

W O N D E R F U L P A T H T O D E M O C R A C Y



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THE GREATEST JOURNEY OF ALL ... IS ALONG THE WILD ROAD



'Believe in yourself. You can, if you think you can. Your success is what ever you decide it to be'

A "Force for Good and Victory" has finally landed in America in the year 2003, a year that should and could be celebrated as the birth of UEDF (United Ethiopian Democratic Front) that has just begun the unthinkable "wonderful path to democracy" for Ethiopia; the eagerly awaited and greatest journey of them all. Praise the Lord! It was a "New Dawn": a call for change in a quite dignified atmosphere and great legacy. There was a sense of a brave new dawn. They had a very good discussion waged with enthusiasm, and showed willingness and understanding to one another to give us, a good run at last. Hallelujah!

It had a crippling effect on the Ethiopian politics. These wonderful hard working and loyal children of Ethiopia acted as ruthlessly honest men and women. All they said and wanted was the truth that didn't conceal things. They wanted to liberate mother Ethiopia and their fellow citizens. Some may have been unusual as many politicians are because they believed in progress by dissent. But they were clever old boys and girls who knew what Ethiopia exactly needed hence could not be misled or persuaded by her enemies. They understood human nature, Ethiopia's problems and got the public steered their way. Hallelujah!

As the wise men say, "once in life time, all dreams come true". Therefore Ethiopia's dream is about to come true now or in 2005 the latest. Hence I take my hat and salute the participants of the recent "All Party Conference" that was held in the United States. It was an extraordinary achievement to form a united front with all their differences and disagreements. Because, personal ambition wasn't the order of the week. There were people with quite legitimate ambitions for mother Ethiopia and Ethiopians than themselves hence generally; all of them were there to do a good job without personal ambition whatsoever. Hallelujah!

It was a different feeling: people did things politically. They were talking what they all believed to be the truth about the Ethiopian regime, what should be done for the country and its nation and the people of Ethiopia appreciated that. It was possible to do something good with their clear conscience and Ethiopian-ness and be happily united in the end because they believed in unity rather than division, compromise than confrontation. That was proved to be the main attribution of this historical conference. They made us proud Ethiopians at last. Hallelujah!

The interesting thing about the outcome is that how they are along the wild road and on the route to victory. Some opposition parties and individuals still may not have charisma or balls but **“Dir Biabir Anbesa Yasir”** belief and action in my opinion, will certainly produce good results. Because the opposition parties and the general public now are more determined than ever before to make the changes hence we all are determined not to go back to the rotten era of division, confrontation, conflicts, torture, abuses of human rights and Shabian trained and brain-washed TPLF/EPRDF apartheid system of governance. Hallelujah!

The All Party Conference results have made it clear that we Ethiopians are determined to have something better from the opposition and above all for Ethiopia. Hence if we could achieve so much in the past 53 or so wars that we have been through, why not now in peace time? I am optimistic that we can do it and do better too. What we need is strong unity and will power. The opposition parties have now carried and fulfilled a tremendous transformation. It was a very effective and powerful transformation and unity building that may have frightened the hell out of the evil and traitorous regime in Addis. Hallelujah!

It is a new and wholeheartedly United Front so I do not think we can easily compare it with previous conferences and united fronts. But I cannot tell or know what lasting achievements to be made in the next two years. Having said that, I am confident and believe that this one is different and better. I don't recall a great sense of excitement for us than this. Therefore, history will judge that to be the best unification and joint struggle against our enemies. We have beaten Shabian soldiers that dug and invaded our territories like poisoned rats in unheard and unseen style. Next, their agents in Addis have to go. Hallelujah!

Now they are expected to pursue their big objectives. They must go at our enemies like a bull at the gate. They must demand his resignation. They must strive to leave the greatest legacy because they achieved so much. The oppressed and starved people of Ethiopia are now looking at them to get rid of our enemies to be able to make changes. We want them to be brave; astute that doesn't waste words and time. We want them to be brave, loyal and great leaders who truly form collective and democratized government. The opposition parties have emerged out of personal conflicts with immense prestige. I now believe they can transform the lives of ordinary people of our country too who had suffered not just by war, disease and hunger, but the long depression and oppression that has preceded it for the past thirty years to say the least. As the saying goes, **“Great things are done more through courage than through wisdom”**. Oh yes. Hallelujah!

They acted within confidence and achieved that looked and believed to be unthinkable and impossible in Ethiopian politics. Their determination to avoid repeating past errors, mistakes and divisions has led to notable success in moments of acute crisis in our country. Now expectations are high hence they need to use this opportunity of working as a strong team and use their authority and public support to speed up their actions. Social justice and economic efficiency have to be one of our goals. We need leaders who can keep us together as one Ethiopian family and as one nation. As an Ethiopian, I have to tell the truth with all the conviction and integrity I can muster, otherwise it would be a dereliction of duty as an Ethiopian not to take a moral and political stand when it matters. Some of us still want to change this horribly imperfect world of Ethiopia. That was why I had the balls to criticise some in the past and now pay my tribute. Hallelujah!

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Somebody said that it couldn't be done
 But he, with a chuckle, replied
 That maybe it couldn't but he would be one
 Who wouldn't say so till he tried.

So he buckled right in, with a trace of a grin
 On his face, if he worried he hid it
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done
 There are thousands to prophecy failure
 There are thousands to point out to you one by one
 The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle right in with a bit of a grin
 Throw of your coat and go to it
 Just start to sing as you tackle the thing
 That cannot be done, and you'll do it.

Surely, that was much better than Haileclassie Girmay's "Beyond Twilights" sarcastic and discouraging poem that is posted on Dekialula and Aiga.

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The paramount consideration UEDF (United Ethiopian Democratic Front) now has to be to find the best ways for the front's interests to be served and for supporters to be maximized in order to help UEDF win the forthcoming election. The leaders can restore the faith; trust management and credibility by which they correctly set such big political store. We have gone too far to appease and done very little to lead and inspire in the past. Therefore, a desire to unite Ethiopians of all races has to be the forefront of their thinking all the time. There must be reconciliation and we should look forward not backwards. We should never associate all Tigrian brothers and sisters with TPLF's past crimes. Hallelujah!

Moreover, having regular political meetings like these or the Derg and EPRDF, teleconferencing, conferences with pictures and videos taken with or without smiles will be all fine and dandy, but it is no substitute for concrete action on the ground. These past meetings and conferences are in the end were a superficial surface reflection of an event not a real thing. They need to think beyond that. They need to involve all civic organisations like TISJD, diplomats, retired and sacked professionals, church and mosque leaders, the army, Trade Unions, students, Ethiopian Teachers Association, able individuals and intellectuals inside and outside the country if we really need to fasten the belt, the pace and form a solid political team to challenge and win the next general election. Now it is "Action speaks louder than words" time. Hallelujah!

Finally I say this. I also appeal to all Ethiopians and in particular urge all websites and other medias to regularly support this newly formed United Ethiopian Democratic Front with finance and all political activities they will be engage in. Ethiomedia, Solidarity (TISJD) and United Ethiopia have done positively well now hence I thank them. I also urge Aiga and Hmbasha to support this "just" cause. I say this because; they cannot support a government who has sold our sovereignty to our enemies and does not listen to its citizens. Now we have all agreed that nothing in the world must be done that will put the stability of our newly born unity and struggle at risk.

Finally, I say this to old and newly elected opposition leaders and members. Yes, you have done great. We all knew that it was mission impossible but thanks to you all, it

turned out to be mission accomplished in the end. Well done! From now on, you do have the abilities with you all, to accept responsibilities for making things the way they are and assume responsibilities for changing them if and when necessary. Hence I hope you will certainly enjoy your responsibilities for being winning opposition leaders and above all true children of Mother Ethiopia. What a united and victorious beginning? Give yourselves a pat on the back. We wholeheartedly salute and applaud you for this great success. Force the government in decay to resign! Power to the people! God Bless Ethiopia!!

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MELES, WATCH OUT !



ETHIOPIANS ARE UNITED

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ARE COMING !



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