

# NEW ETHIOPIA

## THE NEED FOR ESTABLISHING AN ALL- INCLUSIVE GOVERNMENT

### OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION

The optimism entertained during the events that accompanied the demise of the Dergue Regime is progressively getting eclipsed due to the alarming phenomena witnessed in the immediate aftermath of the overthrow of the dictatorship. Despite the fact that a full-fledged fratricidal war seemed to have been averted initially, subsequent state of affairs displayed occurrences that run contrary to earlier anticipations.

The so called "Transitional Government" which is the off-spring of the London Talks of May 1992 and the ill-fated July Conference convened in Addis Ababa manifested its ineptitude in the direction of tolerance and commendable accommodation immediately at birth. One such act among others relates to the marginalisation of the democratic opposition in whose ranks stands our patriotic movement.

ME'ISONE had repeatedly warned against the fragile nature of the tactical alliance formed between the principal actors of the July 1992 concert leading to the establishment of the currently one party dictatorship alias "The Transitional Government of Ethiopia". This prediction was based on the objective and correct appraisal of the forthcoming implications of the dishonest handling of events on the one hand and the concrete analysis of the behavior pattern of the EPRDF on the other.

As events were to prove subsequently, the innate dictatorial and anti-democratic nature of the EPRDF did not come to a halt by alienating and marginalising ME'ISONE and COEDF alone. Among others, the mode and manner in which the local elections of last year had been conducted led to the ousting of the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) which was one of the principal actors in the London talks and the July political festival. Since then, numerous national and multi-national political groupings have been pushed out by surrendering their stake in the so-called "Transitional Government" due to out-right irregularities and provocations perpetrated by the EPRDF and its stooges.

The proliferation of pro-EPRDF puppet and markedly irresponsible political groups, undermining of the rule of law due to gross and multi-faceted human right abuse, eroding of the much anticipated democratic exercise as a result of the high-handedness of the power that be, fomenting of antagonism and conflict among our people on the basis of ethnicity and religion, dismemberment of the country by sanctioning the secession of Eritrea,...etc. are some of the occurrences characterizing the adverse situation in Ethiopia. All these are nothing other than the fiendish designs of the EPRDF and its mercenary collaborators who are out to secure the implementation of their destructive programmes through the

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instrumentality of state power. It is worthy to note that the Ethiopian state is, at present, entirely privatized as the sole property of the EPRDF which is exempted from any accountability be it to law or civil society at large.

Being cognizant of the negative implications of such dangerous acts of apparent abuse of power and the machinery of government, MEISONE had repeatedly called upon all concerned groups and entities to forge a broad based democratic alliance aiming at the establishment of an all-inclusive government of national reconciliation resting on the rule of law and the consent of our people. Unfortunately, the power-greedy EPRDF has become persistently reluctant to comply to such and similar other calls supported by the significant majority of our people. With the hope of salvaging the prevalent alarming situation and averting the perils that are surely to follow unless a genuine atmosphere of peace, stability and reconciliation is realized:

We call upon all Ethiopian political forces, parties, public and professional associations, trade unions and religious organizations to rally behind the efforts of the forces of peace and national salvation,

We call upon all peace-loving members of the international community, governments and non-governmental organizations to throw their weights behind the positive and democratic aspiration of the people of Ethiopia struggling to save their country from disintegration,

We call upon the EPRDF and its collaborators, both domestic and foreign, to desist from their anti-Ethiopia policies and practice and resort to promoting democratic and responsible politics that could guarantee the realization of the well-being of our country and peoples.

LONG LIVE ETHIOPIA!

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