire. Over two years of conflict, as many as half a million – half a million – people have died...

She concluded, "The United States remains prepared to take appropriate measures against those who obstruct a resolution of this conflict, and we are determined to have those who commit human rights abuses held to account."

The Ethiopian Government's core demands in the peace talks are the demands of any reasonable sovereign government in the world facing the scourge of terrorism.

Before formal peace talks can begin, the Ethiopian government insists the TPLF must 1) disarm, 2) demobilize, 3) demilitarize and 4) end all armed resistance by itself and its proxy terrorists throughout the country.

Kindeya Gebrehiwot, terrorist TPLF spokesman stated three demands: 1) immediate cessation of hostilities, 2) unrestricted humanitarian access and 3) withdrawal of Eritrean forces from Tigray.

Unstated for public consumption but likely are demands for general amnesty for its leaders and fighters, safe passage out of Ethiopia and decertification of TPLF as a terrorist organization by the Ethiopian Government.

Not surprisingly, the three demands of the terrorist TPLF are also the exact same demands of the Biden administration.

Both the TPLF and Biden administration are using the same playbook and coordinating behind the scenes to pressure Ethiopia into accepting those conditions.

On October 12, 2022, in a "Joint Statement on Resumption of Hostilities in Northern Ethiopia", Australia, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States, called for an end to military offensives, agree to a cessation of hostilities, allow for unhindered and sustained humanitarian access, and pursue a negotiated settlement through peace talks and withdrawal of Eritrean forces.

The aforementioned three TPLF conditions

are also core elements of bills introduced in the US Congress: S.3199 and S.Res 97 in the US Senate and HR 6600 in the US House of Representatives.

The cynical selection of Linda Thomas-Greenfield to deliver the sanctions ultimatum

Why was Thomas-Greenfield chosen to throw the sanctions gauntlet at Ethiopia?

Her diplomatic involvement in the conflict is negligible, not much more than reading prepared speeches for her at the UN and tweeting from time to time.

The man who should have delivered the ultimate was Mike Hammer, the Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa.

Thomas-Greenfield was saddled to deliver the sanctions ultimatum because the *Biden administration wanted a black face to deliver the bad news to a black African population.*

Thomas-Greenfield was given the task of doing the dirty job of issuing the ultimatum that Mike Hammer, Samantha Power and Susan Rice and Antony Blinken should be giving since they are the architects of the entire conflict.

When sanctions are imposed and the ***t hits the fan in Ethiopia, it is going to be Thomas-Greenfield's black mug that is going to be splashed all over the Ethiopian media and global social media.

Thomas-Greenfield will be the object of hate, derision, contempt, ridicule, scorn, outrage and insult. Thomas-Greenfield will be the scapegoat released into the cyber wilderness to atone for the sins of the Biden administration.

Thomas-Greenfield will be the lightning rod for the complete failure of Biden's policy in the Horn of Africa. Hammer, Power, Rice and Blinken will sit and chuckle having made Thomas-Greenfield a sucker.

What is behind the Biden administration/TPLF demand for immediate cessation of hostilities?

The Biden administration insists on an immediate cessation of hostilities because the TPLF is getting hammered on the battlefield and is losing on all fronts. Its command and control has been vanquished and the mostly child soldiers troops of the TPLF are totally destroyed.

Unless there is an immediate ceasefire, the TPLF will go the way of the dinosaurs, become permanently extinct. If the TPLF becomes extinct, the Biden administration loses its most potent weapon to destabilize and destroy Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa.

On June 28, 2021, the Ethiopian Government declared a unilateral ceasefire and withdrew from Tigray region. The Biden administration did NOT call or pressure the TPLF to join in the unilateral ceasefire. Instead, the Biden administration worked behind the scenes to legitimize the cause of the terrorist TPLF using the Western press-titute media, think tankers and members of Congress.

The TPLF took the unilateral ceasefire declaration to regroup, rearm itself and

launch a second devastating attack on Ethiopia. By November 2021, the TPLF had "pushed to within a day's drive of the capital Addis Ababa and were threatening to march on the city of 5 million people."

In March 2022, the Ethiopian Government agreed to a ceasefire in the form of a "humanitarian truce" to facilitate delivery of humanitarian aid to the region. The TPLF broke that ceasefire by launching a third attack on Ethiopia in late August 2022. The Biden administration NEVER put any meaningful pressure on the TPLF to abide by a ceasefire or to agree to peace talks.

Indeed, TPLF leaders described peace talks and negotiations with the Ethiopian Government as a "sick joke." The top military leader of the TPLF opined, "The war is finished. The conflict is getting finished in war. It is being finished in the war. With whom are we going to negotiate?"

When the TPLF forcibly looted over one-half million liters of fuel set for humanitarian purposes, USAID boss Samantha Power tweeted "we strongly condemn the TPLF theft" and will they please "return the fuel and respect humanitarian operations."

If the fuel had been looted by the Ethiopian Government, all hell would have broken loose and they would have mobilized the Western press-titute media into a frenzy proclaiming bloody murder.

The Biden administration's con game of "ceasefire" and "peace talks" has clear strategic objectives:

- 1) Legitimize the TPLF (and strip off its designation as a terrorist organization) as a sovereign or semi-sovereign entity and affirm its capacity to negotiate.
- 2) Rehabilitate the image of the TPLF from a terrorist organization to a legitimate political opposition through a ceasefire/peace negotiation.
- 3) Buy time for the TPLF to rearm and regroup by dragging out ceasefire negotiations.
- 4) Use ceasefire negotiations and inclusive dialogue as conditions to open international borders in the name of accessing humanitarian aid and enable the TPLF to resupply itself with weapons from outside sources, specifically from Sudan, Egypt and the European Union.
- 5) Use ceasefire negotiations and inclusive dialogue as a first step towards restoration of terrorist TPLF to power.
- 6) Create an opportunity for the Biden administration to play kingmaker and legitimize its role as a "neutral mediator" in the ceasefire negotiations by offering financial and other incentives. In doing so, the U.S. gains unfettered power to meddle in internal Ethiopian politics and dictate terms of surrender to the Ethiopian Government.
- 7) By forcing PM Abiy's government to the negotiating table with the TPLF, the Biden administration aims to show the people of

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Editorial

Triumphant move amid manifold obstacles

No matter how tiresome and monotonous the pressure against Ethiopia from every direction would be, the country has been trekking on the right track and continues recording remarkable achievements on economic, social and political aspects so the saying goes, 'The camel marches while the dogs keeps on barking.'

Bodies that are not comfortable with Ethiopia's positive strides towards growth and prosperity are working to weaken the nation as they pursue their interests on the expense of the other nations.

To the surprise of everyone, some powers would still love to twist the arms of Ethiopia in the direction they prefer. They have been thinking old that if Ethiopia becomes independent and be in a position to defeat poverty well, they won't have opportunity to quench their interests as they did before years during the TPLF-led administration.

Recognizing the necessity of ensuring rule of law, reinvigorating sustainable economic development, promoting peaceful coexistence and harmonious way of living are of significantly useful in withstanding external pressures; Ethiopia is well embarking on agricultural development and natural resource effective utilization. What it is carrying out right now is a clear testimony for this.

For instance, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited Lume woreda of East Shewa Zone to see farmers who had finished harvesting and began seeding summer irrigation wheat. Farmers intend to cultivate wheat on 200,000 hectares of land only during the summer season. As to the Premier, as long as Ethiopians have dedicated hearts and diligent hands, they will satisfy Ethiopia's demands and have plenty to share with others centering wheat export.

True, Ethiopia has peculiarly capitalized on wheat production,

major achievements regarding huge projects like Sheger, and other groundbreaking undertakings to make a difference in all aspects. In so doing, Ethiopia has become capable of building resilience against future shocks and undue external pressures, as well as recording major achievements amid ups and downs. This promising move could never be held back following the unwavering stance of the nation.

As Ethiopia is working hard to declare self-reliance, the international community has to well acknowledge and back its effort instead of giving it hard time unduly interfering in its internal affairs. All Ethiopians are now determined to realize 'Ethiopia first, not foreign interests.'

As threats of some foreign force are key instruments of world order and the silencing of opposition, conflict profiting elements have been shouting on behalf of the terrorist group since its merciless attack of the Northern Command based in Tigray.

Some foreign powers are also witnessed to back illegitimate, outlawed and irresponsible factions serving their interests at the expense of the sovereignty of Ethiopia.

These bodies have to know that failure to respect the sovereignty of the country and its national interest is highly considered as a great transgression and infringing international laws.

In sum, time is ripe for Ethiopia to have an independent level devoid of intrusion. Cognizant of the fact that promoting agriculture is instrumental to make aid dependence history, the government has well focused on the sector. Such sacred efforts would ease impacts of sanctions and undue pressures as being dependent have always paved leeway for interference and uninvited meddling. Ethiopia has come up with changes amid multifarious downsides.

Opinion

Western propaganda war on Ethiopia and their esoteric agenda for destabilizing the Horn of Africa

BY SOLOMON DIBABA

The western powers are trying to revive colonialism in Ethiopia and Africa at large in its most brute form of neo-colonialism and racist-oriented total misinformation campaign on the country.

The commercial media outlets of the western countries are engaged in preparing false beat news on the country in a bid to depict a false image of the country and to promote the fascistic actions of terrorist TPLF on Ethiopia.

The west is attempting to save a dying terrorist organization that should have been taken to the ICC at the expense of hundreds and thousands of honest civilians it killed in Tigray and Northern Ethiopia. While the terrorist group is under total defeat in the hands of the ENDF with full support from the people of Ethiopia and the government, the western countries have continued to foment a barrage of misinformation and lies that have continued unabated.

In a statement it issued on the 28th of October 2022, entitled "Ethiopia Condemns Irresponsible Allegations of Atrocities for Sinister Political Agenda" Ethiopian Government Communication services noted that "The Government of Ethiopia can no more tolerate the defamatory falsehood being spread against Ethiopia by various western entities. It is shameful that they parrot TPLF's irresponsible propaganda that most heinous crimes could or might be committed in Ethiopia"

The Statement from Government Communication Service mentions the assumption from western institutions and media agencies that "heinous crimes could

or might be committed." Providing evidence on any accusations is a standard norm in any communication or journalistic undertaking. There is no speculative journalism devoid of facts and this indicates that western leaders and their media companies are giving themselves the freedom to lie as long as it could help to save terrorist TPLF.

The Statement adds that "It is regrettable few institutions of repute could not resist joining the orchestrated campaign against Ethiopia. Some might be fooled into believing their defamation against Ethiopia. Some share the intention of using these allegations to force Ethiopia into submission. They are mistaken that by making such outrageous allegations, they could intimidate the Government of Ethiopia to change course in its defensive measures against TPLF."

Over the last four years, the western media outlets including the BBC, AP, AFP, CNN, Fox News, New York Times, DW, Aljazeera, and Reuters conducted a systematic and coordinated defamation, misinformation and propaganda marred with falsehood on the people and Government of Ethiopia without even caring to verify the truth from falsehood simply to do a public relations work for terrorist TPLF and to promote western interest in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa. Never have western media outlets conducted coordinated media defamation on the country as they did over the last two years.

While the peace talks were going on in South Africa, The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum came up with a report that it "is deeply concerned about further crimes against

humanity and a heightened risk of genocide in Ethiopia's Tigray region. The situation has deteriorated exponentially as Ethiopian security forces, supported by Eritrean forces and Amhara Special Forces, have seized key towns and cities imperilling vulnerable Tigrayan civilians." This report has no sources and is not substantiated with evidence but is simply a classical demonstration of the total bias of Ethiopia.

International human rights organizations were also at the forefront to confuse misinforming and tarnish the image of the ENDF and the government. Look! They are supporting a terrorist organization that has massacred thousands of its troops and officers who were fighting in the rank and file of the terrorist army.

The UNHRC came up with an unedited and lopsided document it said showed the violation of human rights and crimes against humanity. This document was utterly rejected by a considerable number of UN members at the UNGA because it lacked verified facts and was restricted to a poor methodology of investigations through investigating through telephone calls.

What better evidence can one get apart from the common graveyards of the massacred terrorist TPLF fighters that the ENDF has discovered at Chercher in North Wollo? They killed and buried their fighters in secret common graveyards dehumanizing their compatriots even in graveyards.

Amnesty International and a host of international human rights organizations were busy fabricating unverified and one-sided reporting and investigations most of which

were never true.

The west is talking about human rights but refuses to acknowledge the fact that terrorist TPLF is the main violator of human rights in its actions in cooperation with its local terrorist allies like Gumuz, Kimant, Agaw Council and other terrorist organizations trained and armed by Egypt and Sudan.

Even the UN agencies continued to conduct a coordinated media war on Ethiopia and have escalated their propaganda led by the Secretary-General who lamented that "everything is out of control in Ethiopia" hoping for total devastation of the country. For a couple of days, apart from the propaganda war on the country by the WHO Director Tedros Adhanom major UN systems were fabricating news that the entire country is hit by drought, cholera, Malaria and an unprecedented lack of medicaments in the entire country. They are not heeding the genuine request from the Government of Ethiopia to resume the provision of relief food for Tigray but are lamenting issues that have no direct bearing on the situation in the northern part of the country.

As the result, as stated in the Statement issued by the Government Communication Service, "The Government of Ethiopia is therefore forced to weigh its options and reconsider its relations with some states and entities that are making unsubstantiated and politically motivated accusations against the government."

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Business & Economy

Efforts to globalize Debre Berhan investment potential

BY BACHA ZEWDIE

Debre Berhan city, which has become one of the main investment destinations that have attracted the attention of investors in Ethiopia, is becoming a role model for other areas with its investment success. The fact that the city is located close to Addis Ababa, safe and peaceful, its favorable climate, and that it has the potential for the development of agriculture, industry and service sectors are among the reasons that made it a preferred investment destination.

Information also indicates that a structural city plan is being prepared for the next 50 years. It is expected that its investment activity will increase in the coming years.

In the 2021/22 fiscal year, 300 investment projects were planned to be approved, and 310 projects worth 39 billion Birr have been approved. These investment projects are capable of creating employment opportunities for more than 35,000 citizens. In the 2022/23 fiscal year, it is planned to give license to 350 investment projects, and in the last three months, it was possible to give license to more than 100 investors.

Debre Berhan has plans beyond this. It is striving to become the preferred investment hub by increasing its current investment capacity. In order to achieve this plan, helping and encouraging the growing inflow of investment in the area; attracting more investors by introducing new investment opportunities and establishing convenient procedures; helping new entrepreneurial youths and creating links with international commercial, financial and investment institutions are important inputs; realizing that they are carrying out activities that help to fulfill these inputs.

Based on this, the “Debre Berhan International Investment, Trade and Finance Expo” which is said to be one of these inputs to increase investment potential, will be held from January 12 to 22, 2023 in Debre Berhan city. The expo is a new event and first-of-its-kind for the city, where no such investment, business and financial expo have been held before. It is believed that this will create additional capacity for Debre Berhan, the successful city with investment performance.

“Debre Berhan International Investment, Trade and Finance Expo” will help to stimulate the national economy by increasing foreign direct investment, which has been stagnant due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the war in the northern part of Ethiopia, by connecting local manufacturing industries with financial institutions and creating a wide range of job opportunities. It is expected to be input in arousing the national economy.

Revitalizing the stagnant and devastated economy; establishing an economic system linked to the international investment community for the North Shawa zone and neighboring areas, which are favorable for surplus producers and any investment activities; creating a common communication platform for commercial, investment and financial institutions; are the main reasons behind organizing the expo that need to promote the investment

center of Debre Berhan Regiopolitan City at the international level by conducting an investment campaign, as well as creating an opportunity to promote the investment potential of different areas of the country.

It is expected that 800 to 1000 participants will attend the expo. Domestic and foreign investors, distributors and traders engaged in retail trade, research and innovation institutions, financial organizations (banks, credit and savings and insurance institutions), youth entrepreneur associations and regions, zones, city administrations and districts will participate in the event. They promote their abilities through their participation thereby exchange experiences. High government officials and ambassadors are also expected to attend.

Apart from being promotion of the investment potential and the experience sharing platform, the expo will also hold discussions focused on investment development prospects, challenges and solutions in Debre Berhan.

Registration process of “Tegulet Media and Promotion”, “Zhema Promotion and Events” and “Nablis International Media, Marketing and Events” in cooperation with Debre Berhan City Administration, Amhara Region and the Federal Government for this event will be held from October 25 to January 3, 2023. It was pointed out that registration has officially started in more than 10 cities across the country, including Addis Ababa.

Objectives and benefits of the expo

Deputy Mayor of Debre Berhan City, Kasahun Embiale, explained that the expo is not only about Debre Berhan and its development. Rather, it will contribute to the overall national development of Ethiopia beyond the Amhara region. As to him, the investment, trade and finance expo is an activity that focuses on the areas that need

primary attention in terms of investment development and promotion activities in the Amhara region. It is an activity that takes into account the globalization of investment and competitiveness as well as the revival of the stagnant economic activity.

According to Kasahun, promoting, helping and encouraging the increasing inflow of investment in Debre Berhan and its surroundings; attracting foreign direct investment in viable sectors; creating opportunities for youth entrepreneurs and start-ups nationwide to connect with large companies; strengthening the cooperation framework and linkages of international trade, investment and financial institutions; enhancing the investment destination of Debre Berhan; and creating a platform for districts, cities and zones to promote their investment potential to investors are the main objectives of the expo. He also mentioned that an expo focused on investment and financial institutions has never been organized and said that the forum is a good opportunity to gain new experience in the sector.

Kasahun said, “Amhara region is working to develop the sector by identifying the main investment focus sectors and areas, as well as to compensate the damage caused by the war and to stimulate investment activities”. He declared that there is a need to promote the investment potential and activities of Debre Berhan City, which is one of the investment destinations, at the international level.

Kasahun further explained that, they want Debre Berhan to contribute not only to the Amhara region but also to Ethiopia’s investment sector and economic growth by taking the city’s investment opportunities to a higher level. He stated that the expo, which is expected to create capacity to help expand and strengthen the experiences gained through investment, was visualized

from this point of view.

Berhan Gebrehiwot, Head of the Department of Industry and Investment of Debre Berhan City, on his part, pointed out that the expo will help attract more investment by promoting the investment potential of the City. He added that the expo will be held on the basis of specific focus areas that will help to increase the investment inflow of the city.

Attracting investors with large capital capacity that can create many job opportunities; encouraging manufacturers and investment sectors that use local raw materials; achieving export-oriented investment; helping projects with better technology to engage in investment; and alleviating poverty by increasing job creation are the directions and guidelines of the investment sector. Considering these areas of focus, the expo will be a platform where the investment potential of Debre Berhan will be introduced and more investment will be brought to the city and its surroundings.

“Investors expected to participate in the expo include those engaged in manufacturing, agriculture and service sectors, financial institutions, small and medium-sized enterprises, young entrepreneurs and research institutions. More investors will come to the area. Young people who graduated in various professions but have not entered the workforce can get experience from the entrepreneurs. There will be experience sharing and discussions that will help the sources of raw materials to create links with manufacturing factories,” he said.

Readiness of Debre Berhan

When planning to organize such a large investment, business and financial expo, it is well known that infrastructure and bureaucratic arrangements should be made to accommodate the participants. From this point of view, it is stated that Debre Berhan is making preparations to host “Debre Berhan Expo 2023” efficiently.

In addition to the preparations made for the expo so far, efforts are being made for the future to solve the infrastructural deficiencies that can be met in the city and the region. They will work in cooperation with the stakeholders on the activities to maintain peace and security. Confirming the readiness of Debre Berhan to host the big event, he said, “We are confident that there will be no infrastructural deficiencies obstacle this expo.”

Berhan Gebrehiwot also said that various arrangements are being made to host the expo. “We have been working to create favorable conditions for organizing the expo. Efforts are being made to correct deficiencies in areas and sectors where more infrastructure gaps are seen in urban cleaning, hotel services and other infrastructure arrangements. In general, a great effort will be made to carry out the expo effectively so that investors can come to Debre Berhan; the society will benefit and the national economy will be stimulated,” he explained.

In the Sphere of Diplomacy

Ethiopia as a powerhouse of modern-day pan-Africanism

BY YOHANES JEMANEH

As one of the founding members of the Organization of African Unity, the current AU and as a leading nation that lent hands in the struggles for independence of African nations, Ethiopia is currently initiating various platforms that mobilize Africans for common goals. Coordinating the Green Legacy Initiatives and commencing the platforms for prospective African leaders are solid testimonies.

Ethiopia hosted the first African Youth Summit in Addis Ababa from 29 to 31 October, 2022. The summit's goal is to promote pan-Africanist vision and sentiment among prospective young Africans, as well as to strengthen integration and Africa's role in international issues. The summit, which is initiated by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed (PhD), was organized by the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Former Ethiopian and other African leaders shared their experiences with the youth. The youth representatives from more than 50 African countries have attended the summit.

The Summit has showcased Ethiopia's longstanding commitment to promote a pan-African vision as it is critical that Africans understand the concept of pan-Africanism. The summit has also provided an opportunity to enrich African youth's understanding of pan-Africanism.

Young African leaders from all over the continent attended the summit, which will provide them with a broad continental perspective. Shortly, the summit aims to introduce the concept and philosophy of Pan-Africanism to the new generation of Africa and strengthen solidarity. It also aims to show the youth that Africa's role as a continent in the international political system will be strengthened and to develop mutual ties.

In his opening remarks, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Demeke Mekonnen said that Africa should work for the advancement and benefit of the youth by taking advantage of the favorable opportunities available at the continental level.

Demeke briefed the Ethiopian government's wide-range efforts underway by engaging the youth in various voluntary services. He also asserted that the forum hosted by Ethiopia this time is an ideal platform to create connections by the youth leaders and to build partnerships.



During the Summit, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, on her part, remarked Africa should use the potential of the youth to build hope and development for the continent. She emphasized the importance of utilizing young people's potential to advance global and continental change.

Head of the Ethiopian Youth League, Asfaw Tekele, also said that the same resilience of the Pan-African movement shall be repeated currently to development and growth of the continent.

The summit continued discussions on ways of promoting pan-African vision, strengthen integration among African youth tomorrow. For Asfaw, Ethiopia's move on integrating African youths through undertaking public diplomacy is an important mechanism in which future African leaders could learn a sort of companionship on continental development. He mentioned that Ethiopia has made inspirational works in this regard through mobilizing African youths to implement continent-wide green legacy initiatives.

It is to be recalled that Ethiopian youth delegates had been planting trees in various countries including Djibouti and South Sudan. On Oct 15, 2022 Ethiopian Plant African Fraternity youth delegation has planted trees in Djibouti. Residents of Djibouti have also joined the Ethiopian youths in the tree planting session in the presence of Ambassador of Ethiopia to Djibouti, Berhanu Tsegaye, Deputy Head of Democratic System Building Center at the Office of the Prime Minister, Ambassador Hassen Abdulkadir and Agriculture Minister

of Djibouti, Ahmed Mohammed Awaleh. Ambassador Berhanu Tsegaye said on the occasion that the tree planting event is a testimony how Ethiopia and Djibouti are joining hands to plant root that will bear fruit for mutual prosperity.

On the other hand, similar event had taken place on Oct 14, 2022 in South Sudan where Ethiopian youths planted trees accompanied by their South Sudanese peer mates.

During the tree planting program, Ethiopia's youth delegation together with senior government officials from both sides, planted about 500 seedlings in Juba under the banner of the Plant African Fraternity event. During the occasion, Zadiq Abraha, Democracy Building Center Coordinator Cluster Head at Ethiopia's Prime Minister Office, lauded Ethiopia's and South Sudan's relations and urged the two countries to work together to achieve the goals of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Green Legacy initiative to combat the effects of climate change.

For his part, the Minister of Culture, Youth, and Sports of South Sudan, Albino Bol Dhieu, said Ethiopia is a symbol of Pan-Africanism and appreciated the Green Legacy initiative in solidifying the already strong Ethiopian and South Sudanese relations by creating linkages with the youth of the two countries.

Ethiopian Ambassador in South Sudan, Nebil Mhadi said the event manifested the historical and intertwined deep relations between the peoples of Ethiopia and South Sudan. "Ethiopia expresses its eagerness to build layer upon layer of the best relations between the two countries' youth," he said.

A panel discussion was also held on the bilateral relationships between the two

countries in the presence of Ethiopian community members in South Sudan and representatives of South Sudan's youth, among others.

In fact, Ethiopia's Green Legacy initiative is paying off as the country is getting more rain that boost productivity thereby boost the national capacity of providing more product to local as well as global market. Moreover, Ethiopians have learnt that joining hands on natural protection and agricultural projects help to secure food security.

Ethiopians will attain their food security goals, overcome hurdle, and see the country thrive as they work together, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said On Oct 29, 2022 after a field visit of cluster wheat farm in East Shewa Zone alongside the Oromia region chief administrator and other senior government officials.

After visiting the wheat farms, PM Abiy tweeted, "In East Shewa Zone's Dugda and Bora woredas, eight thousand farmers have successfully grown wheat through cluster farming on 31,000 hectares of land. We will attain our food security goals, overcome hurdles, and see our country thrive as we work together".

The Green Legacy efforts that undertaken by the youth from Ethiopia and the other African countries will bear fruit in the long run in terms of economic, social and political cooperation that could boom the development of the continent in the shortest possible time. Therefore investing more on youth cooperation must be strengthened since it flickers hope for the youngest continent.

Sanctions Showdown ...

Ethiopia PM Abiy is a weak and ineffective leader thereby turning the population against him.

8) By forcing the Ethiopian government to ceasefire and peace negotiations, show the world PM Abiy's government is the aggressor and the TPLF victim.

9) Make Ethiopia the whipping bad boy of Africa. If any African country tries to buck the U.S. or refuses to kiss the Biden administration's rear end, it will be crushed with sanctions the world has never seen.

10) Prolong the ceasefire negotiations as an

effective weapon of attrition. Bleed Ethiopia financially. Trap and bog the Ethiopian Government in a ceasefire/dialogue negotiation and drag them out indefinitely thereby frustrating the Ethiopia Government and the people of Ethiopia. The longer the ceasefire negotiations take the more legitimacy and public support the Ethiopian Government will lose among the Ethiopian people.

11) Use the ceasefire negotiations and inclusive dialogue to secure full amnesty and immunity from prosecution for all TPLF leaders and exonerate them from the crimes

of humanity they committed.

12) Use ceasefire and peace negotiations to create the opportunity for the deployment of a UN chapter VII force tasked with a variety of duties allowing maximum foreign intervention in Ethiopia's internal affairs.

13) Use ceasefire/peace negotiations to reintegrate the TPLF terrorist forces into the Ethiopian armed forces.

14) Use ceasefire and peace negotiations to force the Ethiopian Government to share power with the terrorist TPLF.

15) Ultimately restore the TPLF to power through the clever use of ceasefire and peace negotiations.

The tactical approaches to achieve the strategic goals are to:

- 1) Give lip service to African Union mediation between the Government of Ethiopia and the terrorist TPLF.
- 2) Buy off African leaders to apply pressure on Ethiopia.
- 3) Use the AU as a weapon to pressure Ethiopia.
- 4) Seek observer and facilitator status during the ceasefire and peace negotiations.
- 5) Offer to underwrite the entire ceasefire/peace negotiations and dominate the process.
- 6) Outright hijack the AU mediation process.

The most important reason for the ceasefire demand is obvious: To give terrorist TPLF a fourth chance to attack, murder and plunder. Nothing else!

Law & Politics

The west's futile attempt to rescue criminal TPLF from decimation

BY ADDISALEM MULAT

Having remained tight-lipped on the provocative act of the terrorist TPLF group, some western countries have once again been trying to ramp up unjust pressure on Ethiopia. The renewed external interference came as the criminal TPLF has been crushed in the hand of the joint Ethiopian defense forces and the Tigray people started to breathe fresh air.

For almost two years now, the rogue TPLF element has been waging vicious circles of war amidst the silence of its paymaster. Some countries that consider themselves the policemen of the globe have been mute on the gruesome atrocities of the disgruntled clique.

These countries have now embarked on unleashing pressure on the country as TPLF received a humiliating defeat following the defensive measure of the government.

In the present climate, the U.S. and its Western allies have been making every possible effort now and then to impose their interests on the democratically elected Ethiopian government under the veil of human rights violations. In consideration of the foregoing, they have been working around the clock to bring back the terrorist group that had been toppled from power as a consequence of the concerted efforts of Ethiopians at home and abroad.

By the same token, Washington leaves no stone unturned to reinstall its hegemony by returning the criminal organization to the former power.

There has been a coordinated campaign by the West to weaken Ethiopia and overthrow the government and impose a puppet regime in the country. TPLF has been serving as a conveyor belt for some foreign entities.

To everyone's dismay taking sides with the criminal enterprise and covering up the heinous crimes perpetrated in the northern part of the country, they have been at all hours of the day and night engaging in a smear campaign against the government in addition to coming up with multifarious embroidered human right allegations and other imaginary stories.

Notwithstanding the fact that a lot of efforts have been made to make conversant the wider international community with the self-evident truth unfolding in the northern part of the country, the U.S. and its allies have been placing the blame on the incumbent and turning a blind eye over and over again. Other than that deliberately ignoring the undisputable truth under the guise of human rights violations, they have been working in partnership with the criminal gang engaged in blackening the positive achievements of the country.

More often than not the U.S. and its allies come up with a biased resolution that can sooner rather than later raise the stakes and increase the risk. In the aftermath of the repeated unwarranted foreign pressure, Ethiopians at a plurality of locations worldwide have fought against Washington and its allies that have been working in many instances to elbow in the sovereignty and the territorial integrity of the nation at the earliest possible juncture.

In addition to that friends of Ethiopia have played a part in forestalling external pressure and interference on the grounds that they know the hidden motives of some superpowers. It is appropriate to recall activists from Kenya, Somalia, South Africa, and other nations had amalgamated the #NoMore movement

frontrunners led by Ethiopians in Addis Ababa and partaking in symposiums and discussions. In actual fact, the movement has captivated more Africans and foreign nationals on the subject of western nations' unfair intervention in Ethiopia and other African nations.

Working in solidarity with some of the power blocs, the disgraced international media outlets have been getting involved in spreading fake news stories giving the cold shoulder to the efforts of the government that has been struggling day in and day out to make peace happen in the face of the illegal organization continuous negligence to the peace talks.

At the time when the bandit group attacked the Ethiopian National Defense Forces positioned in the Tigray State, some world powers failed to utter a single word of condemnation. But when the Ethiopian National Defense Forces embarked on carrying out law enforcement operations aimed at demilitarizing the criminal organization, bringing escapees to justice, and other things of a similar kind, the U.S. and its allies embarked on making an effort to put unwarranted pressure on Ethiopia.

Through the passage of time, as part of twisting Ethiopia's arm to achieve their sought-after goal, they removed Ethiopia from the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) devoid of taking the positive moves of the country and its consequences into account.

To the surprise of everyone, instead of revising its decision and distancing itself from going hand in hand with the ragtag group that cannot survive in the absence of war and conflict, the U.S. has been time and again playing a part in placing sanctions that would obstruct the promising developments surfacing in the country.

In its latest statement, Government Communication Service (GCS) underlined that it would no longer tolerate the defamatory falsehood spread against Ethiopia by various western entities.

GCS stated that it is shameful that some quarters parrot Terrorist TPLF's irresponsible propaganda that the most heinous crimes could or might be committed in Ethiopia. The statement further stated that it is regrettable that few institutions of repute could not resist joining this orchestrated campaign against Ethiopia.

"Some might be fooled into believing this defamation against Ethiopia. Some share the intention of using these allegations to force Ethiopia into submission. They are mistaken that by making such outrageous allegations they could intimidate the government of Ethiopia to change course in its defensive measures against the T- TPLF."

As to the statement, some are jumping to rescue this group no matter what. Some western officials openly admit that they pushed such rhetoric because Ethiopia refused to succumb to their instructions and the bandwagon of accusations and slander does not change facts on the ground.

The GCS added the government acknowledges some venerable organizations and well-meaning actors could be unwitting participants in this campaign. "It is very irresponsible and shameful that allegations of the most reprehensible and the gravest of all crimes are being made for political ends."



The statement, thus, indicated that Ethiopia is forced to weigh its options and consider its relations with some states and entities that are making unsubstantiated and politically motivated accusations of such gravity against the country. Ethiopia cannot continue to tolerate such extreme slander unanswered, the GCS noted.

Finally, the statement underlined that the government is committed to the AU-convened Peace Talks because it is determined to end the conflict peacefully in a durable manner and is equally committed to ensuring accountability for violations of human rights and humanitarian law arising out of the conflict.

Many Western institutions, media, and governments want to make the Terrorist TPLF relevant in making Ethiopia ungovernable, the American political-economic analyst Lawrence Freeman told ENA.

The analyst underscored that Ethiopia has been under repeated attacks by these Western forces due to the country's policy success and its potential for development in the African continent.

According to him, some forces in the West which have the tendency to control Africa have used the conflict in northern Ethiopia as a means to eliminate the government of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.

As Ethiopia has been making significant military advancement in its counter-offensive against T- TPLF, various western institutions, media, and governments have come out threatening Ethiopia, he noted.

For him, this is the extension of the long-term policy from forces in the West that do not want independent political leaders controlling African nations like the Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. Therefore, these forces engaged in a constant destabilization of Ethiopia and tried to make the country ungovernable.

"They want to make the T- TPLF relevant in making Ethiopia ungovernable. Now, if you look at Tedros Adhanom, the Chief of WHO, you see that his statement really violates his position and he should consider resigning because he has really taken a very pro-TPLF position. As a member of a major organization of the UN, this really is a violation."

The American analyst pointed out that forces in the United Nations, European Union, and the United States want to keep the TPLF around to sustain the divisive ethnic group in the Ethiopian body politic, calling that "nonsense."

Freeman also criticized the double standards of the West, repeatedly mentioning the northern Ethiopian problem of only Tigray as the victim. But they don't mention the millions of people who have been displaced in the Amhara and Afar regions.

He argues that they (the West) are responsible for the problem in Ethiopia, adding that if there had been full support for the government of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed from the very

beginning, there would not have been this human suffering.

"If the international community, including UN Secretary-General António Guterres, United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken, US President Joe Biden, the European Union, and others had supported the government, this would have never reached these conditions."

The analyst also noted that at this time Ethiopia is under repeated attacks by the "Western oligarchal forces" due to the country's policy success and potential for development in Africa.

This is the extension of the long-term policy from forces in the West he called "oligarchal forces" which do not want independent political leaders to control the African nations.

These forces don't want to see the African government developing their nations, he pointed out. "We saw many attempts to overthrow African leaders, assassinating them and throughout all sub-Saharan Africa actually."

The analyst believes that it is because of the success of its policy as well as its potential for development that attracted the vicious attack on the Government of Ethiopia.

"People who understand geopolitics, the reason Ethiopia is under attack is because of its potential in development, its leadership, and economic development. This is not hard to understand," Freeman underscored.

Despite the war in northern Ethiopia, the country is pursuing a path to eliminating poverty and promoting development, including light industry and light manufacturing. Hopefully, the country will transform into heavy manufacturing, he elaborated.

The progress on the construction of the Abay Dam and the nation's independent industrial policy in manufacturing parks could be something that would be imitated by other African nations.

These successes by the prime minister and the Prosperity Party have brought about discomfort to these oligarchal parties in the West, and now they are fueling chaos in Ethiopia, the American analyst said. They particularly, play the ethnic polarization card in the Ethiopian body politic which was introduced by T-TPLF, he pointed out.

"There is one nation, the Republic of Ethiopia. There is no Tigrayan nation, Oromo nation, and Amhara nation. There is one nation, and that is Ethiopia. In fact, you have seen all the statements coming out of the U.S. congress members, Anthony Blinken, US Secretary of State, and the UN which still treat Tigray as a legitimate nation and give equivalence to the actual nation and elected government of Prime Minister Abiy."

At this time the Western forces have been pressing the Ethiopian government to declare an immediate ceasefire in order to rescue T-TPLF, Freeman stressed, adding that "this indicates desperation on their part."

Freeman believes that "it is important to militarily defeat the insurgent rebel group that has been trying to overthrow the elected government. The elimination of ethnicity as a political entity in Ethiopia is also important."

Society

Investing on young people's potential key to Africa's sustainable development

BY STAFF REPORTER

Africa is a continent characterized by its youngest population, with more than 453 million young people aged between the ranges of 15 to 35 years, studies indicate. As many people agreed; if the young people are empowered in a manner they can fully realize their potential; given opportunities to involve in countries' development agenda and exploited accordingly, they are an opportunity for the continent's growth.

In fact, increasing the participation of the young people in nations' overall activities and putting them at the center of countries' social, economic, political, environment, peace and security issues is not only enhancing inclusion, but it is also fundamental to address continent's socio economic growth and peace and security matters.

In view of this, these days there are ongoing concerns and efforts to curb the challenges Africa encounters and realize its people-driven development goals, Agenda 2063, through investing on the potential of young population.

Recently, the first of its kind African Youth Summit was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (from October 29 to November 1, 2022) at AU Hall.

The Summit carried out with the theme "Integrated Africa - the Bridge of PM Abiy Ahmed," aims at providing an opportunity for youth to share their experiences and best practices so that the African continent can use this untapped potential by improving the quality of life of young people, building their capacities and skills for the benefit of their



respective countries. What is more, it targets to strengthen African youth fraternity, create a strong bond between the youths and further develop the concept of Pan-Africanism among Africans,

Opening the Summit, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Demeke Mekonnen, said that the youth of Africa have untapped potential that can determine the future of the continent. Investing on and empowering the young generation is decisive to tackle the challenges the continent encounters.

"We need to create a stronger Africa by passing on our past history of Pan-Africanism to the new generation," he remarked.

According to Demeke, empowering and educating African youth is very essential to address the continent's pressing challenges and to put the vision of an integrated, peaceful, and prosperous Africa in a solid base. The African Union should work for the development and benefit of the youth by using the good opportunities on the continent.

Mention government's due attention in

increasing the participation of youth in every stream, he said that through mobilizing the young people in voluntary services, under the national youth volunteer program, various encouraging outcomes are registered.

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

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

Noting the African Union has made several commendable youth development policies and programs, Demeke indicated that the continental body has established the African Youth Charter, the Youth Care Plan of Action, and the Malabo Decision on Youth

Empowerment under the umbrella of Agenda 2063. "The successful realization of these programs needs to be our collective priority."

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

Demeke also urged the African youth to play a vital role in shaping the continent's future and realize their responsibility to secure the interests of the continent in the years to come.

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

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

The AU is committed to harnessing the youth potential as an opportunity for the continent to achieve its vision of becoming integrated, peaceful, and prosperous, she remarked.

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Lessons from grade twelve examinations

BY DIRRIBA TESHOME

The Ministry of Education made necessary preparations for the effectiveness of this year's grade twelve national examinations in two rounds followed by evaluations to scale up best experiences. It did this bearing in mind that it is responsible for enhancing the all-inclusive development of the generations to build a strong sovereign nation.

Minister of Education, Professor Birhanu Nega, said that the 2021/2022 grade twelve national examinations carried on at universities showcased many lessons that his ministry has learned. "We have seen that higher education institutions can fulfill any mission if they are properly managed, determined and put in efforts."

It has been proven that when the government tries to rectify the issues that the people have been complaining about, they will support it in return. In the future, as a nation, the public complains on organized theft, lack of good governance, begging for bribes for government services, and false education in the education sector will be solved, he explained.

Prof. Berhanu said: "The placement of exam administrators outside of the place where they were born and taught made us



realize that we Ethiopians still have strong social ties."

Similarly, he mentioned that the entire process is an opportunity to rebuild the acceptability of the ministry and explained that reform works started in the education sector should be strengthened and efforts need to be persistent to ensure the quality of education.

While getting prepared for the second round national examinations to grade twelve, it identified several problems and outlined to improve them. The second round was based on the experiences gained from the first round of 12th grade social science students' examinations regarding the security whose performance was reviewed.

After the completion of the first round, Prof.

Birhanu disclosed the security investigation in collaboration with the federal police. The Minister, the Ethiopian Federal Police and other security forces, they noted that the work has been done in cooperation.

"Our country's police leadership and members have fulfilled their duties as well as their citizenship responsibility," Prof. Berhanu said in thanking the security forces. The preparation of the review stage has been stated that it is important to correct the limitations that were in the first round of the exam and to strengthen the strong sides and also raise points that need to be focused in the future.

Ethiopian Federal Police Commissioner General Demelash G/Michael, on his part,

has planned to record the 12th grade leaving exam generation and solve the problems that have happened in the first round along with the other security bodies. "We have made special preparations with the Ministry of Education and conducted strict inspection. The work has been completed successfully by strengthening environmental protections under the leadership of the higher authorities."

In addition, the General Commissioner said: "The exam system in which we will create a better generation in the coming years strengthened the security through technology and create better capacity. The Ethiopian Federal Police and other security bodies have made enough preparations to solve the problems we faced in the first round of exams without any security problem."

Finally, the General Commissioner thanked the police administration and other security forces who participated in the first exam. "We all need to learn from the first round and create an exam system that can be recorded for the next generation and build a better country. The Ethiopian Federal Police with all the regions and the two city administration police commissions have taken the first round as a lesson to complete the second round exam peacefully without any security problems."

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Africa's positioning on upcoming COP 27

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The 27th session of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNCCC) on climate change, the Conference of the Parties (COP27) will take place in Sharm El-Sheikh city of Egypt from 6-18 November 2022. More than 190 countries of the world are due to attend the conference..

The African continent and the host country, Egypt is preparing for the event. The COP 27 is expected to give due opportunity to the African continent to actively participate and voice its position in global climate change and negotiations on climate change.

Experts in the sector are arguing that the two-week climate change meeting in Sharm El-Sheikh is an opportunity for the over 190 countries of the world that signed up to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 1992 to take action to mitigate the worst effects of the climate crisis and adapt to its impacts. In this regard, Africa, the least carbon emission contributor is the most vulnerable continent from climate change. Africa is vulnerable to devastating impacts of climate change and the continent is expected to be aware the world the reality of Africa in the sector.

A document published at Institute for Security Studies (ISS) entitled "Africa's positioning in global climate change negotiations" stated that the COP27 is

pivotal for many reasons. The writers of the document believes that taking the outcomes of the Glasgow Conference, COP 26, into consideration, the COP27 will be looked to take the climate commitments forward significantly. For the authors, the past developments indicate that significant global convergence of commitments and actions will be looked at the COP 27 session to increase the responses and actions on climate change.

The COP 27 some experts also call it as "Africa Cop" is expected to become a significant conference with a broader presence of parties even with numbers closer to that of COP 21 of the Paris Conference and perhaps even more. Africa is becoming the peaceful hub of the world and countries across the world are unlikely to miss this opportunity of attending global agenda hosting by Africa. Africa should prepare to make this conference a historic one.

The authors of "Africa's positioning in global climate change negotiations" recommend the development of a compendium of African best climate practice. For the writers, Africa is a global test bed for a global low-carbon economy which makes it an important idea for the continent. The current development status of the continent and low carbon emission of the ranking of the continent makes it the perfect continent to be first to net zero, for

the writers. They recommend the African continent to present a compendium of Best Climate Practice of the continent during the COP 27 session.

Africa has its own climate change negotiation structures consisting three tiers with the highest political tier, the Conference of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) established in 2009, with the primary objective of providing visible continent-wide political leadership in climate negotiations. The second tier is AMCEN, with the role of providing political guidance to the negotiations in preparation of the African common position, according to the article. The third tier, AGN, is the technical tier of the African negotiation team.

In addition to the continental structures to negotiate and decide in climate change and the continental effort to mobilize the continent, African countries are also at the front in combating climate change and voicing for action. Countries like Ethiopia, Egypt, Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria and other countries are playing crucial role in giving due attention for climate change and becoming voicing for Africa. The countries implement strategies focusing on environmental diplomacy under their foreign policy and integrate climate issue in their domestic development strategies.

Ethiopia set the long-term goal of carbon

neutrality in its first NDC. By fulfilling its responsibility at home, Ethiopia is also mobilizing and representing Africa and the developing world in climate change. Ethiopia is working to fulfill all possible works at home and calls developing countries to act what they can achieve with their capacities; parallel to that Ethiopia is working with the developed world to fulfill their responsibility as main contributor of carbon emission to help the developing world in combating climate change. "Ethiopia has engaged in diplomacy with its neighbors and the broader international community to effectively lobby for greater international ambition to tackle climate change and support for mitigating its impacts," the authors' mentioned above underlined.

"At the regional level, Ethiopia has rallied its neighboring countries of Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Sudan on climate change planning under the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD). Through IGAD, these nations have prepared a regional climate change strategy for the period 2016 to 2030 to harmonies national efforts towards low-carbon, climateresilient sustainable development. During COP 15, Ethiopia's advocacy and leadership played a significant role in securing a pledge of US\$100 billion per year in climate finance."

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