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**Meles Zenawi's Plot to Destabilize Ethiopia by
Dragging her into Ethno-Religious Conflicts in East Africa**

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Meles Zenawi, with the blessing of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, a few other European leaders, and the United States government has installed a "constitutional order" in Ethiopia, an order based on 19th century dogma that preaches "proletarian supremacy." This version of superman however was concocted to desecrate the human spirit and turn the individual into a 'biological element' disposable at the whim of the master or used as a robotic weapon of mass destruction. Those who carefully read Meles Zenawi's manifesto of the Marxist Leninist League of Tigray (MLLT) along with his 1979 training manual on the need for the liberation of Eritrea and other "oppressed nationalities" in Ethiopia and elsewhere, would be able to ascertain why the submissive cadres that Zenawi trained as Aagazi assassins would readily snuff out the life of a mother and child, at a snap of a finger by Meles Zenawi and Bereket Simion. There is ample undisputed testimony that can not be wished away with equivocation, that the two comrades ordered the daylight slaughter of hundreds of peaceful demonstrators in Ethiopia in June and November 2005 and continue to do so today.

It is also hard to miss the parallel in the thought pattern and actions between Zenawi's cadres wanton act of brutality and extremist Islamist Jihadist holy-crusader mass murder mentality. In both doctrines (Marxist and Jihadist), the organization rules supreme and the Secretary-General in the case of the MLLT and the Chairman of the Union of Islamic Courts (UIC) can order, execution on the spot, of a presumed criminal. Similarly, the reward for the MLLT cadre is proletariat homage - power over capitalists and privileges at the expense of the poor; whereas the Jihadist extremist goes straight to heaven to be subsequently followed by his family members. While both doctrines train and treat their cadres as "biological elements" at the disposal of the master (or his representative), the first works for utmost pleasure on earth while the latter is willing to be rocketed to and deposited in heaven. Therefore, hair-splitting arguments and rationalization to differentiate between the two terrorist group's gurus; i.e. Meles Zenawi of the MLLT and Sheikh Hassan Dahir Aweys of Islamic Jihadists, and wishful thinking to portray Zenawi as a "beacon of hope" for African democracy and paint Aweys as an al-Qaeda fighter who could unite a fractious unholy alliance, is either a reflection of one's political naiveté or an expression of contemptuous superpower arrogance.

The political reality is, despite his hard labor, Meles Zenawi has failed to realize his dream of tearing Ethiopia apart into nine ethnic gulags after trying for 15 years, and Somali warlords, with the assistance of the US, have been unable to mend former Somalia's pieces together to where it was in 1991, after 14 attempts to form a national government. Moreover, the warm embraces that Meles Zenawi received for his acts of brutality via ambassadorial provisions of false testimony for his decisions to take the lives of Ethiopians through extra-judicial measures only deepened his sense of invincibility. Rewarding

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Zenawi monetarily and militarily for the actions that he has been carrying out during the last fifteen years is tantamount to agreeing with his theory that denigrates human life. There is no need to provide more glaring evidence to support this assertion other than to point to the aftermath of the May 15, 2005 parliamentary elections. Former US president Jimmy Carter, US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Ambassador Tim Clarke of the UK looked the other way and failed to stop Zenawi from rounding up his political opponents, torturing and killing hundreds, and throwing thousands into concentration camps. To the contrary they showered him with praise for his baboonery. Similarly, Somali warlords were discouraged from engaging in negotiations with Islamists.

In contrast, the Honorable Ana Gomes, the Head of the Ethiopian Election Observation Mission of the European Parliament denounced Zenawi after her team meticulously recorded its findings of electoral fraud and corruption. The European Union (EU) confronted Zenawi and suspended aid to his regime. The commission appointed by Meles Zenawi's Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Forces (EPRDF) controlled parliament, was prevented by Zenawi from releasing the final report that indicted the regime's military and police forces for committing the hideous massacre of peaceful demonstrators. In a twist of fate the chairman and the vice-chairman of the investigative commission, certain that they will meet the same fate as those who won the May 2005 parliamentary elections, escaped with evidence in tow to the USA and are currently pleading with Dr. Rice to give them political asylum in America. Hence the assertion by President George W. Bush and Secretary Rice that Meles is an irreplaceable ally, and their continuous denial, despite the stark documented truth that is sitting on their desks, that Zenawi did not commit the carnage in Ethiopia, and their statements to pamper their man in Addis, is tantamount to collaboration. We strongly disagree with the notion that what Zenawi is doing to Ethiopian citizens is in the best "strategic interest" of Western nationals, and argue that policies based on this premise are irrational and inexcusable. If this obscuration continues unabated, the United States Government may not have any friends left in Ethiopia by the time Zenawi departs, and that would be a great tragedy for the peoples of Ethiopia and the United States of America.

We ask, is it because Zenawi is considered to be above the rule-of-law that he is allowed to play the role of prosecutor, juror, witness, judge and executioner? Is he preferred over common citizens because he is a breed apart from the populous and has met all the requirements to carry the burden of an evangelist to spearhead Western democracy in certain stabilized strategic zones? We have to presume that this type of reasoning is subterfuge for an imbedded imperialist-supremacist value system. That is, there is an ingrained denial of reality and wishful thinking that there are no parallel historical precedents in Africa attesting to constitutional democracy, respect for an individual's inalienable rights, and evidence for traditional democratic governance. Thus, the self-congratulatory hype that true democracy would only be manifested by being singularly based on western goodwill and generosity; and that even a semblance of an imperfect process of democratization initiated in Europe must be cause for celebration in Africa.

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Meles Zenawi has never been elected to the office of president or prime minister of Ethiopia, but seized state power through brute force, and his acts of brutality and British and US governments' wanton denial of his crimes against humanity that is taking place in Ethiopia today engender endorsement of his actions, and complicity with EPRDF criminals. Mr. Zenawi swears that he copied his 1994 constitution and the powers thereof, from the constitutions of the UK, Canada, and USA. We do not have solid evidence to confirm Zenawi's assertions on this matter, but we believe that the failure of the leaders of the British and US governments to stop Zenawi in 2005 from rounding up his political competitors, torturing and killing hundreds, and throwing thousands of their supporters into concentration camps is tantamount to not denying his claims in the least, or confirmation of his assertions at worst. Furthermore, believing that what Zenawi is doing to Ethiopian citizens is in the best "strategic interest" of Western nationals, and hiring Zenawi, a Marxist-Leninist crowned as a "counter-terrorism" partner is nursing the notion that the Ethiopian people are either ignorant or they will not be able to free themselves from bondage and become partners in peace. It is our humble hypothesis that such tunnel vision and judgment breeds contempt, and builds the moral indignation of nationalists who turn to armed resistance for their freedom, after the bridges that they built to promote peaceful opposition have been blown by such pre-emptive strikes, be it with or without shock.

We ask Mistery Blair and G. W. Bush to search their souls and stop the bloody carnage that Zenawi has in store for all East Africans. Ethiopians will not accept any profound and deeply felt regrets after Mr. Blair and Mr. Bush let Zenawi destroy Ethiopia by dragging her into a proxy ill-conceived war of attrition. Mr. Zenawi has earned a certificate for absolute failure - (more than 100,000 Ethiopian lives were lost between 1998 and 2000 in a tit-for-tat war between two gangsters.); after Zenawi opted to get involved in a personal aggrandizement venture that ruined the lives of millions of people in Ethiopia-Eritrea. Zenawi should not be given another opportunity to replicate his colossal mistakes which to this day he has not been able to justify or rectify. He is wallowing in his own internal contradiction, unable to choose between becoming an Eritrean liberator or Tigrean imperialist warlord. According to his own writings, he has "defeated the Showan Dynasty" (Mengistu Haile Marian) and yet is denied the Axumite crown, both of which he actually despises.

We urge London and Washington to exercise caution and rethink their present policies and respect the Ethiopian people's peaceful struggle to free themselves by removing a tyrannical ethnic supremacist regime. Any further futile attempt to force the Ethiopian people to be subservient to a feudo-socialist authoritarian rule by brandishing shock and awe from Djibouti or projecting a phantom Jihadist assault from Mogadishu will only lead to Iraqi-type quagmire. It is precisely this type of melt-down; burn, plunder and destroy scenario that Meles wishes for the rest of Ethiopia. Having, in his short sighted vision, successfully campaigned for independent Eritrea, and gained full temporary autonomy for the Republic of Tigray, Zenawi is now emboldened to invade Somalia. His former comrade-in-arms Isaias Afewerki is playing along and is itching to try penetration of the eastern Ethiopian borders after his troops were mauled on the northern boundaries. The danger of this mouse and cat game, and the deceptive

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skirmishes is that the conflict may ignite a regional war that may prove difficult to extinguish. It is a shame that a few "African liberators" would only know how to talk to each other through the barrel of the AK-47. They must not be allowed to expand their "play grounds."

There is no doubt that Zenawi's wish list also includes declaration of independence for a break-away "Somali Peoples Republic of Ogadenia." After all, such a min-state does not pose significant threat as the feared and loathed Oromo Liberation Front's Oromia to the Republic of Tigray. Once the mirror and smoke show in Somalia is over, Zenawi may eventually fulfill his secessionist wishes for the Ogaden National Liberation Front by feigning or accepting defeat and withdrawing his forces. But for now, in his typical pathological disinformation and misinformation tactics, he is playing with emotionally loaded words and phrases - "I have no troops deployed in Somali except a few hundred trainers-read high ranking commanding officers." "The Islamists have no right to put up resistance against Ethiopian troops (woyanes) because we (endowed with bleeding hearts) plan to create a democratic government for them." "We shall take all avenues to peace even in the face of attacks until all options are exhausted." "No citizen with a clear conscience should stand a passive observer in the face of a strategy put up from Asmara to Mogadishu to create mayhem in Ethiopia."

All this preposterous propaganda is the same old discredited drama to lure strategic partners' resources and support in putting down the nationwide Ethiopian resistance to Zenawi's autocratic rule. It is a distraction from the aftermath of the 2005 corrupted elections and exposure of the true results of the report of the investigative commission. It is a ploy designed to divert attention from the constant demand for the release of all prisoners of conscious in Zenawi's jails. Sane people would ask how Zenawi could hallucinate about exporting "democratic governance" to "Somalia", a concept that is alien to him or something that he has never experienced, witnessed, or contemplated before? Any concentrated search by CIA drones may not be able to locate the democratic district that Meles established in Eritrea, Tigray, Adwa, Addis Abeba, Asmara or Awasa. A better and faster way to locate Zenawi's illusive democracy is to get CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 to visit Kaliti dungeons and interview Engineer Hailu Shawel to get his perspective about the burgeoning democracy in Ethiopia.

The obvious question is what are these EPRDF "trainers" doing inside the boundaries of a sovereign (though failed) African state? Isn't this act of bravado, in violation of the charters of the United Nations and that of the African Union which prohibits meddling in the internal affairs of another sovereign state? Isn't the Security Council of the UN supposed to oversee the deployment of peacekeepers in members states as opposed to a tyrannical regime perceived as an "enemy" by the host nation imposing its will through the barrel of the gun? Why does this agency allow the unloading of massive number of weapons in Somalia in violations of the embargo imposed by the UN in 1992? Wasn't the 1993 declaration of Eritrean independence based on the request of Meles Zenawi's "Transitional Government" an illegal interference and a breach of both charters' and pledges by member states on

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other member nations' territorial integrity and national sovereignty? Isn't Zenawi's meddling in Somalia's internal affairs a replication of the tragic crimes that he incited in 1998?

No matter how sinister Zenawi's cantankerous ramblings, he will be held responsible for further crimes committed in Ethiopia or in her neighboring states! We warn him not to underestimate the gallantry and determination of the Ethiopian people. And we demand that all citizens that he incarcerated prior to or following the May 15, 2005 parliamentary elections be freed without any preconditions. We further note that the EPRDF constitution and the "constitutional order" thereof is not worth the paper it is written on, due to the fact that Mr. Zenawi has failed to abide by the very same document and accompanying signature that he swore to and agreed to uphold. Zenawi misled the world community into believing that he will abide by acceptable and transparent norms of international standards of elections, but he failed miserably when the time came to implement the protocol.

Finally, the Ethiopian National United Front demands that Zenawi stop the mass arrests, incarceration, torture and forced conscription of Ethiopian youth immediately. We strongly urge that all financial and material resources should be directed to help the victims of abject poverty, disease, natural disasters and lawlessness that prevail in our country today. We demand that Zenawi step down immediately so that those who were elected by the people may play a leading role in the formation of a new democratic government. We strongly believe that the majority of Ethiopians in the country and Diaspora concur that such a development will lead to constitutional governance and "regional stability." Last but not least, we would like to warn Zenawi not to interfere in the internal affairs of the Somali people or invade their sovereign territories, and desist from wasting Ethiopia's precious human resources and emptying her meager national treasury.

The Ethiopian people shall prevail!
Victory to the Ethiopian people!
Ethiopia Stretches Her Hands Unto God!

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