

SLF: Statements on Upcoming National Election in Ethiopia

The TPLF regime of Ethiopia is disseminating its well versed propoganda machine about the further coming so called national election in May 2010. As every one is well aware this is not the first time the TPLF has conducted stage managed election since they took power in Ethiopia through the barrel of gun.

We are very aware how the Woyane regime wind hooked the international community in general and Ethiopian people in particular during 2005 election and rigged the result of those elections. If we are going to learn a lesson from the recent past of Woyane's vicious treachery and arrogant lies the 2005 election was an excellent example to all Ethiopians and also to those international communities who believe in and support a genuine democracy everywhere.

The TPLF regime was created by Woyane and its policy is solely based on the old Albanian type communist philosophy. It is a fact that a tiger never shades away its true colour and the same truth holds for Woyane too.

Although once in a while when it fits their arrogant ambition they had tried to deceive national and international community by pretending that they would shade some of their ugly spots from their despicable skins. But TPLF is such a shameless outcast even their shade of lies would not convince anybody at all.

As a matter of fact the so called upcoming election is already predetermined and all those cadres who are hand picked know the result.

Just give one indisputable reason why this is so true is that Woyane's regime has already banned genuine and prominent international observers coming into the country to witness their (TPLF) controlled election(selection) on site.

The main obstacles for free and fair election in Ethiopia are the so called Electoral Board, which solely appointed by TPLF regime and similarly appointed judiciary system that are stooges of their masters.

SLF would like to point out to all those who believe in true democracy that there are numerous reasons that are seriously hindering free and fair election in Ethiopia under TPLF regime. We would like to list just a few below:

- The TPLF regime controls all aspect of life in Ethiopia. Their dreaded spies control every walk of life all over the country including tinny hamlets in towns and villages. That means no free democratic parties will dare to campaign against TPLF and its cohorts.
- The TPLF regime controls all bureaucracy apparatus in the country, be it finance or telecommunications. The TPLF regime has all financial and communication muscles to subdue any opposition with limited resources.

- **They run all mass media in the country including printed media, television and radio. The total control of media gives them unassailable advantage to do or disseminate all kind of lies.**

Without a real change in those above mentioned conditions in the country it will not be possible to conduct free and fair election. It is incumbent upon all Ethiopians and friends of Ethiopians to stand steady and campaign for free and fair election.

With relation to this, SLF would like also to convey a message to those parties who call themselves oppositions and who are hesitantly engaging in taking part in this sham election. We believe that your participation once again is delaying the freedom and human rights blossoming in the country (Ethiopia). Some of you have been calling yourselves opposition party in rubber stamp parliament of Woyane over eighteen years and others at least five or more, and what changes did you bring to your fellow country men? Even the little hand out you are given by TPLF regime has not improved your own individual well being. We believe that the time has come for you to rethink and withdraw from this sham election, if not history will judge you just like your masters the Woyanes.

Finally we would like to emphasize that participation in such election has no meaning except legitimization the tyrannical rule of the Ethiopian regime.

Consequently, we advise our friends, supporters and others peace and democracy loving people in the country not to take part in this hideous election.

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