

## *The Taste Of One's Own Medicine*

*The taste of one's own medicine has never been pleasant. When it comes to the point where one is forced to take one's medicine, it could be a bitter pill to swallow.*

*It seems that the Eritrean Government has the difficulty of taking its own medicine following the adoption of the resolution 1907/2009 on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2009 by United Nations Security Council.*

*The government of Eritrea describes the act of the United Nation as ".....act is neither based on fact nor on the provisions of international law."*

*It is amazing to hear that the government of Eritrea talks about acts based on facts or even worse the provisions of international law.*

*What does the PFDJ knows about justice or facts?*

*The answer is flatly no!*

*Because if it did, it would not have accused national heroes both from the armed struggle to the border conflict with treason and other groundless accusations. Otherwise, it would have brought them to a free and independent court.*

*Had the government of Eritrea had any sense of justice, it wouldn't have a special court, where the accused have not right to appeal to the decision of the incompetent judges, instead of free court with competent judges.*

*How "noble" of the Eritrean government to talk about its profound desire to contribute to a durable and sustainable solution to the crisis in Somalia. Well and good! Why not! The Somalis did every thing they could for Eritrea during the struggle for independence. So one can say it is now Eritrea's turn to reach out hands when they are in need. But if the above words were more than a sheer empty words, then it would have been appropriate for the PFDJ to find a genuine, durable and sustainable solution to the crisis in Eritrea in the first place.*

*While its own people & country is suffering a tremendous hardship under its (PFDJ) authoritarian rule, it has the luxury of talking about contributing to a durable and sustainable solution of a neighbouring country, what a jock?*

*If the Eritrean government can take senseless punitive measures by imposing an internal sanction against its own defenceless people, and ruling the country under terror, then why is that the Eritrean government is surprised to see the UNSC acting in exactly the same manner?*

*What makes it unacceptable for the UNSC to recommend a punitive measures against Eritrean leadership (according the PFDJ) for a fabricated non existing border conflict but is acceptable for the Eritrean government to use a punitive measures on the parents of over age youths who gets sick & tired of the dictatorial administration in Eritrea and leave the country from the very hands of the military, in search of a safe heaven, with 50 000 Nakfa. Time and again it is widow mothers who can't afford to pay nothing at all, but yet the*

*government takes the only land they own which is the only source for their livelihood and survival.*

*Taking the only means for their survival is equal to condemning them to death.*

*Is this what the government of Eritrea understands under justice?*

*We in the Eritrean Democratic Party (EDP) would like to know from the government how it feels to be the weakest and get treated unfairly.*

*Why is it so difficult for the government of Eritrea now to swallow exactly the same pill which it was distributing right & left to its own people, in the form of injustice?*

*We in the Eritrean Democratic Party feel very sorry and betrayed by the United Nations Security Council for not shouldering its responsibility and see that Ethiopia abides by the decision of the EEBC and give its yes for the demarcation of the border. The demarcation of the Eritrean – Ethiopian border according to the EEBC decision from April 2002 and the ultimate withdrawal of the Ethiopian troops from the sovereign territories of Eritrea would definitely contribute for a durable and sustainable peace in the region.*

*We are also sorry for the United Nations Security Council did not take the gross human rights violation of the Eritrean people into consideration when adopting the resolution.*

*We also know that the Eritrean government's arrogant behaviour & total diplomatic incompetence has led to, that, the UN is unwilling to speed up the process of demarcation.*

*There is a saying, which we believe is appropriate to mention here, if more people tales you, you do not have a head then it is time for you to check, by trying to reach for the head. But concerning the Eritrean government, despite the fact that so many warnings were coming in both from Eritreans and non-Eritreans to change its attitude it seems that its arrogance did not allow it to reach for the head and check. So now it has to pay heavily for its arrogance.*

*According to the Eritrean government, today is a shameful day for the United Nations, but according to the majority of the Eritrean people it has been shameful for the last 19 years for Eritrea. Because it is not ruled by law but bunches of hooligans who believe they can solve every problem by means of terror & violence. Those are people who, the words democracy, transparency, accountability, diplomacy, flexibility & rule of law does not exist in their vocabularies.*

*But now where their rights of movement are restricted by a powerful body, then suddenly like in magic, the words like law and justice begins to show up in their vocabularies.*

*Even now it is not too late to reverse the negative trend, if Eritrea and the Eritrean people are more important for the PFDJ than their own prestige and power thirst, then there is a solution.*

*WE in the Eritrean Democratic Party propose the following solution:*

*The solution is to implement the already ratified constitution of Eritrea. Let the people decide as who should hold decision-making powers in future Eritrea. Let all existing oppositions take*

*part in finding the best solution in building a durable & sustainable Eritrea without any external forces pressure and giving priority to the plight of Eritrean people. Eritrea with a solid unity of its different ethnicity and religion can stand up against any enemy. Eritrea's solid unity is its only strongest defence.*

*In conclusion, the UNSC resolution 1907/2009 is both good and bad news for us (EDP).*

- 1. It is good because we are told it is called smart sanction & targets only the leadership individuals of the tyrant regime. We pray to GOD that it won't affect the ordinary people of Eritrea by the same token the so called smart bombs did in Iraq. But that remains to be seen.*
- 2. The bad news is that the UNSC overlooked its responsibility to materialise the withdrawal of Ethiopian forces from the Eritrean sovereign territories that are already ratified by a body formed by UN resolution while it is unreasonably concerned about the issue in the case of Eritrea-Djibouti border .*

*Moreover, while the UN resolution genuinely insight the involvement of a group or a government in others territory can incite civil strife which is rationally unacceptable but it lets the innocent Eritrean people to strife through the continuous presence of Ethiopia in its land. Such imbalance of UNSC decision can bring us to a scenario, although it is premature to come to any clear conclusion now, but the move certainly puts Eritrea's defense capability in a disadvantaged position which in turn, in the long run, makes Eritrea an easy prey for any attack from the outside to achieve undesired objectives that would bring back the horn of Africa in to another vicious cycle of mess and catastrophe.*

*Therefore, the Eritrean Democratic Party calls for a balanced UNSC decision while it condemns the acts of Eritrean government for its internal sanctions against its own people.*

*Eritrean Democratic Party.*

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