

Open Letter to Prof. Beyene Petros

Dear Professor Beyene Petros,

I think it is time to ask yourself of your achievements as a Politician. What have you really achieved during all those years you have been involved in the Politics? As to me, you contributed nothing of particular importance to the Ethiopian politics at larger scale. Of course you have gained popularity. That is, as compared to being a Lecturer at AAU.

You have been in the Parliament for the last ten years and what have you achieved so far? I cannot recall of any good thing that has happened to the Ethiopians because of your presence in the Parliament. But EPRDF has benefited a lot from your presence. EPRDF has won a good image from the Westerns. Your presence at the parliament as an opposition party made it look like the parliament has got a good composition.

You have always been a weak point to opposition parties. You joined the parliament against the will of your party, UEDF. I believe that you should not have joined the parliament just for a very simple reason. That is, as far as you have joined UEDF, it must be true that you do the will of UEDF. By not doing so, you have shown that you are not a trustful partner.

You have always been exploited by EPRDF. Look at what you have done now. The opposition parties sign agreement to work together, regardless of their differences. That was a great achievement for the opposition parties. EPRDF understood what it means. So EPRDF wanted a counter measure for that and signs agreement with you. Can't you see that the whole purpose of the agreement is to take a counter measure? Do you really believe that EPRDF will be committed to the agreement? I hope you know for sure that EPRDF has never been committed to all the agreements that it has signed so far, including its own constitution. One more question, is there any thing new in the agreement? No. There is nothing new in it.

Personally, you may be a good person, and I know that for sure, but your political stands are becoming painful to Ethiopians. You are becoming an obstacle to the fight for freedom. Your stands, regardless of your intention, are making the time for freedom almost unimaginable.

I feel that you are innocent. I have never believed that you have an intention to weaken the struggle for Democracy or to hurt people. You are dealing with brutal, merciless, extra selfish people. Your innocence and your subsequent decisions are affecting the life of millions of people. You cannot fight with EPRDF by being innocent. EPRDF is exploiting your innocence. I feel that it is time for you to walk out of the political struggle.

Your prayer may help a lot more than your political activity.

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