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THE US-AFRICA SUMMIT: AN EXERCISE IN FUTILITY

The US-Africa summit is vintage exercise in futility, a waste of the American taxpayer's money. For this summit, president Obama has invited the dregs and dictators of Africa to Washington DC, to wine and dine and, alas, to praise them by talking of a mirage of an economic growth, democratic progress and a bright future. Fiction par excellence.

The ugly cabal that has been invited to this summit include war mongers, enemies of the free press, mass murderers, embezzlers of billions, ethnic cleansers, and outright and cruel dictators who have ceded African sovereignty and land to the highest bidder. The curses of Africa are coming to Washington to applaud their own failures in democratic governance and economic development spewing out false statistics. In Ethiopia alone, more than half a million people (mostly children) are homeless, more than 7 million people need food aid, the rule of law is non-existent, ethnic cleansing is in full throttle, more than 35,000 political prisoners languish in dungeons, the press is muzzled and tyranny in place. Congo, CAR, Cameroon, Uganda, Djibouti, Gabon, Chad etc... the reality has nothing to do with what Obama and his guests would be surely talking about.

America has time and again failed to live up to its promise of no democracy no cooperation. President Obama, as those before him, cuddles and backs dictators in Africa. The premise of the summit is barren. The serious move towards solving problems in Africa requires not a summit of futility but a serious move to assure the rule of law and democratic governance in Africa. Demagogy and pomp are out of place. Land grab, child sale and human trafficking, systematic torture of prisoners, repression against dissent, jailing of journalists and dissenters, forced resettlement, sale of young girls to domestic slavery in the Middle East, deportation of refugees, trampling on the rights of people, corruption and a thieving ruling clan, sky rocketing inflation and poverty--realities that cannot be covered by false statistics and empty words call for recognition and solution. President Obama has given legitimacy to tyrants and dictators and his declared attempt to seek a solution for Africa falls flat and appears, as it should, as hypocritical. You cannot discuss the safety of the sheep with the fox, you cannot seek a solution to Africa's problems by calling to a meeting the creators and perpetrators of the basic problems, the dictators who are the real and primary problems of Africa.

A futile summit, a victory for the African tyrants and mass murderers!

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