

You can not be Neutral When Your Country Is Falling Apart!

We all know what our people's everyday life look like and what the government is doing since it came to power especially before and after the election. So many people were killed in the Ethio-Eritrean war for nothing, instead it changed the shape of our country's map for the price our soldiers paid in fighting and left us with wounds that never healed. Now the government placed all opposition leaders in jail for no reason not to mention those who got murdered. It is disappointing and unacceptable where we find ourselves at present. There is an urgent need for the unfolding human rights situation. We must be primary models and totally supportive to our people and work closely with any resistance movement against the government. When the government places itself above the law, many innocent people have become sufferers.

At this moment, our brothers and sisters are doing everything they can on what they believe is right to their country. How about us? Are we doing our part? Our generation, as it has brought the prevailing problem has also the obligation to fix it. This is the time to make choices and begin engaging in some kind of activism that helps our nation. We should have the courage to stand in line of the fire to change it for the better.

Our parents and grand parents faced many greater challenges than we face right now; and yet, they were able to overcome them. Therefore, we must be as creative as our ancestors were in the near past. This is an opportunity we can not afford missing it.

Our forefathers defeated the aggressors without sinking to their level. Hence what makes one think we can not defeat Melese's regime the same way as our grand parents did? Why can't we do something? Is it because we are afraid or don't feel the pain our people is going through everyday? When our people are risking their lives, some of us just get frustrated instead of attempting to side our people and do something to help them alleviate their miserable situation. As The American President said "The only thing to fear must be fear itself." Therefore, all of us should try hard to undo what the Melese regime has done to our people.

Dear brothers and sisters, history will judge us on what we did or didn't do. As you know history is full of examples where people had what is right on their sides, fought against tremendous odds and were victorious. And it's also full of examples of people passively hoping to wait it indefinitely, only to get swallowed up by a horror beyond what they ever have imagined. Which one we get is up to us, Day after day, month after month, we see so many wakes up calls. Why wait until the road reaches a cliff and we plunge over the side? This must halt. The whole direction of the country must be reversed. So have a passion for justice and be a champion for the under-respected and under-represented. Now is the time to break the silence, to be the voice of the people and to find one another to help the rule of law prevail. Please let's not let our people down and turn a blind eye to the tragedy they encounter day in day out. The sooner we start acting the better chance for saving lives. We can't be neutral when our country is falling apart. Failing to act will cost us more than we ever will have imagined. Let's move forward together to make it happen and be ready to challenge the oppressors and strip them off the power they acquired by mere force.

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