

***“I will take this country down as I put it up”* Isaias Afewerki**

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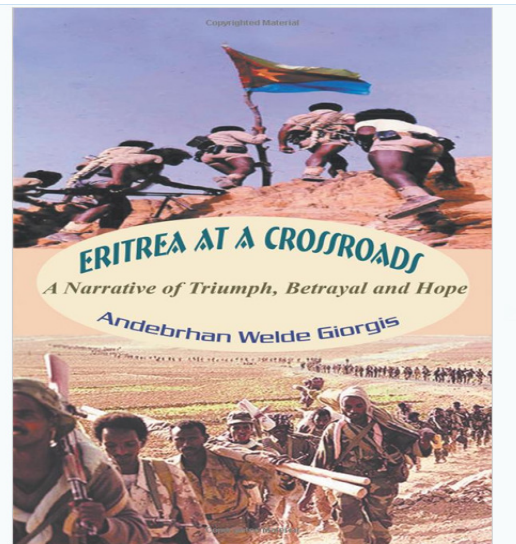


For those of you reading this article, you might ask yourself—Is this real? The answer to your question lies whether or not you believe that a drunken person speaks his/her true inner feelings and thoughts.

Ambassador Andebrhan Welde-Ghiorgis in his new book, **Eritrea at a Crossroads**, A Narrative of Triumph, Betrayal and Hope, writes the following. ***“He has thus turned a non-issue into an issue in his mind’s eye, because of which he suffers from a rejection complex verging on identity crisis that occasionally surfaces when under the influence of alcohol or seized of drunken brawls”*** page 322. The writer continues to say, <sup>329</sup>

***“In one such incident, Isaias blurted, “I know that you call me Agame behind my back. I will show you! I will take this country down as I put it up”.***

Isaias’s word for word in Tigrinia ***“ብድሕረይ ዓጋመ ከም እትብሉኒ ይፈልጥ እየ። ከርእየኩምየ ነዛ ዓዲ ከምታ ዘምጸእኩዎ ከጥፍኡ እየ”***



A writer Charlie Chaplin, is quoted as saying, ***“A man's true character comes out when he's drunk”***. It means, a drunken Isaias cannot say ***“I will take this country down as I put it up”*** unless he has been thinking to do it when he is sober. The alcohol helped him to utter his long standing mission he had and continues to have for Eritrea, which is taking the country down on the road to annihilation and disintegration. We at the Eritrean Association For Justice Indianapolis Chapter (EAJ) including the majority of the Eritrean people, should not take Isaias’ words lightly whether he was influenced by alcohol or not. This is because the facts in the ground coincide with the words of the authoritarian dictator themselves.

It is not a secret that Isaias is a heavy alcohol drinker. Maybe, having killed many

innocent people, including his friends not to mention betraying our martyrs and the Eritrean people, it is one way of easing his pain and making peace within himself. As Andebrhan stated, Isaias' background being from Tigray is irrelevant. It has been a non issue to the Eritrean and Tigray people whether during the revolution era or in post independence. People from Eritrea and Tigray are intertwined by blood and history whether we like it or not.

The question at hand is—Is Isaias' actions intentional or his words don't mean anything to you? Some of you might say that whether Isaias said it or not, it is irrelevant because "Action speak louder than words". In a court of law, the degree of crime has more weight when one's crime is accompanied by an intent to commit a crime. As far as why Isaias suffers from a rejection and an identity crisis, we will leave to the expert Psychologists and Psychiatrists. We do not know in how Isaias or his family were treated by native Eritreans when he grew-up.

Many Eritreans believe that Isaias' actions appear to be an action of revenge. His actions are inhumanely gross that is very hard to fathom that a person who cares about the Eritrean people and also have an Eritrean blood can have such lack of compassion to humanity. We all can agree that Isaias micromanage the Eritrean affairs whether big or small. All decisions have to pass through him especially punishments to be undertaken to those who fought on the side of him friends and foes alike. He is the kind of a person who punishes the dead corps such as the body of his loyal former right handyman the late Naizghi Kiflu.

As Ambassador Andebrhan stated it correctly in his new book, "Eritrea is at a Crossroads" at the hand of henchman Isaias Afewerki. Eritrea is becoming a failing state, and its people are becoming an endangered species with the apparent intention of Isaias Afewerki to bring both the country and its people deeper into the dark abyss. We do not think that the Eritrean people fought for a deserted Eritrea without people.

The Eritrean Association for Justice (EAJ) appeal to the Eritrean people to rise-up to the occasion to save the nation what is left of it, and to put an end to the misery of the young generation in particular and the Eritrean people in general by stopping Isaias from accomplishing his final goal "***Taking the country down***" as he said it.