

THE OLF STRATEGY TO DESTROY THE CUDP

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IT may appear strange to talk of an OLF plan to destroy the CUDP just a week after the two groups joined and others to declare an Alliance. Yet, the very union or alliance move is, on the part of the OLF, a well programmed strategy at splitting and weakening, if not destroying the CUDP itself.

First of all, in the eyes of the OLF the CUDP poses the biggest threat ever. After aligning with the EPRDF to end what the OLF calls Amhara domination (if not colonial rule), the OLF leaders have always had more fear of the "Amhara" than of the TPLF and they had consistently tried to come to terms with the TPLF though such attempts failed because Meles really did not want to have anything to do with them. When the CUDP emerged and got the support of millions not only in the Amhara areas but also in the South and west where many Oromos lived the OLF was terrified of the development. That is why it wrote of the "reemergence of the Amhara" in frightened tones. Moreover, the existence and activity of Oromo groups like the ONC within Ethiopia was also marginalizing the OLF since its so called armed struggle, so much supported by Shabiya, was not going anywhere. The internal document of the OLF, which is published by Aigaforum but is not a forged or made up document at all, clearly shows the intention of the OLF to neutralize the CUDP.

That is why it found in Solomon Bekele, Major Yosef and Dr. Seyoum the right gullible trio to make its plan work. These three compromised the line and future of the CUDP and duped by the sweet talk of Shabiya and Daoud Ibsa went along with the plan of the OLF. They failed to see the trapset for them by an OLF that has not changed its original stand and hatred for the Amhara. The OLF was thus quick to dump the UEDF/EPRP and cling to the trio it found malleable and easy to manipulate. The OLF is holding two jockers actually: if the Alliance works it can ride the

CUDP to "Finfine" and take over power and realize its independent Oromiya ambition. If the Alliance falters or fails, the CUDP will in the end be divided and weak if not extinct. In both cases the anti-Amhara plan of the OLF will be realized before the CUDP trio understand what is going on. I wonder why the CUDP leadership is not correcting the strategic mistake as fast as possible as the OLF attempt to weaken/divide the CUDP and then weaken the Amhara should be blocked. The OLF's avoidance of the UEDF is not only because it thinks the CUDP is the strongest party but also because the UEDF has more experienced leaders and would not have been party to the OLF machinations.

I recommend to all to read the OLF internal document. It is genuine. It is the only way the OLF move to form an Alliance makes sense. I wonder why Dr. Negede Gobezie had to lie in a pal talk and say the Shabiya were not at the Utrecht meeting. The participants themselves have leaked the information already. Shabiya's plan in all this is open for speculation. IN any case, Shabiya will not gain from making peace between Meles and Daoud. Hence, the OLF plan is moving on another track because attempts to come to terms with Meles have failed up to now. if an OLF-EPRDF (against the Amahra) is not possible the OLF is opting for weakening the very organization it fears represents Amhara resurgence. The Alliance is thus an OLF vehicle to divide the CUDP and weaken it.

All this may appear dense and mysterious for the Solomon trio but it should not be so for the CUDP leadership. Correct the error and save your organization.

ps: those who want to say those who criticise of the Alliance are Weyane supporters are trying to frighten us into silence. This is dictatorship and censorship. We shall express our views and no one--be it the EPRDF or the OLF or the fans of the Alliance--can stop us.