

SIDAMA LIBERATION FRONT Stance on the Upcoming Election in Ethiopia

In countries, like Ethiopia where the deceased cast ballots from the grave and TPLF members can register fake names all over the voting centers across the country, it is astonishing why people even bother to vote? Why people waste their times and resources to cast their votes that will disappear into thin air at the end of voting day? The only outcome of Ethiopian election is publicity for the regime as if there is legitimate of election process, while the reality is harassment, arrest, poisoning, and even murdering opposition candidates and members.

Today, there are sixty regimes in the world that includes Ethiopia are classified as "electoral authoritarian". They restrict the exercise of democratic freedoms, yet allow periodic elections in an attempt to bolster their domestic and international legitimacy. The rulers of these regimes are unwilling to risk losing elections, however, and so they manipulate elections to ensure that they remain in power.

Electoral authoritarian regime is the most common political system in Ethiopia today. From past experiences the Ethiopian electoral Board is working in applying the electoral fraud and manipulation it has employed in variety of forms. They are aimed at every step of the electoral process, ranging from altered voter-registration lists, to disrupted campaigns, to rigged vote tabulations. Some are brazen, while others are subtle. Using these tactics TPLF dictators make sure they are holders of winning lottery tickets, election after election. They claim staggering percentage of 99.6 % voters choosing them.

The credentials of Ethiopian electoral Board from its inception until today are filled with confusion and have no principal guidance to promote and protect citizens voting right. The electoral Board is outright stooge filled with narrow minded, filthy, hopeless and incompetent TPLF cadres. They smell ugly TPLF rotten propoganda which created corrupt bureaucracy that robbed the wealth of nation leaving the population under abject poverty.

From our internal sources of information, TPLF loyalists have set up hundreds of fictitious polling sites where no one votes but where hundreds of thousands of ballots will be recorded toward the TPLF Candidates. Ethiopians who spoke on the condition of political delicacy of the vote make fun of election, saying, TPLF candidates cannot win election unless they run alone without opposition". TPLF threats against opposition are an open admission that they do not win elections in democratic and competitive election.

The principle of the public nature of elections requires every major step of the election process be conducted in public and subject to public examination that is, "known by, or open to the knowledge of, all or most people" (Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary, Second Edition). Without this principle, neither Liberty nor a democracy can exist. We should now ask the question whether it is better to have elections or not at all. Here is the stance of SLF "we advise Sidama and all the people of Ethiopia not to take part in faked TPLF elections because there is no democratic institutions; there is no democratic space for competition, no freedom of speech and no free competitive election environment in the rule of TPLF gangs". Election in Ethiopia can be free and fair when the gangs are removed from or deterred from abuse of power and are thrown away into garbage pit of their history. So to make this true the solution lies with Ethiopian people, "Unity and stands together and take Wayne coffin to burial site on that day of their fake election day".

Finally, Sidama Liberation Front advises Sidama people to reject fake TPLF election and stay away from TPLF drama site.

Death to TPLF

Victory for peace loving people!

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