Leaked video unmasks U.S., allies’ regime change agenda

BY ABDUREZAK MOHAMMED
ADDIS ABABA – The recently leaked video that shows the U.S., UK and EU former diplomats zoom meeting with ex-officials and confidants of the terrorist TPLF clique exposed the U.S. led West approval of regime change in Ethiopia.

Ethiopian government.

Accordingly, U.S. former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs and Vicki Huddleston expressed conviction with TPLF’s Berhane Gebrekristos that ‘Abiy should step down, there should be an all-inclusive transition government.’

Huddleston also stated “I hope that you will have military success fairly soon, because it seems as if the situation is only becoming more drastic.”

The U.S. Ambassador to Somalia Donald Yamamoto, who just retired this year, told Berhane that “Abiy is not listening… Obasanjo has not been extraordinarily helpful or very active, and so are there any other opportunities that you see?”

France’s retired diplomat and writer Stéphane Gompertz openly speculated on the potential for Abiy to be forced from power. “Even if Abiy sticks to his guns, which unfortunately he seems to be doing, you either hope that people around him either in government or in the military

Addis says # Nomore to Western pressure, media lies

BY MULATU BELACHEW
ADDIS ABABA - Addis residents held massive public rallies here yesterday in front of the U.S. and UK embassies to denounce the respective countries’ unjustified pressure against the legitimate government and urged the former to reexamine their approach towards Ethiopia.

The gathering split at Arat Kilo and marched to the embassies of the U.S. and the UK in Addis Ababa.

In a peaceful demonstration organized by the Coalition of Civil Societies for Ethiopians (CoCSE), the participants also called Western media notably CNN and BBC to stop spreading fake news and justifying foreign intervention. The demonstrators urged the U.S. and UK government to withdraw their unwarranted support and sympathy to the terrorist TPLF clique.
Experts highlight war bonds to economic recovery

BY ABDUREZAK MOHAMMED

ADDIS ABABA- War bonds would play paramount importance to revive Ethiopia’s economy which is challenged by the ongoing conflict, address budget deficit and lay the ground for better performance, experts said, adding such interventions ensures efficient use of resources.

Economic advisor Abush Ayalew (PhD) told local media that war bonds could have a pivotal role to mobilize the participation of Ethiopians across the globe thereby enabling the country to withstand the current attempts of severing financial support.

“The United States collected 21 billion USD during the First World War (WWI) from war bonds and history has shown how the money helped the U.S. to win the war. During the Second World War (WWII), the U.S. also raised 85 billion USD from the scheme involving 80 million people.”

The economist further noted that war bonds are very important to address budget deficits that may arise during the time of conflict and to finance other expenditures. The bond would also greatly support Ethiopia’s economic recovery.

Sharing the above rationale, Ethiopian Economists Association CEO Mengistu Ketema (Professor) said the government could share achievements that have been gained in mobilizing public’s active participation in the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) in war bond sales. Such activities help citizens to stand together for a common cause and to create a spirit of unity.

“It is very important to prepare a recovery plan and work on priority sectors to utilize our resources properly.” By the same token, African Chamber of Commerce President Kibur Gena told the Ethiopian Press Agency (EPA) that banning imports of luxury goods and other hefty expenditures is something worth consideration to cope with the negative effects of war. The government should ban imports of expensive drinks, food, cosmetics, luxury cars and the hard currency should be allocated to strategic purposes.

“Going abroad for recreation should be stopped. Now is not the time for luxury but the time to save the country and the economy,” Kibur remarked.

Gov’t warns U.S. Embassy in Addis to stop spreading misinformation

BY YESUF ENDRIS

ADDIS ABABA- The Ethiopian government has warned the U.S. Embassy to stop disseminating fake information that the latter has been engaged with a view to creating fear among members of international community residing in Addis.

Government Communication Service (GCS) State Minister Kebede Desisa said that the latest statement of the U.S. Embassy reads “possibility of terrorist attacks in Addis Ababa” is clearly backing the terrorist TPLF as it could terrify residents.

With no evidence, the embassy has intentionally posted warnings to evacuate international and continental organization staff in connivance with some elements that have enmity with Ethiopia particularly in relation to the GERD, he noted.

For that matter, the government would like to warn the embassy to stop terrifying the Ethiopian people. This futile attempt may disrupt century old diplomatic relations between Ethiopia and USA, he indicated.

Concerning some relief agencies working in Ethiopia, he said that there are some agencies which informed the government that they would leave the country. But Ethiopia will never barter its sovereignty for food aid.

The members of Ethiopian Diaspora community are more capable of raising fund surpassing the annual fund of those agencies, he said.

Talking about #NoMore global movement, Kebede stated that the diplomatic support to Ethiopia has been growing across Africa, Asia and other parts of the world as he movement has been gaining momentum across Nigeria, Kenya, Senegal, and in other African countries as well.

“Since the war is with neo-colonial masters, all black people should join this campaign. Furthermore, high profile individuals from all countries are joining this movement as westerners intensified pressure on Ethiopia,” he told journalists.

U.S. exacerbates problems, hides solutions: Journalist

BY ABDUREZAK MOHAMMED

ADDIS ABABA- The U.S. government has continued disseminating exaggerated warnings by issuing alarming reports regarding Ethiopia, so said Ethiopian American Journalist Hermela Aregawi.

In an interview with Black News Chanel (BNC), Hermela stated that: “The most recent alert that we saw from the State Department is part of its psychological warfare on the people of Ethiopia. As part of its proxy war in that region, the U.S. government is backing the TPLF rebels, and this indicates that the rebels are not doing well on the military front.”

“Many of us are very cautious when it comes to reacting what comes out of the State Department most recent game to the psychological warfare started earlier this month when there were reports that the terrorist TPLF forces were inching closer to Addis Ababa,” she indicated.

She further explained that generally speaking there are Americans in Addis who are telling us about the safe situation in Addis. It is up to each individual to decide whether they feel safe but the State Department alarming reports is not backed by evidence.

As to her, it seems like the West is pretty organized in their messaging, but it does not mean that they are on the right side of things. It is one part of the reality.”

For example, she said, allegations of ethnic cleansing are not backed by evidence. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as well as Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) together released a joint investigation recently and said that they did not find evidence of starvation being used as a weapon and no genocide, she added.

Hermela also noted that the aid that was sent into Tigray between July and December about 800 trucks went missing. UN officials who have blown the whistle said that higher-ups in the UN are working with the TPLF to redirect that aid for war.
Diasporas in Switzerland say No More to destructive U.S. intervention in Ethiopia

BY TAMEMU REGASA

ADDIS ABABA- Members of Ethiopian and Eritrean Diasporas living in Switzerland yesterday undertook grand rally in front of the headquarters of the UN Human Rights Council to denounce the hostile policies of US and the EU on the two Horn of African countries (Ethiopia and Eritrea).

Expressing their opposition, the demonstrators said: “No to misguided foreign policy of US/EU on Ethiopia and no more intervention in support of terrorist TPLF.”

The demonstrators called that the U.S. State Department should halt its hostility towards the two countries. By the same token, the demonstrators said that the U.S. has to stop scapegoating Eritrea and imposing unilateral illegal sanctions on nations in violation of UN Charter.

Berlin University Researcher Prof. Zarihun Tadele on the occasion said that Western powers and their Media have been harming Ethiopia through taking side with terrorist TPLF citing the issue of AGOA.

As to him, the U.S. government has delisted Ethiopia from the AGOA with a view to making 230,000 women jobless.

The rallies were held in Washington DC, Atlanta, New York, Seattle, Houston, San Francisco, London, Denver, Calgary, Ottawa, Dallas, Jerusalem, Toronto, Los Angeles, Montreal, Quebec, Kingston, among others.

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BY ESSEYE MENGISTE

ADDIS ABABA- The efforts of some interest groups to impose their hidden agendas under the name of journalism is manifested by the corporate media’s coordinated and systematic attempt of undermining the Ethiopian government, experts in the area said.

Journalism and Communication Lecturer at Dilla University Alebel Guangul told The Ethiopian Herald that the Western media’s false accusations of atrocities, oppression and mass detention of ethnic Tigray people by the government is mainly politically motivated. Through delivering dishonest information, big news media companies have been playing a destructive role in manipulating the global actors’ perception towards Ethiopia and pushing interventionism.

Also, the media companies have also targeted to trick the international audience in holding inaccurate information and feeding the latter a false interpretation of the current situations of Ethiopia.

According to the expert, employing international languages including English, Arabic, and French would have a big role to inform the international Ethiopia’s objective reality and easing the soared external pressure.

Sharing the above rationale, Journalism and Communication Lecturer at Hawassa University Belew Anley said some international media companies have been shunning ethical and professional journalism to serve their government’s goal of installing a puppet government in Ethiopia.

“Cognizant of the fact that the democratically elected government of Ethiopia will not embrace foreign dictations, the corporate media have been engaged in dissemination of fake news with a view to tarnishing the latter’s acceptance in the global community,” he elaborated.

Belay further noted that the Western media have been deliberately and systematically engage to shape public perception and manipulate cognitions and direct behavior that furthers the desired intent of the terrorist TPLF clique. Reports about the fake Tigray genocide and the mass arrest of ethnic Tigray people in the capital Addis Ababa and elsewhere in the country is part of the smear campaign.

The experts expressed conviction that local media should be proactive to detect and uncover new cases and forms of disinformation and send verifiable information to the global audience. “Equal attention should be given to the Western media, if the opportunity is available, and campaigning in the social media notably twitter to communicate our truth to the world.”

Chinese FM... as well as the international media outlets’ coordinated disinformation campaign against Ethiopia.

During the course of the rallies, protestors strongly condemned the U.S. and its allies’ undue pressure on Ethiopia and urged the international media outlets to stop spreading disinformation about the current situation of Ethiopia.

The rallies were held in Washington DC, Atlanta, New York, Seattle, Houston, San Francisco, London, Denver, Calgary, Ottawa, Dallas, Jerusalem, Toronto, Los Angeles, Montreal, Quebec, Kingston, among others.

“The West and their bribed media follow an unhelpful approach that defies Ethiopia’s commitment to peace, freedom, equality and cooperation, he added. 

“Some global powers have been exerting intensified attempts to interfere in Ethiopia’s internal affairs, violate its sovereignty and threaten the wellbeing of the people and we have been vigorously requesting them to respect the will of the people.” This government’s legitimacy is guaranteed by the overwhelming participation it has secured in the June’s sixth General Elections.

The association president encouraged the young generation to make overwhelming participation in the Survival Campaign and curtail the threat posed on the public’s wellbeing.
The legal case against US state-sponsored terrorism in Ethiopia

BY AL MARIAM

PART II

The U.S. is a sponsor, aider and abettor of state terrorism in Ethiopia. The U.S., under the Biden administration, has been a brazen and unrepentant defender of the terrorist TPLF. Indeed, months before the Biden administration was inaugurated, Susan Rice, Anthony Blinken and Jake Sullivan were mourning and grieving and urging the Trump administration to save the TPLF. Rice, Blinken and Sullivan, before they took office, were working like the devil in hell trying to save the TPLF even though they knew with absolute certainty that the TPLF is a terrorist organization which attacked the Ethiopian Northern Command.

The TPLF is a well-known global terrorist organization that has been operating for decades in the bush and in three-piece suits for nearly three decades.

On November 9, 2011, Amnesty International issued a report documenting the terrorist acts of the TPLF including rapes, robberies, footling and massacres.

But the TPLF has long been listed in the Global Terrorism Database for documented acts of terrorism including armed robberies, assaults, hostage taking and kidnapping of foreign nationals and journalists and local leaders, hijacking of truck convoys, extortion of business owners and merchants, nongovernmental organizations, local leaders and private citizens and intimidation of refugees and journalists.

The TPLF is also registered as a terrorist organization listed in the Terror Research and Analysis Consortium (TRAC).

The U.S. government had classified the TPLF as a “tier III” terrorist organization until 2014 when it was issued an exemption in a policy memorandum.

There are three notable facts about the TPLF’s exemption from the terrorist list.

First, the U.S. installed the TPLF in power in 1991 knowing full well it was a terrorist organization.

The 2014 policy memorandum states the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security has “exercised his discretionary authority not to apply certain terrorism-related inadmissibility grounds to certain aliens for voluntary activities or associations relating to the TPLF. The TPLF qualifies as a Tier III terrorist organization under INA on the basis of its violent activities before it became part of the ruling coalition and the government of Ethiopia in May 1991.

Second, the U.S. aided, abetted and supported the TPLF and its leaders as part of a terrorist organization from 1991 to 2014 with full knowledge that the TPLF was an organization designated a “Tier III terrorist organization” under U.S. law.

Third, it is not clear if the TPLF is in fact not listed as a terrorist organization under some yet to be discovered arcane law. The exemption in the policy memorandum applies to the TPLF as a “Tier III terrorist organization” narrowly and only for immigration law purposes. Is the TPLF still a “Tier III terrorist organization” for all other reasons than this specific one?

The TPLF is a racketeering multi-type organization involved in massive corruption schemes, money laundering, extortion, infiltration of legitimate businesses, tax fraud, brokerage and enforcing illegal agreements and stealing business plans and appropriating it.

On September 16, 2006, the U.S. Embassy concluded the TPLF had indeed engaged in acts of terrorism and tried to brokerage other “A series of explosions were reported in Addis Ababa killing three individuals. The GoE announced that the bombs went off while being assembled, and that the three dead were terrorists from the outlawed Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) with links to the Oromo National Congress (ONC). An embassy source, as well as clandestine reporting, suggests that the bombing may have in fact been the work of GoE security forces.”

On August 31, 2011, Sean Jones, head of the USAID mission in Ethiopia, told Ethiopian state television: “We know for a fact... that the TPLF every town they’ve gone into they looted the warehouses, they’ve looted trucks, they’ve caused a great deal of destruction in all the areas we’ve visited and it’s a great concern for humanitarians... We do what we have proof of is that several of our warehouses have been looted and completely emptied in the areas, particularly Amhara, the TPLF soldiers have gone into.

There is evidence the U.S. is supporting the TPLF terrorists by providing, among other things, satellite telephones for communication and data on Ethiopian troop movements and targets to attack. The U.S. is also desperately trying to airdrop weapons and military supplies from its base in Djibouti.

The U.S. has pulled out all the stops to save the TPLF from its inevitable defeat and pandering by coordinating action with its allies to damage Ethiopia politically, economically and diplomatically.

On November 14, 2013, the U.S. listed Boko Haram, the terrorist organization operating out of Nigeria on its Foreign Terrorist Organization roster for suicide bombings and armed assaults on selected civilian and military targets.

On June 15, 2014 the U.S. deflected the TPLF as a terrorist organization!!

The TPLF attacked the Ethiopian National Defense Force bases in Tigray region, killed and maimed thousands of soldiers and committed terrorist atrocities in Amhara and Afar regions over the past several months and today the U.S. is trying to pressure the Ethiopian government to negotiate with it without “preconditions.”

Yet, instead of listing the TPLF as a terrorist organization as the U.S. had done before 2014, today the U.S. is fighting tooth and nail to save it and restore it to power in Ethiopia.

Why? Because Susan Rice, Gayle Smith, Samantha Power and the rest are madly in love (in more ways than one) with the TPLF terrorists.

The U.S. will uphold the rule of international law only when it suits its purposes.

In May 2020, former President Barack Obama said the “rule of law is at risk” after the Justice Department decided to drop charges against former White House national security adviser Michael Flynn. Obama complained Flynn who had “been charged with perjury just getting off scot-free.”

I argue the rule of international law is at grave risk if the U.S. is not challenged for its support of the terrorist TPLF and sponsorship of state terrorism in Ethiopia before the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

There is some precedent to bring the U.S. before the ICJ to account. What the U.S. doing in Ethiopia, covertly and overtly, today is what it did in the early days in Nicaragua in the 1980s supporting right wing terrorists called “Contras”. The U.S. Constitution recognizes and punishes culprits for “Offenses against the Law of Nations.”

The announcement of the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) that civilian planes in Ethiopia could be targeted by the TPLF is of exceptional legal interest.

On June 11, 1987, “Afghan guerrillas using a U.S.-made Stinger missile shot down an Afghan passenger plane and that 53 of the 55 people aboard were killed.”

The FAA warning in Ethiopia is clearly reminiscent of the 1987 Afghan civilian plane shoot down.

In 1986, the CIA reportedly delivered to Afghan mujahedeen between 2,000 and 2,500 of the Stinger missiles followed by 700 in 1987. They used the missiles to down civilian and military planes including American aircraft after 9/11.

The only way the TPLF could shoot down civilian planes in Ethiopia is if the U.S. provides it with Stinger missiles as it did the Afghan mujahedeen in 1986-87.

Is that the not-so-secret message the U.S. is sending to the Ethiopian government? The U.S. will provide the TPLF Stinger missiles to shoot down civilian planes.

Manifestly, the FAA would not have issued the warning unless it had credible and reliable information the TPLF is planning to undertake such an attack.

There are at least three alternative scenarios in the FAA warning of a TPLF shoot down of a civilian passenger plane.

First, the U.S. is lying and using psyops disinformation to pressure the Ethiopian government.

Second, the U.S. is actively plotting, and has equipped the TPLF with Stinger missiles as it did the Afghan mujahedeen, to shootdown Ethiopian civilian planes as part of its desperate strategy to save the TPLF and restore it to power and is giving advance warning.

Third, the U.S. is playing a game of chicken with the lives of innocent air passengers.

Under any of the foregoing scenarios, what the U.S. is trying to do is not only criminal but also reckless as it renders the U.S. the equivalent of fanatical terrorists the world over.

The FAA warning, under any of the above scenarios, also makes the U.S. jointly and severally liable for any terrorist crimes committed by the TPLF by the terrorist TPLF civilian planes under both international law and American law.

It is a fact that the U.S. has historically supported terrorist and paramilitary organizations around the world and instigated coups. The U.S. has also provided numerous arms and training to dictators (Death Squads in El Salvador) who have used state terrorism as a tool of repression.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy authorized the Bay of Pigs Invasion in an unsuccessful attempt to oust Fidel Castro.

Two decades later, from 1981 to 1991, the United States provided weapons, training, and extensive financial and logistical support to the Contra rebels in Nicaragua, who used terror tactics in their fight against the Nicaraguan government. It was called the Reagan Doctrine. Reagan said it was America’s obligation to support “freedom fighters.”

Similarly, in 1986 in Angola the CIA provided UNITA rebels “all appropriate and effective assistance” which could be used to conduct a terrorist war.

There are countless other documented instances of U.S. intervention to instigate coups and paramilitary actions in and against Nicaragua.

Is U.S. support of the TPLF terrorists the latest chapter in the long history of U.S. support for terrorists to destabilize countries in Africa, Latin America and elsewhere?

Nicaragua v. United States of America (1984)

There is sufficient prima facie evidence to haul the U.S. before the International Court of Justice for commission of state terrorism by hybrid war in Ethiopia.

Indeed, the Nicaraguan case can serve as a template for Ethiopia to sue the U.S. in the ICJ.

In its complaint against the U.S. in 1984, Nicaragua charged the U.S. had engaged in state-sponsored terrorism directing military and paramilitary actions in and against Nicaragua.

Nicaragua demanded the United States to pay reparations to the government for damage to their people, property, and economy.

The U.S., in its customary expedient disregard for international law, rejected the jurisdiction of the court arguing it “had neither the jurisdiction nor the competence to render a decision.”

Though the U.S. refused to participate in the merits phase of the proceedings, the ICJ determined the U.S. had violated international law by supporting the Contras in their terrorist actions against the government of Nicaragua and by mining that country’s harbors.

Nicaragua was awarded reparations. However, the U.S. blocked enforcement of the judgment by the United Nations Security Council using its veto power and prevented Nicaragua from obtaining compensation.

The ICJ decision was a shining moment for the rule of law and for the principle of right makes might and to a historic moral victory for Nicaragua on the order of David and Goliath.

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Editorial

The wolf has exposed itself from sheep’s clothing

In a shocking revelation, some Ethiopians including public figures have treasonously been plotting with foreign adversaries to bring regime change in Ethiopia. The individuals who are Ethiopians by citizenship but traitors by their actions have been serving as a slippery cell of the terrorist group.

In what could be said a wolf in sheep’s clothing, some well-known Ethiopians sat down with members of the terrorist TPLF group and foreign individuals to talk about what they said was the aftermath of the demise of the current Ethiopian government. What the now-infanous individuals did was a terrorist action by itself. According to Ethiopia’s law, anyone who is involved in direct or indirect contact with terrorist groups will face charges of terrorism. The actions of the individual are treason and part of the ongoing coordinated effort to remove the current Ethiopian government.

While the U.S. and other countries are ratcheting up their pressure against the Ethiopian government through fake media propaganda, Washington is leading the regime change policy.

In fact, the U.S. has been serving as a launching pad for a planned coup against the legitimate and democratically elected government. Members of the terrorist groups residing in the U.S. are now plotting to wage a war of terror in Ethiopia with impunity. This clearly indicates the stand of the American government and laid bare the intent behind the ongoing foreign pressure and media campaign against Ethiopia. It has now become clear that countries like the U.S. have far-fetched interests other than bringing peace to the current conflict. The hybrid warfare waged against Ethiopia by the US and external parties is all about deposing a democratically elected government.

Previously, nine satellite and infamous parties including the terrorist TPLF and Shene groups have convened in the U.S. to plot against the Ethiopian leadership, a government that has gained a five-year popular mandate following the historic 6th general election.

Since recently, the campaign has doubled down as the Ethiopian people rise to destroy the terrorist TPLF group once and for all. Despite the intensity of the challenges, Ethiopians here and abroad are stand firm to fend off foreign pressure and defeat the terrorist groups on war fronts. In the face of this trying time, the government officials led by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed have marched to battlefields to join the men and women in uniform.

The Prime Minister’s decision to take part in the war front has already mobilized thousands with opposition and public figures following suits. Ethiopians do not shy away from paying the ultimate price when it comes to defending the sovereignty and territorial integrity of their country. Surly, Ethiopia will prevail on the demise of the internal and external enemies. And, the people who plotted against their country will receive humiliating shame and write unforgettable bandit history.

The US foreign policy, strategy hampers its national interests in Africa

BY SOLOMON DIBABA

The current US administration led by the Democratic Party is now busy working on throwing out the diplomatic, cultural and economic relations that existed between Ethiopia for almost 125 years in a surprising shift against the interests of the people of Ethiopia and the US.

Instead of trying to mobilize African countries towards mutual economic benefits, the US is now actively engaged in trying to create divisions among African countries by approaching them one by one without considering the common interests of African countries.

For instance, contrary to the standing foreign policy objectives of the previous governments in the US and for the first time in the history of the US administration, a government which claims to be democratic and advocate for human rights is in alliance with a terrorist organization that vowed to even go to hell to destroy Ethiopia.

While Ethiopia was the closest partner of US in fighting terrorism in the Horn of Africa, the country imposed the most unreasonable sanctions on Ethiopia including the abduction of military and security alliance. This wrong US foreign policy is already backfiring as the resurgence of multiple terrorist organizations in the Horn of Africa, US reversal on its foreign policy principles is working against the US itself by creating insecure political atmosphere against the promotion of US interest in the region and in Africa at large.

During the 30 years of TPLF’s despotic rule the US siphoned more than 1 billion USD per year to keep in power a repressive government that took power under the guise of the EPRDF.

Today, the Biden Administration is busy not only in interfering into the internal affairs of Ethiopia in the name of human rights and democracy but is defying the friendly and cordial relations between the people of Ethiopia and the US by fabricating false information that Ethiopia is the most insecure place for American citizens to live and work.

By destabilizing the Horn of Africa and even the rest of the continent the US attempts to plant puppet governments in the Horn and the rest of Africa to ensure that the US interest and not the interests of the peoples in Africa is properly met. Through these regimes, the US intends to compete with China which has far wider expanses of investments and future prospects of investment which are all free from political preconditions or prerequisites.

Some researches done on Africa indicate that despite the ever-increasing importance of the African continent to America’s strategic interests, America’s engagement in Africa, particularly Sub Sahara Africa has been largely stagnant for the past two decades. In frequent wins such as the Bush administration’s PEPFAR initiative and the Obama administration’s Ebola response have been overshadowed by declining trade and investment, diplomatic retreat, cruel immigration policies, and odorous rhetoric.

Since 2010, US trade with Africa has decreased by more than 50 percent, and US presidents have made just two visits to the continent in decades. The US is attempting to apply the cold war policy of containment on Ethiopia by using sanctions and orchestrated media propaganda on the country. By reinstalling TPLF dominated government in Ethiopia, the US is trying to organize neo-colonial socio-economic policies that would make the country totally subservient to the US interest in Africa by using Ethiopia’s routiness and positioning in the EU.

However, the Biden Administration is already taking actions that would finally not tarnish US relations with the Ethiopian government and its people but also governments in all African countries that favor managing their own administration by themselves.

In terms of foreign relations, diplomacy and socio-cultural ties, Ethiopia is a decisive gateway to Africa. By conducting multiple sets of conspiracies on Ethiopia, the US is gradually at loggerheads with the rest of Africa who fully support the sovereignty, peace and territorial integrity of the country.

Furthermore, by pulling out from Somalia and providing media and diplomatic support for totalitarian regimes on UNSC forums and by flirting with terrorist organizations like TPLF, the US is indirectly preparing a breeding ground for more terrorist to destabilize and destroy Africa and turn the continent into a regime of terror. This again is entirely against the basic US interest both in Ethiopia and Africa.

Due to the wrong foreign policy of the Biden Administration and the unreasonable action it took in delisting Ethiopia from AGOA, more than 2 million women and female headed families will be affected and it is not expected that these women will have a good outlook for the current administration which claims that it conducts gender sensitive development programs in Ethiopia.

Contrary to the US strategic interests in Ethiopia, pro terrorist diplomats entrenched in the State Department are laboring from dawn to dusk not only to support terrorist TPLF against Ethiopia but also to detach Ethiopia from the rest of Africa by persuading the embassies of African countries to shut down their embassies due to the security false problem being issued by western media outlets who are in full cooperation with terrorist TPLF.

According to Captain Collins Wandera, a crime analyst from Kenya, journalists of the major western countries stationed in Washington, Copenhagen, London and Rome are currently gathered in Gadareif, Sudan to meet on how they could provide a wider coverage of news on the advance of terrorist forces into the mainland of Ethiopia. The US is certainly behind this conspiracy and propaganda war that will never take off to make Ethiopia bow down to the interests of the EU and the US.

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BY LAKACHEW ATINAFU

The comprehensive evolution of the Ethiopian economy and reforms incepted few years before has been tempted and passed through challenges due to nationwide turmoil and some western powers that yearn to sustain poking nose politics in Africa.

Following the war erupted in the north Ethiopia, apart from fatalities and casualties that claimed the lives of many, there have been substantial damages on the economy yet several are in precarious situation and in need of emergency.

Upon their insurgence to the neighboring Amhara which is registered as ultimate enemy, the TPLF terrorist group didn’t only kill civilians, there, the values of humanity reduced to massacre of cattle, destroying crops and the rules of humanity dropped to rapping children and humiliating elders which has a direct impact on the future productive public segment. Crippling the economy is of prioritized goal of the terrorist.

Coupled with the war, the desire to impose economic sanction and twisting hands thereby among western powers seemed to be concurrent challenges and a stab in the back for Ethiopia influential and populous country in the continent. The western powers are leaving no stone unturned to weaken Ethiopia economically, and the United States in particular, is on the verge of suspending Ethiopia from AGOA.

Hence, the time demands to foresee, and diversify opportunities to rescue the nose dive situation and save the nation at risk, claim a prominent scholar.

Professor Birhanu Borje, Lecturer of Marketing Management and Researcher at Hawassa University had moments of togetherness with The Ethiopian Herald.

Upon the short stay Prof. Birhanu said that Ethiopia is urged to foresee various market opportunities to compensate prohibition of AGOA and need to shift its face to China and others strategic partners.

However, suspending the country from the opportunity doesn’t only impact upon employees and firms locally it is also violating the right of consumers in the United States their product preferences, the Professor added. Hence, prohibition of Ethiopia from the market creates shortage of supply and preference in the market of the United States as there is a great demand for Ethiopian products.

To fill such and such gaps, there is a need to launch inter-regional market and strong economic integration among Africans. And the country needs to foresee optional market opportunities in oriental countries, the Middle East and Asia Minor as such countries constitute most of the population of the world and likely to be potential destinations of Ethiopian Industrial products.

It is not advisable for a country to relay on single overseas market for its product as there are ample opportunities as efforts are being made to explore optional markets in Africa.

Most notably the country is expected to produce two folds and more to rescue its economy and help agriculture hazards in the war torn areas of north.

In doing so, lots could be assisted and rescued from further fatalities and there by rehabilitated in the aftermath.

Birhanu further said that staggering amount of money is being lost as a result of the terrorist infiltration. Consequently, the government alone could not shoulder in enhancing the lives of many.

Thus, culminating the war at short time span is not compromised issue. And the public in the relatively peaceful areas should be determined to produce surplus products for both domestic consumption and the need for foreign currency, he said.

It is also a time to mobilize all human and material resources to compensate for the loss, rehabilitate the displaced and stimulate the economy in true foundation.

Moreover, at this very critical time where the mass are displaced, properties are destroyed, agriculture has not been practiced in some parts of the country, the public are advised to leave the comfort zone and the state must refrain from importing luxuries expect for those identified as necessities.

Ethiopia land of heterogeneity, independent for eras and later revealed to be the symbol of African independence after the fascist Italy halted down its flag had become center of attention for the humiliated white racist. From then onwards there have been political and economic sabotage upon the country.

Meanwhile, they continued to instigate conflict among the diverse nations of Ethiopia under the pretext of identity religion among others and managed to cripple the economy for their own greedy interest.

As it had been demonstrated in the colonial era, efforts had been made to presumably rule the majority by minorities and getting the watch dog responsibilities in return; however, in Ethiopia the white powers more focused on economic conspiracy denying the country from the blue economy including violating sovereign right over natural resources.

The white powers have been plotting to the extent of opposing unilateral projects like the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam.

These days, for the only reason Ethiopia manages to keep its territorial integrity and execute law enforcement mission, President Joe Biden signed a sweeping executive order authorizing sanctions on the Ethiopian government, the Eritrean government, the Tigray People’s Liberation Front (TPLF) and several other entities the US government deems to be contributing to the conflict.

Some say the Biden administration suspension of Ethiopia from trade privileges from the Africa Growth Opportunity Act (AGOA) – which came into effect in 2000 and allows duty-free imports of selected products from the continent – signifying the deterioration of the relationship between the US and Ethiopia.

However, according to the marketing scholar, Professor Birhanu, if all Ethiopians work hand to hand and in solidarity, there is no uphill struggle to such vigor.

The scholar further insisted the suspension of the country from AGOA has no significant effect on the country’s main export, it only slightly affects textile industries and laborers. Thus, working towards the volume of the major export trade like coffee and initiating economic integrity among Africans at similar currency is of paramount importance.

It is also lucrative to launch auction market and host market Olympics with the aim to help small holders in this regard Oscar of the Coffee World Cup of Excellence needs to be reinforced.

As the country is botanical home of coffee Arabica with an almost fertilizer free environment and with distinct traceable flavor, investing on the specialty coffee and increasing the volume of commodity coffee along with identifying overseas market would also be a relief for the nation under emergency.

The public and private sectors also need to finance the agriculture sector in the country more than ever as such primary economic sector have employed millions and highly inter related with the food system of the country.

Thus, experts recommended that the need to supply and demand of agriculture, financial accessibility and demand, ease of financing, promoting agricultural insurance, financing small holders; agricultural finances and business development support would be a spring board at this critical time.
American foreign policy tradition is such that it does not really matter whether governments in Africa and other developing countries come to power through the ballot or the bullet. What matters most for the US administration is whether individuals, groups or parties that come to power in those countries develop policies that serve US foreign policy interests.

By the same token, Western sensibilities towards democracy are skin deep. African leaders may be democratically elected but as long as they are submissive to American foreign policy interests, they are automatically damped and replaced with others who to the US line in regional or global politics.

In a book entitled, Democratic Humility: Reinhold Niebuhr, Neurocience and America’s Political Crisis, Christopher Beem wrote that, “American politics is in a state of crisis but it is not clear why. Nor do we know what to do about it. Reinhold Niebuhr helps us understand what is wrong with our politics and research into the workings of the brain confirms his analysis. Call it sin or motivated reasoning and confirmation bias, the bottom line is that all of us are what Niebuhr calls “Children of Light.”

The writer further noted that American political tradition is too much focused on its presumed virtues and emphasizes the role played by American media in perpetuating this myth. He says, “We are all vain and self-righteous about our beliefs and values, and we are more interested in the information that goes against them. The unprecedented rise of talk radio and cable news helps to account for why things are so bad.

The writer further notes that America needs more humility than arrogance in order to see how the world actually works. He says: “We all want to hear that our group is smarter and more moral than others. To restore a democracy that functions, we need to understand ourselves better and develop the humility that such knowledge should engender.”

This is of course a stark and unprecedentedly frank analysis or portrait of American politics in general. When it comes to US foreign policy behavior, the situation may even be worse than what the author has said regarding US attitude towards the fate of democracy in foreign countries. American diplomatic pretensions are nowhere more evident than in recent developments in Africa and in Egypt in particular as an example.

The most notable recent example is the election of Mohamed Morsi in June 2012 by the Muslim Brotherhood party who was by any standard the first democratically elected president of Egypt. The American authorities’ cold reception of Morsi’s victory was a prelude to his downfall in a military coup d’état which the Americans welcomed, not officially of course, as a good riddance of an Islamist president that might have threatened American interests in the Middle East or could destabilize the region.

The Obama administration, neither expressed support to Morsi’s election nor denounced the coup. Deep down, Obama knew Morsi was the legitimate president of the most important US ally in the region. Yet, his presidential political common sense told him that Morsi might turn out to be the wrong president not for Egypt but for America. The military coup that followed was a deafening silence by the American administration. This could be compared with former president Obama’s surprise visit to Egypt in July 2013 and his speech at the African Union headquarters in Addis Ababa where he said that the then EPRDF-led administration in Ethiopia was a democratic one and was doing the American job in Somalia fighting Al Shaba as it was. However, any man in the American streets knew that the election of the ruling party in Ethiopia was shrouded in a big political fraud that was exposed a few years later.

American foreign duplicity was most evident even before the EPRDF came to power and then was pushed out of power through popular uprisings. During the 1977 Somali invasion of Ethiopia, the US administration refused to sell weapons mainly aircrafts despite the fact that the money for the purchase was paid beforehand. Ethiopia had no option other than turning to whoever was willing to help stop the Somali invasion and Russia stepped in to provide the defensive weapons the country needed.

America did not move a finger to stop Siad Barre’s invading hordes that were defeated thanks to Russian arms and Cuban military assistance under whose terms they came in. A country facing foreign invasion cannot be blamed if it borrows from the devil to repel the threat to its very survival.

American diplomats always remain silent or blame the victim of the invasion ‘for being invaded’ directly or by proxy. There is an Amharic proverb that best illustrates the absurdity of such a situation. It is called ahisian fenato dawante. Fearing the donkey, you beat the load it is carrying on its back. Fearing to lose the friendship or agency of the invading government, American diplomats often accuse the invaded as they are doing it at present.

The US administration has committed more than one mistake in the past. Former President Obama and his NATO allies engineered and implemented the bloody ouster of former Libyan President Gaddafi following false allegations about Libya building nuclear weapons that later proved a hoax. Obama later even regretted that decision as one of the most ‘unfortunate’ events of his presidency. Former US Secretary General Hillary Clinton at one time rued that America’s humiliated end but she did and could not foresee how US foreign policy could lead a once proud, prosperous and stable country to the presently unending chaos and tragedy.

Although America sometimes offers humanitarian assistance in times of drought and hunger in Ethiopia, that was largely meant to refurbish the damage the US image suffered as a result of its silence or indifference in the face of Somalia’s invasion of Ethiopia back in 1977. Americans often send food aid in an effort to appear compassionate and kind in the court of international public opinion while deep down they resist the sense of freedom and independence Ethiopians display whenever their honor and pride are at stake. They wait for better opportunities to execute their plan of infiltration and destabilization of African countries. Republicans as well as Democrats push similar policies when it comes to protecting American national interests.

Ethio-American relations saw better days in the past and are now deteriorating simply because America right after the Second World War was a new emerging global power that had not yet shed its political innocence and its idealism. Nowadays, America has now entered mature old age and has lost the innocence of its youth. During the time of the early US presidents they could borrow all through Churchill, Reagan, Nixon and so on, Bush, Clinton and so on, Ethio-American relations were generally described as normal or friendly but they were not normal or friendly as some pro-American domestic pundits often maintain.

US presently hostile policy towards Ethiopia in its current struggle to become more assertive in the face of domestic and Western threats is not something that emerged overnight. It is rather the result of a well-entrenched and institutionalized neocolonial patronizing behavior in Africa in general. America always considered Ethiopia a poor country and a junior partner that deserves American assistance in order to survive as a country.

The US state department looked at Ethiopia with realism as a place that needs to be pampered for its strategic assets alone. America has never been a colonial power but it suddenly found itself on top of the world and in order to play its role as ‘policeman of the world’ it needed to indirectly control small countries like Ethiopia in its fight against hegemonic giants like the former Soviet Union that had replaced Nazi Germany as a global enemy. Since then various American presidents came and went by restuffing the diplomatic deck of cards in order to accommodate its hegemonic ambitions and its neocolonial posturing.

Personally, American presidents may please people with high personal integrity, compassionate or friendly ones. But as presidents, they are all following the same foreign policy script written when America emerged as a superpower back in the 1940s or in the post-war years. That is why we say the present American hostility towards Ethiopia should not come as a surprise because we have never been real or genuine friends from the beginning.

As they often tell us, in politics, there is no permanent friend or permanent enemy but permanent interests. Ethiopia should not therefore feel betrayed by American behavior in the present context. There has never been a genuine friend and it is behaving in accordance with the above principle.

In the past, the US considered the TPLF a terrorist group but it shifted position and built close relations with the leaders as the latter were ready to serve their mutual interests. At present, the US looks and behaves in a manner of a former lover who feels nostalgic of their lost romance. Both feel nostalgic of their old romantic years and it is natural that they behave in the same way after they had invested so much in that romantic relationship and after their fall from political grace.

As far as American foreign policy instruments, they have not changed and had never changed. Subversion of African governments, assassination of their leaders, organizing coups and counter-coups, disinformation and conducting spy operations still remain the tested most favored tools of US foreign policy in Africa. Russian relations today have only provided some examples of this kind of behavior In Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, South Sudan and other countries far and near.

American officials are acting according to the written script and he American media is joining in to spread these relations of interests. This too is not new. The US media is preparing the psychological environment for a possible American military invasion. The US administration, Pentagon recently suffered a humiliating defeat in Afghanistan after spending so much money, firepower, technology and troops. Its primary objective was to be present wherever its interests are threatened by its rivals, Russia and China.

Nowadays, they see its interests jeopardized in Africa by these countries and the Horn of Africa is an absolute priority in American plan of intervention and subversion. Ethiopia is the target at present. It is paying an unnecessary price due to America’s unrealistic and reckless policies where US traditional political pretensions are put to the test. America has never been interested in democracy in Africa. It is interested only in subversion and domination to defend its global or strategic interests.

From a country formerly considered the embodiment of democratic values, America has now turned into a bastion of subversion, exporter of war and disaster to Africa. As Christopher Beem said, “We all want to hear that our group is smarter and more moral than others.” But this may not be always true. What a tragic destiny for the end of American supremacy and world domination. The world is no doubt waiting and watching the finale.
BDU striving to be outstanding experimental university

BY YOHANES JEMANEH

Among the experimental higher educational institutions that Ethiopia identified to its development endeavors is Bahir Dar University (BDU). As part of this agenda, BDU undertakes various research and innovation works to solve problems and improve people’s life. It has been also organizing various programs including conferences to demonstrate prototypes and present papers.

The university had recently celebrated the 9th International Science and Technology Conference. The conference entertained various programs including about 100 research papers and innovative works. Bahir Dar Technology Institute Research and Community Service Deputy Scientific Director Mekuanent Agegnehu (PhD) said on the conference that the university has been conducting various problem solving and scientific researches, which it got published on international journals as per the agreement of the university with an internal publisher named Springer.

Bahir Dar Technology Institute Scientific Director Seifu Admassu (PhD) noted that the conference was a successful platform to share experience among stakeholders in demonstrating experimental innovations and studies with regard to science and technology.

The innovative works and research papers were presented on seven subjects including energy options, water management and engineering activities. The conference involved students, teachers and partners. Such programs are important platforms to share experience on knowledge and technology transfer.

BDU President Firew Tegegne (PhD) for his part said the university is the leading higher educational institutions, which the country envisioned experimental universities. Therefore, it is developing science and technology utilizing its wealth of experience as an input. Such experimental universities play a crucial role in advancing the development of the country through solving problems with knowledge-based researches. “We are also working to identify and understand these standards to get proficient skill of students in identifying problems and solving problems,” Firew noted.

For Seifu, it is important to work together with partners in identifying problems than merely researching on creating technologies without setting priority. “For instance, we have worked together with private owners engaged in providing technology for small irrigation expansion projects. So we have done our level best by providing technology to these partners after undertaking the needed research. In this regard, we had worked with our partners giving training to our students about how to figure out problems and the way they should be solved.”

BDU is among the first generation universities that brought various successful individuals in supporting country’s development like Behaneh Mewa, Eng. Adane Kebra, and so on. “We have planned to document and attribute these profiles and showcase to the audience during the 60th years of anniversary of the university,” the president said.

The university need to ensure educational quality to meet the national and international standard so as to provide additional skilled generation that help prompt the development of the country. “We have to improve the skill of students in identifying problems and designing technology as possible solutions. The university is also expected to create awareness to partners and stakeholders to understand these standards to get proficient support,” according to Seifu.

Experimental universities are world-class universities. They achieve this standard by publishing researches on journals and providing innovative works. Such conferences are vital in this regard to evaluate researches and submit to journals. It was 10 years back BDU set a plan to be an experimental university even before the initiation of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. The plan is 10 years back BDU set a plan to be an experimental university even before the initiation of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. The plan includes boosting the volume and variety of researches to assist the country to join middle income nations by solving its problems. Not only this, Firew recalled that the plan also incorporates research conferences in each academic sector.

Attending the occasion, Minister of Defense Abreham Belay (PhD) who is the then Minister of Innovation and Technology said that interconnecting knowledge and capital is crucial to accomplish the development of the country. Therefore, the government is working at national level to approve legal frameworks to achieve the progress to this end. The basic objective of universities is to solve country’s problems by conducting meticulous researches. They are also expected to support researches undertaken by partners, bolstering interlinkage with industries and private owners.

Currently, BDU is working with various universities. It is also partnering with industries at regional and national level. “We have worked several works in the area of information communication technology in public institutions through digitalizing their operation system,” Seifu said.

Currently, the university is advancing in terms of improving quality of education through creating technology-friendly environment. Therefore, it has built a capacity to do more in assisting the academic endeavor with latest technologies in the area. “I believe that BDU is a progressive and promising university which can help smoothing the national effort for development,” Berhan noted.

BDU’s Business Incubation and Techno’ Entrepreneurship Center equipped with the state-of-the-art technologies including 3D printers helps to create and promote more knowledge and technologies that are important to integrate and speed up productivity either for existing, emerging or new businesses, it was learnt.

Recently, BDU in collaboration with Debre Markos University has recognized about 40 startups after giving training on business entrepreneurship. The trainees received a finance and certificate award. They had displayed their innovative works including prototypes of advanced wheelchairs, a software, intended to replace the regular billboard, plastic grinding machine, and cutting-edge Tej (traditional wine made up of honey) brewing method. The university promised to help startups to get additional trainings and linkage with business partners.
Society

Ethiopians are always Ethiopians

BY STAFF REPORTER

“I may live in the USA but my story began in Ethiopia,” read one of the placards carried at recent rallies held at the USA by Ethiopians, Africans and Ethiopia’s friends. The “No more” movement was organized with the aim of condemning the intervention of West in the internal affairs of Ethiopia, opposing the ongoing Western media disinformation campaign, Western economic warfare, diplomatic propaganda and military interventions as well as denouncing the support the western give to the terrorist Tigray People’s Liberation Front (TPLF).

The movement has got together Ethiopians, Africans and Ethiopia’s friends and compelled them to unite and stand as one. As, it is witnessed from the participants and their deep emotions speak vividly, even if they are currently living in overseas comfortably and satisfyingly, their motherland in which they were born, grew up and spend both the bad and good moments is still within their heart entrenching too deeply.

That is why, they carried the slogan “I may live in the USA but my story began in Ethiopia.”

“My fellow Ethiopians here and in the Diaspora, your role in telling the world the truth is commendable. In unity, we can overcome the existential threat this ancient nation is confronted with by forces far and near. As children of Adwa, we will carry Ethiopia resiliently onwards twisted Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed following the “No more” movement held all over the world.

True, we are all Ethiopians. No matter what our ethnic background or religion is, no matter what our political ideology and differences are, standing together and sacrificing our blood for the sake of our country is the only alternative and the least we can do to defend our motherland, Ethiopia.

Any form of aggression and attempt that aims to twist government’s hand through plotting with traitors to dismantle the country would not yield any good and Ethiopians would not allow that. Rather they prefer to die.

“Ethiopia will not destabilize or fall under the influence of its internal traitors or historic enemies. We will defend and honor it with our blood. All Ethiopians prefer to die to see his/her country attacks by its enemies. And, I too assure you that I prefer to sacrifice my life and defend my country,” said Mayor Adanech Abiebie.

As to her, the sacrifice we are paying today is not only to secure our country, but it is also to curb the ill intents of those entities who are aspiring to impose their will on us, and honor those who paid their lives for our freedom.

This is not the right time to sit idle. Wake up, stand up and let us stand in front of our internal enemies who are joining hands with our historic entities and working untringly to dismantle the country with courage, commitment and with a sense of patriotism and bury them for once and for all, she urged.

Ethiopian Diasporas living all over the world should also said ‘no’ to all accounts carried out on Ethiopia and you should further strengthen your struggle, Mayor Adanech added.

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Restoring amoral damages on health facilities

BY DIRRIBA TESHOME

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And, Minister Lia Tadesse (MD) has recently noted that there has been prevalent looting of medical facilities and destruction of medical equipment which exposed the lives of many citizens to danger.

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Serious damages were inflicted in health facilities located in Benishangul-Gumuz and Oromia States, besides those in Amhara and Afar states. “A total of more than 1,000 health stations were looted and damaged in the areas.”

As she said, destroying public health facilities is intolerable as restoring, rehabilitating the devastated institutions requires Ministry of Health huge resources.

Furthermore, Lia (MD) noted that the Ministry is collecting resources and distributing medical supplies to health facilities in areas were relative peace has been restored. Effort is also underway to integrate hospitals that are not affected by the war with damaged health stations in their localities so that they can support them.

To this end, distribution of materials has been completed to rehabilitate 20 damaged health stations in Afar and Amhara states, she elaborated adding: “Many ambulances were stolen and others damaged, in addition to the damages cause on the health institutions and medical equipment.”

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At last, the international agencies need to enact the laws on health instead of just shelving them when it comes to their ill willed alliances. As well, it is time for all Ethiopians to stand together and move the nation forward and rebuild the damaged health facilities, as Lia (MD) put it.
BY LEULSEGED WORKU

It was on 17 September 1895; Emperor Menelik II declared a total mobilization of war against the Fascist Italian Forces that invaded Ethiopia. At the time, the Emperor called on all Ethiopians, regardless of any differences, to defend their country. He ordered every capable person to fight and those incapable to pray for Ethiopia’s victory.

Respecting Menelik’s call and accepting his request, Ethiopians from every segment, (fighters, farmers, pastoralists, laborers, artisans, traders, as well as women) furiously and courageously moved to battlefronts holding their second-rate weapons; but a strong cause.

As various documents indicate, regional leaders from diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds responded unanimously creating an army of 100,000.

The Emperor Menelik did not only urge the people to stand by his side, but he, himself, had headed to the warfront to lead the army.

The outcome of this battle ensured Ethiopia’s independence, making it the only African country never to be colonized. The Victory of Adwa has turned Ethiopia into a symbol of freedom, an emblem of pride for Africans and for all black people around the globe.

Not only that it also embarrassed colonialists, completely melted their heated up ambition known as ‘the Scramble for Africa’, deflated invaders’ morale and their sense of superiority. Surprisingly, it has even led to a change of government in Italy.

Now, history is repeating itself. Owing to the concerted conspiracy of its internal enemies and western entities, the nation is in a more pressing moment than before and has encountered a condition that compelled the nation to enter into war.

Particularly, the terrorist TPLF group by taking the advantage of government’s unilateral ceasefire measures and joining hand with external forces, is disrupting the peace and security of the people.

By invading the adjacent areas (Amhara and Tigray states), it has perpetrated severe crimes on innocent civilians. It has massacred thousands of civilians, wounded, displaced hundreds of thousand people from their living places, destroyed infrastructure, looted public and private properties, including food and nonfood items kept in storages by relief organizations for targeted recipients.

In times where the Fascist forces attempted to control the nation, there were committed Ethiopians who were willing to die for their nation. But that does not mean there were no traitors that had been dealing with the lives of their fellow Ethiopian brothers and sisters. These traitors (bands) were serving as an instrument to terrorize Ethiopians standing by the side of the invading forces and through feeding information to the enemy.

This was also witnessed and repeated at this critical point too. Last Wednesday, in a video footage, Western Diplomats and Pro TPLF groups were exposed while sneaking around to put Ethiopian peace at stake.

However, the strong Ethiopian sentiment which surpasses all earthly things has also repeated itself - Ethiopians across the globe have shown and renewed their unreserved effort and commitment to go to warfront, condemning the terrorist TPLF junta as well as the unjustifiable intervention of West and their affiliated media outlets.

Depending on the type of profession they engaged in and the need of their nation, Ethiopians are now responding to the call of their nation to combat the hybrid war.

Athlete Haile Gebreselassie, is one of the great Ethiopians who modeled the action of the Prime Minister and showed willingness to fight for their motherland.

As it was mentioned recently, Olympic Gold Medalist and Ethiopian Hero, Haile Gebreselassie, is ready and willing to go to the battlefield to punish the rebellion forces. In his recent interview with one of the foreign media, Haile confirmed that, he is willing and happy to pay all the sacrifice to protect his country from the terrorist faction.

The response of Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed, as the unjustifiable intervention of West and its drivers attempt to create enmity and differences among Ethiopians for their own sake, Ethiopians have become more and more closer and stand for national security.

The recent victories that were registered in different battlefields and the Prime Minister’s courage have further boosted the morale of several Ethiopians to join the army and punish the terrorist TPLF.

Despite all the attempts of the remnants of the terrorist enterprise, its drivers (the West) and insurgents to stir the peace and stability of the nation through their white lies Ethiopians have united together more than ever. They have joined the army to punish the junta.

There was no time Ethiopians compared their comfort, position or fame with their country. The response of Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed, Athletes Haile Gebreselassie, Feyisa Lilesa, Artist Tewodros Teshome as well as high government officials is a good example in this regard. Despite the comfortable life they are leading and the fortune and reputation they got, they have preferred to go to the war front. This is what Ethiopia is and it is the true manifestation of Ethiopians identity. And when we are saying “History is repeating itself,” it is not just to say it; rather it is by reason and with good cause.