

Selam Kibur Ambassador Imru and ALL,

I am very apprehensive to share any opinion or knowledge on this forum since I found out that there are some opportunists waiting to launch their (እሽሙር እና አቃቂር ሀተታ). That is to discourage participations in discussions, PERIOD.

I often wished to forget and close the chapter to avoid him and a few others. I understand that would be fulfilling their mission and goal. According to those who observed and knew about this one particular fellow, he had reduced forums such as Pal Talks to be deserted.

I have also learned about other opportunists with little or no surprise that their 'hair-splitting' point of views need no match to explode. I wish to avoid them as much as possible by making no references to their ideas. However, I have strong desire to remain in touch with many fellow country-men/woman as long as it is possible discussing and exchanging ideas directly with them.

I have read despicable remarks not only against me, but also against other dedicated Ethiopians. I have no idea why a person by name Gudu Kassa is here on EEDN who most knew was once ejected and dismissed for good for his offensive remarks against scholars, elderly, political activists, and even party leaders doing their jobs in Ethiopia. He had trashed them all, which is why he is here on EEDN. He has mastered the phrases of "አቃቂርና ፍተታ", and he has tried to take down with him those respected and dedicated individuals.

This fellow wrote about me in such disparaging manner that I know for sure that having said such things against another person, at least in the past, he would have not continued here on EEDN for one more day to throw another disparaging remarks at another person. Let us not wonder where we are and what EEDN has become. Many including him were expelled for such derogatory remarks against residents of EEDN, and we know it is this kind of behavior that kept many intellectuals and scholars from participating. Let us not question or give another reason. But we keep wondering why many do not participate. Do any one remember Dr. Msmaku's curios remark about this particular matter? On the other hand, many of us are afraid to say such a thing against others because we respect the rules of EEDN written or unwritten. This fellow is from another quarter / world and does not belong here. I think he should be ejected for good of EEDN. I leave the business to our guardians Alex and Girma. The following is a comment on a subject matter that I have special passion.

The Politics of GERD

Kibur Ambassador Imru, thank you for bringing the link of another group who came out supporting the Dam. It may please and give comfort to those who needed it. I for one will never find comfort in it and it will not change my opinion and understanding on the Dam one bit. If I remain the last idiot who did not accept the verdict of 17 first-rate scientists that they make themselves. I do not mind to carry the shame to my grave if my knowledge makes me. I know a great deal about collaborative efforts against Ethiopia past and present. I know pretty well how the Ethiopian people's long peace road and potential prosperity, and greater participatory democracy came to an end by a systematic schemes we never knew about. All the good and bad had collaborated against Ethiopia. No collaborations of scientists from East, West, North, and South will blind me, and I am sure thousand others to see the good and bad in this schemes. Yes, with massive misinformation, it is possible to overwhelm both the knowledgeable and regular citizens. Italy had

such a wide range collaborative efforts for its first and second grand design to invade Ethiopia. Their supporters came from everywhere to invade, but Ethiopia had only its brave leaders, brave people, and God to defend themselves. Yes, we shall not forget the assistances and support that people around the World poured to Ethiopians. I am specifically pointing at those who helped the wave of destructions both nations and individuals against Ethiopia. In the final analyses, the strength and wisdom of the Ethiopian people that would matter and that is what I wanted to stress together with my analysis and conclusion about Hidase Dam.

Any economic value that Ethiopia offers or has potential to offer to the outside World brings many diversified interest-groups. That is the general principles. Such economic bonanza may mean nothing or no substantial benefit to Ethiopia. It is funny and surprising that some Ethiopians think that scientists and all others are fighting for the good of Ethiopia or as if it is the primary beneficiary of the dam. Yes, why they have assembled such a huge number of scientists to convince Ethiopians what is good for them. For your quick information, the seventeen scientists told us nothing else except the fact that the dam is an engineering marvel if they want to label it so, and that it has a wonderful reservoir. I can preach about that fact for the rest of my life because they are damn right about that, but nothing else.

If that is what we wanted to know, then, I admit again that the dam is constructed to be the greatest symbol of TPLF/WOYANE! Let us rest our worry on the matter of the engineering because the seventeen scientists have assured us that it will not come down tumbling unless mother nature decides to bring her inside out, we cannot blame TPLF or any the scientists. However, when we find out what they did not say about, we may curse the World we are part of! It will be cursing and damning those who cheated us – ourselves!

When it comes to Hidase Dam, Ethiopia is not on receiving end. I am differentiating Ethiopia and TPLF. Ethiopia will be the biggest loser, the other countries will walk away laughing as they say all the way to the Bank! The winners have lined up from South Sudan all the way to Saudi Arabiya. They have what they wanted, but they still have to calm us down until we find out and accept the fact what our benefits will be if there will be any. You see everything has its own right timing. For instance, in our culture when people decide to break the bad news like the death of beloved one, they make the person comfortable and secure before they do it. Otherwise, unpredictable or uncontrollable events may ensue and horrendous harm may occur. So, they would break the news when Ethiopians have no interest about anything let alone about a dam! That is like slowly sawing the arm and the leg.

The outside World has many means to confuse the people of Ethiopia as they are serving the politically significant Egypt against the politically insignificant Ethiopians. Compared to Egypt and its strategic allies, there is nothing that compel the nations involved in this matter to weigh any factor concerning Ethiopia. It impossible for Ethiopian scholar to take position to defend Ethiopia. What would be scholar and politically correct is to go along. So, same as it is with Egypt, the outside allies that lined up with Ethiopia's enemies are also making it impossible for political leaders to bring their people out of oppression and subjugation. The outside have the means and resources to achieve that. The government is as Ethiopians in Ethiopia accurately depicted it (them): “የቤተ ክንባላ፣ የውጭ ሬሳ”.

The beneficiaries of Hidase Dam are many. The major ones are S. Sudan, Sudan,

Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Israel. Forget Kenya and Djibouti that may have some electrical power that Ethiopia cannot get under the agreement. The indirect beneficiaries are numerous to count. You may consider South Sudan and all the prospectors in connection to the future bonanza. I am supporter of planned local or regional developments that enhance the economic growth of nations. The planned dam provides such economic growth to the countries that I mentioned above. The river provides water for irrigations and municipal services to all of the countries I mentioned. The electric power provides water that each country needs for developments and economic bonanza. Ethiopia may get some cash, which the government needs for the army that protects the dam and most importantly for forces that keep the people suppressed and oppressed. I do not see any benefits and prospect of any other use out of the dam.

To hell with the report of the 17 Scientists! Who the hell is Abdul Latif Jameel at W.W. and Food Security Lab? I do not see his bio! Please help me find him or find out who he is in real life. The 17 scientists are independent scholars. Yes, I would like to think they are, but I have problem figuring out how these individuals were gathered from many planets. Let us find out how these scientists were picked up from all over the World, and what means brought them together. Remember, there was fund to support their studies. That means, I would like to think that they were handsomely. Second, were they tasked to come with a conclusion that the Dam is a safe and sound structure? It looks to me the whole thing was organized to give credibility to the Dam structure and nothing else. That sounds and looks about right. It would be difficult other wise to pick 'Independent scientists' from all over the World to come to prove or disprove a project without a control point: good project.

The fact that a World known organization had concluded after exhaustive studies about the Dam and said that the dam is of no use, to that effect or direction in as far as Ethiopia is concerned. I have supported the conclusion of the credible organization. The assembly of 17 individual scientists picked by Mr. Jameel, who sounds to like an Arab, invites curiosities.

I do not have the luxury of time and resources as the above organizations have to dwell on this study full time. However, time permit I will try to show how the Dam was not meant to help Ethiopia let alone eradicate poverty in Ethiopia. It does the opposite and that would be the control point to the study I will attempt.

I completely understand some of you reading the above will wonder and even laugh at as I see some exactly doing that. The struggle these individuals even if a couple, will have is what credential I have to challenge the work of seventeen scientists? That is a legitimate question, I admit, and if asked properly need to be answered in satisfactory manner. That I am better because I am an Ethiopian national will not be sufficient. I have to come with better answer. I will worry about that until the question is asked.

I also understand that I have no proper qualifications to ask what other qualifications they have I did not have or vice-versa. I am not going to talk about the Dam structure and its stability and associated matters. That is way, way beyond my understanding. What I would like to talk about will be about they addressed in their reports, and what I hope to address. I hope you understand that these are World apart. They manipulated the unassuming, I will not.

Let me stop here. I would like challenges not "አቃቂር እና ፍተታ". I will not respond to rubbish comments. I will be thrilled to read challenging ideas whether it is about

my knowledge or about the problems concerning the Dam. I feel and believe that such discussions will help us understand the nature of the report that seemed to defeat us all, not only defeat us, but trash us and damp us (persons like me) into dust bin. Let us wait, it could be otherwise.

In the mean time, if you have not read the two articles I wrote about the dam, I would like to share them with anyone if he/she needs them.

God bless, and Peace

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