

My comment which **coward** Ze-Habesha Editor

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My title should have been “Comment is free, but facts are sacred” The guardian editor Cp Scott wrote this famous sentence to celebrate the centenary of the Guardian and his 50th anniversary as editor, “CP Scott wrote 'A Hundred Years' in 1921. The essay's famous sentence 'Comment is free, but facts are sacred' has endured as the ultimate statement of values for a free press.

In all living things there must be a certain unity, a principle of vitality and growth. It is so with a newspaper, and the more complete and clear this unity the more vigorous and fruitful the growth. I ask myself what the paper stood for when first I knew it, what it has stood for since and stands for now. A newspaper has two sides to it. It is a business, like any other, and has to pay in the material sense in order to live. But it is much more than a business; it is an institution; it reflects and it influences the life of a whole community; it may affect even wider destinies. It is, in its way, an instrument of government. It plays on the minds and consciences of men. It may educate, stimulate, assist, or it may do the opposite. It has, therefore, a moral as well as a material existence, and its character and influence are in the main determined by the balance of these two forces. It may make profit or power its first object, or it may conceive itself as fulfilling a higher and more exacting function.” (the Guardian 28 November 2002).

As I have said and argued over and over through my writings, interviews and books, the opposition media which falsely claimed and gave a title to itself as the “free Press” is not better than the very first media it accused as repressive press. TPLF media that is. Last month, I visited the TPLF sympathizer media “Aigaforum” based here in San Jose, California. During my visitation to the website, I listened to an audio posted table discussion of three panelists. All of them are editors of media servants for the repressive and Gestapo group. TPLF that is. All of them claimed as “free press/ neutral press”. With the exception of few opposition media and including these media mentioned above who are blindly serving the Tigrayan Prince and princesses of our time all claimed as neutral or free press.

In Ethiopia, Press is the main perpetrator to why youngsters of this era are getting confused and forced to the extent you see them even defending enemies, individual political leaders with bad records and elements who are anti Amhara and hate groups openly praising or pay tribute to them on Pal Talks and websites. If any, these so called “opposition media” who claimed free or neutral press are the one who might bring us the next nihilist groups who will be equal players with TPLF on our upcoming regime change. Unless otherwise, these media are criticized openly by readers to straighten up and stop their grouping and tyrannical behavior on some of us, I am afraid, Ethiopians might not see what they wish in their heart. In fact these media could be the worst destructor of our journey for freedom equal to the political party leaders whom we are fade-up with.

Last night on July 4th. I visited Ze-habesha website. I saw an article written by individual Dr.Teshome Debalke titled *“Professor Tedros Kiros or Tedros Chaos? (Teshome Debalke (PhD))* - See more at: <http://www.zehabesha.com/professor-tedros-kiros-or-tedros-chaos/#sthash.s7zORCdY.dpuf>

Here, therefore, after I read the article, I wrote the following comment on the Ze-Habesha comment page which the editor as always with his

premature knowledge who lacks the meaning and goal of “Free of Speech and Freedom of Writing” declined to post it. This kind of coward media editors who scared to “facts” which are “sacred” as CP Scott adequately described it **“Comment is free, but facts are sacred”**. When the editor allowed insults on the same page as one comment left a message to Dr.Teshome “You are stupid”, I ask myself is Ze-Habesha Editor Mr. Henok Alemayohu in his normal mind when declined my comment on his website? Is my comment worst than the insult allowed to be posted or does the young aged Henok Alemayohu as always with his Ginbot 7 group scared “Facts”? The problem with those media who claimed to serve our freedom of writing is - any time, they decline my paper to publish; they expose themselves to the worst. They know I will always react and present my case to the Ethiopian people in the form of interview or article- I have no idea why they continue pictured themselves as stupid- I have no idea why they failed to fulfill their duty as free media server to honor “Freedom of Speech/writing” which they claimed were denied to do press business under TPLF regime.

The following was what I wrote and the Ze-Habesha editor declined to post it on the comments/suggestion page.

“I was resting for a while not to write politics from the jolt and shock I felt after the oppositions inside Ethiopia kept silent and move on to their business as usual after they witnessed the thugs in power rigged the people’s vote and declared 100% winner of the election. I am not yet healed from the shock, I might need some times to recover from the unchanged behavior of the opposition inside Ethiopia. With this entire mood, this time, my emotion rushed me to respond to the writer of this article; thus, here is my comment.

Indeed, I read the article with thrill and was praying not to end soon. I truly enjoyed the writer’s reaction. It is precise, well detailed and easy to understand to an ordinary reader like me. I can’t say better than what Teshome eloquently elaborated it. In fact, I do not think no one could

done a better job than Teshome's; he simply is a brilliant writer on the detailed subject when reacted Tedros's shameful and premature view. Having said this, Teshome messed up his excellent paper when he concluded his view, his paper dedicated to Andargachew Tsige; the very first worst individual who hate Amhara and wrote a vicious book in fact Nazi type book "Ye Amara Hizb Keyet-Wedet" which will misguide coming generations; not to mention his pupating nature to one of the East Africa Fascist leaders Isayas Afewerki of Eritrea. Teshome's dedication to his Andargachew could have been fit and look better on another subject or other arguments when subject is raised specifically mentioned in regard to Andargachew.

Ginbot 7 which is staffed by anti Amhara individuals like Efrem Madebo who openly declared his hate for the Amhara as NEFTENGA at the Shaabiya Festival in Oakland, California, who also argued ; - "the group/s who demand Asab!, Asba! as an Ethiopian port are the NeftenGa Amhara who still crying Eritrea as the legitimate 14th province of Ethiopia". Andargachew was the leader and comrade of these hateful anti Amhara individuals. He is giving an easy ball to Tedros when he dedicated his paper to Andargachew who is one of the person history recorded him as anti Amhara to say the least. In fact as Doctor Teshome well putted it -which I also agree and said it all my life in the long years of my bitter struggle, indeed, we got to admit something is horribly wrong with most of the Ethiopians with PhD, that includes my brother Dr.Teshome Debalke. An Excellent paper, unfortunately, TaTibo Chika! Sad, indeed."

this was the comment I made what scared the Ze-Habesha Editor to post it. Why? Some of you know why, Is in it? Andargachew TSige can't be criticized, because, he is their God, Angel, Mandela, not human but spirit which now days some nihilist individuals are depicting his photo in the middle of our sacred Ethiopian flag. What a shameful era I am in!

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