

The missing link: Leadership vs Citizenship in EE countries

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The concept of leadership with Ethiopians was very well established for centuries and millennia but not its theory and its application. That was the missing link – between leadership and citizenship.

Since the 1960, the Mengistu brother's coup d'état, Ethiopian and Eritrean elites were hustling and bustling to settle for successor leaders but so far to no avail.

All Ethiopians and Eritreans as of this week seem to give recognition for leadership following the call of Aby and the response of Isaias. Why is this huge response of peoples of Ethiopia and Eritrea seem to embrace the presidents of Ethiopia and Eritrea as genuine leaders? The answer might be found in the 58 years (1960-2018) of destabilizing effect for change and counter change among the ordinary populace. Or alternatively, it may be because the elites misunderstood the concept and its relationship with Independence, Liberty and Freedom. ሀርነት ናጽነት = Independent.

Both above conditions may be true. On the one hand, Ethiopians maybe wary of further disintegration of their country of united Ethiopia and trying to hold onto unity even without Eritrea. Whereas, on the other hand, Eritreans maybe exhausted to sustain the sanctions imposed by the UN. For whatever reasons, both leaders of Ethiopia and Eritrea have accepted the peace offer. The big question is this enough for citizenship!

In my days i.e. since the independence of Eritrea and the liberation of Ethiopia (1941) up to the present time, I don't have citizenship status. I was an Ethiopian meaning a citizen of EGZI -AB-BHER. All Ethiopians and Eritreans were recognized as citizens of God by their facial and behavioral conditions.

The citizenship concept was perverted by the TPLF and EPLF leaders to assert their leadership power base. The traditional cooperative leadership among the king, the nobility and the clergy were replaced by the cc and executive communist leader. The Mengistu regime has tried this

system, it did not work, the Melese regime has tried this system of government, it did not sink with the people and now it is being continued by the Aby and Isaias and we will see how it can work without structural change. Love for peace and hope for life may not be plausible without food and shelter.

In the absence of food and shelter (lack of material wealth), the leadership of Aby of Ethiopia with over hundred million inhabitants and the leadership of Isaias of Eritrea with over six million people is a daunting task to say the least. There must be other alternative solutions for these countries. It would be a fulcrum of concept-theory and application -ጽንሐት- a balancing act between Leadership vs Citizenship.

Out of all the revolutionary liberation fronts and organizations, EPRP had the solid background for finding the right stuff for BALANCING ACT for leadership and citizenship.

EPRP, a revolutionary political party for both Ethiopia and Eritrea has existed albeit clandestinely-- በሕሊዥ - since 1972 for 46 years. The question is, where is it now? EPRP resides within the context of its slogan enshrined with "Peace in Eritrea and DEMOCRACIA in Ethiopia". Now it seems the reverse is true, "DEMOCRACIA in Eritrea and Peace in Ethiopia". These are slogans for EPRP members and supporters. But the real deal for EPRP was and is the institutionalized system of leadership and citizenship.

By leadership, EPRP means collective leadership, a type of leadership not to be confused with that of TPLF leadership where everybody has a say but no power. It is a rule without order in the TPLF case.

Leaders of EPRP must adhere to the rule of law as well as to the rule by law. This means a rule of culture and paper trail combined. For understanding purposes, it maybe compared to the "Magna Carta" of England. Ethiopian and Eritrean elites had a tough understanding of EPRP's leadership style. That is why, they spend most of their time to belittle and destroy the structure of EPRP. The reality was that they can destroy members and supporters of EPRP but not its structure and its leadership style. Mengistu could not destroy EPRP structure, Melese could not do it and Isaias did not attempt to destroy the structure. Nevertheless, all have emulated EPRP.

What is the secret's of EPRP's existence as an organization. It is simply in its **cultural value and trust system**. EPRP has a solid foundation for survival and continuity. It is based on the resilience of Eritrea and clinical Ethiopia. Both have the will to unite and win.

EPRP's leadership style has its roots in - አርባጽቱ እንግሳት- the American check and balance type of governance. It seems obvious now that President Aby Ahmed of Ethiopia and President Isaias Afewerki of Eritrea are a result or the product of EPRP structural political adjustment. I am not sure whether Debretsion of Tigray was born during ሕዳር ጽዮን but if he did, then he is a person to be added to AAIA. The third dimension of collective leadership is on its way to be completed soon. That is a fourth dimensional leader from the real EPRP organization is imminent to join. Indications are that of the people who showed up at the rally of Ginbot 7, at Bahr Dar, at Asmara and Addis Ababa airport welcome ceremony.

And most important of all is the announcement of Isais proclamation at Sawa 31st graduation saying that they have now Harnet & Nazanet, a hard concept only understood by EPRP leaders, members and supporters.

Over the coming months and year, we will be witnessing fundamental changes for leadership and citizenship governance designed and developed by EPRP members and supporters as a final solution for Ethiopia's grandeur and renaissance. As always ኢሕአፓ እና ኢሕአፓዎች are ready for solutions not propagating.

The missing link will be rediscovered.

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