

Dear compatriots,

I am sending this note to bring to your attention the unfortunate and indeed dangerous ventures of some Ethiopian "political leaders" whose blind quest for power and privilege will drive them to commit acts of unbridled betrayal of colleagues who closely work with them, despite the publicly stated and sworn to objective of sustaining the Ethiopian people's struggle for democracy.

The late scientist Kitaw Ejigu founded the Ethiopian National United Front (ENUF) and nurtured the organization for more than four years before he passed away on January 11, 2006. Kitaw although a brilliant world class rocket scientist was not a sophisticated political operator. His main focus was the salvation of our beloved motherland and her people. He trusted and tried to embrace all who preached Ethiopian "patriotism". He did not refrain from expressing his disdain for those whom he presumed to be "unpatriotic". Consequently, he had made thousands of friends and quite a few enemies.

Colonel Asrat Bogale, who claimed that he has had the training, expertise and know-how of Ethiopian and global politics and military training, befriended Kitaw during the summer of 2005. Asrat bragged about the thousands of patriots under his command in Northern Ethiopia. When asked to produce the list of his organization's (Ethiopian Peoples Unity Movement) executive committee members, he had none to show. He told Kitaw that he (Asrat) was fully authorized to represent his organization's Executive Committee (EC). When pressed further, he would rant and obfuscate about his EC members blocking the merger of his party with ENUF unless his words were taken at face value. Hence, even though both tried to work together and were in the process of negotiating a merger of the two parties, **no formal merger ever took place.**

However, once Kitaw fell severely ill and before he passed away, Asrat did not waste any time in plotting a take-over. In cahoots with a few collaborators in the USA, he began faxing orders and instructions to his surreptitious new appointees, purportedly due to his bleeding heart for the loss of a national leader, to instigate an investigation into Kitaw's sudden death. Woyane, Shaibia and Kitaw's family members (in that order) were the prime suspects. No matter how many times the attending neuron surgeons, neurologist, family members and those of us who were by his bedside explained the actual incidents and precipitating conditions that led to Kitaw's untimely death, Asrat continued to shade crocodile tears.

Barely a month after Kitaw's funeral, Asrat called for a meeting in Atlanta and became the acting chairman of Ethiopian National United Patriotic Front (ENUPF), an organization that has no legal standing. Soon after, the true colors of a divisive, opportunistic, self-centered and conceited individual became apparent. Organizational management and protocol were thrown out of the window and another merger in the making; of course under his command, was finalized in secrecy without the knowledge and participation of the Vice chairman and Secretary-General, and announced in Sweden on May 27, 2006. This marriage was hurriedly arranged purportedly to counter balance the establishment of the Alliance for Freedom and Democracy (AFD) – presumably because the AFD was the brain child of Asrat's nemeses, the leader of the Ethiopian People's Patriotic Front. (EPPF). He issued press releases denouncing the AFD.

Asrat was unceremoniously dismissed by the founding members of [ENUF on June 2, 2006](#). His made in Sweden coalition also fell apart according to a [Press Release](#) issued on August 30, 2006. Rest assured that engineer Kitaw Ijigu's vision and banner will be carried forward!

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