

In the wake of popular uprising in Northern Africa, our motto shall be: Let us unite to demonstrate that we can!

The incidents that are turning Northern Africa and middle east upside down have not only created an atmosphere of freedom and hope to peace and reform loving people all around the globe but also brought a sense of shiver among autocrats and despots ruling their constituencies with iron fists.

In the discussion that followed the uprising in Tunisia, many have tried to argue whether the situation in Eritrea (or somewhere else for that matter) is conducive for such a mass movement. We have heard of attempts of explaining why Eritrean people, situation or even regime portrays different picture. Among the explanation was the fact that the Eritrean young people are scattered all over the country under the control of the military.

Another wave of attempts of explanation arrives with Egypt. Now the already existing explanation (the loss of perspective of the youth and the irresponsive governments) shifts to the strong coordination and unification of all opposing movements, parties or civic movements and the professional nature of the armed forces as a guarantee for a successful uprising.

And those pessimists are yet to be confronted as to explain why a strong man of Libya who tried every thing to control his own fellow young men and women by subsidizing their lives, providing them with anti west, we-are-unique and I-am-the- chosen propaganda and hence keeping them in a relatively high level of ignorance couldn't manage to remain immune. These new challenge is important for our analysis. The argument that Eritrean youths are in national military service controlled by army generals and hence are incapable of providing a united opposition proved futile.

The involvement and loyalty of Military or some units of Military to the uprising could play a vital role and hence could be an additional nightmare to despots. A regime that Bombard its own units and people is a living truth for the above stance. Regardless of what developments we are to witness – we firmly believe that the people of Libya would at the end of the day triumph- the role of youth within the army remains of great importance.

The Eritrean Democratic Party, have been following the incidents carefully. Since our inception in 2004, we have strongly stressed the power of people and hence underlined it to be the soul actor. And we have never under any circumstance compromised the power of our or any other people to confront and punish evil regimes such as Eritrea's.

Our appeal is let us support our people in its struggle against the despot. It is time to avoid seeing the people as instrument for the alternative and instead accept the people as the alternative!!!

No Force will stand against the people!

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