

Few Questions for Siye Abraha

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It has been reported in Ethiomedia and related places that Siye Abraha has called for a meeting this coming Tuesday in Washington, D.C. As we all know, Mr. Siye is a controversial figure. He has also languished in prison for years with trumped up charges, for the most part. We all know also that Siye Abraha was a defense minister, a prominent TPLF member (and a polit-bureau member) and a person who had power to at least to voice his opposition when many crimes were committed against the Ethiopian people and our country. Many people believe that:

1. Ato Siye Abraha knows well and participated the expropriation of Ethiopian wealth (from 94% of the population) and transferring it to the well positioned Tigrays (6% of the population). What would Ato Siye Abraha say about this injustice committed by ethno-centrists atrocities?
2. The TPLF annexed the fertile lands of Gondar and Wollo made them part of Tigrai and participated in forced repopulation scheme that the TPLF said was wrong when the Derg regime did similar things. What would Ato Siye Abraha say about these illegal activities?
3. Siye Abraha approved and participated in arresting opposition coalition representatives such as Yemane GebreAb, and renowned Professor Asrat Woldeyes. Did he say anything about Yemane after him himself got out of prison?
4. Siye Abraha approved and participated in the session of Eritrea. As Girma Bekele aptly put it: "Isn't it true that the sweat and blood of Tigrays were spilled to liberate Eritrea by fighting a proxy war on the side of the EPLF and against Ethiopia?" What would Ato Siye Abraha say about this blunder and spilling of innocent lives?
5. Siye Abraha approved and participated in making our country a land locked one
6. Siye Abraha approved and participated in the killings and mayhem of Ethiopians who were fleeing Eritrea to the Sudan and inland 1991 and later
7. Siye Abraha approved and participated in the killings of university students who peacefully showed their opposition to the formation of a kangaroo parliament based on ethnicity; when they demonstrated against Boutros Boutros Gali's visit, etc.
8. Siye Abraha approved and participated in boasting that the TPLF not only can it win a war it waged against the OLF thereby inciting people to go to war, but it also can make war
9. Siye Abraha approved and participated in the ethnic fractionalization of our country. As Girma Bekele noted, his party "unleashed enter-ethnic animosities and conflicts that have claimed tens of thousands of lives in southern Ethiopia (Guji-Deressa, Afar-Oromo, Oromo-Amhara, Oromo-Somali, the Gambella conflict, etc.)" Has renounced his position, if he had one?
10. Siye Abraha approved and participated in the rampant corruption that is still pillaging our people and country! According to past claims by many people, the conflict between him and Meles is mainly related to greed and corruption. What would he say about this claim?
11. Siye Abraha, in one form or another, has helped Eritrea in creating the 1998-2000 war (by giving it independence, etc.) and the deaths of at least 100,000 Ethiopians and especially OUR Tigrayan and Eritrean compatriots. The Tigrayan people who live close to the border surely paid the ultimate price in terms of their lives and wealth more than anyone else! The Ethiopian

people are paying high price for a military expenditure that was and still is totally un-necessary. And they are about to pay more in terms of their lives and wealth for the war that the current government is about to create. What did Siye say about it? What would he say about this issue?

12. Isn't Ato Siye Abraha still a gotegna? Does he still believe that he has helped our Tigrian people and compatriots by making their country land locked, etc.?
13. Siye Abraha approved and participated in arresting and/or killing of our EPRP leaders. Did he tell us where they are? Can he tell us the truth now?
14. Siye Abraha approved and participated in the war that was waged against the EPRP and its military wing the EPRA. We heard that, contrary to the vivid explanations provided by members of the EPRP leadership on VEDR on December 23, Assrat Gebru's and Aregash Adane's of "Arena Tigrai" had said that, on Saturday, December 29, on VOA, blamed the EPRP for instigating a war with the TPLF before its ascendant to power. What would Ato Siye say about this apparent historical farce?
15. The TPLF, in which Ato Siye was a part, participated in the selling of government owned institutions and factories and transferring them to Tigryans at cheap prices and to the TPLF organizations such as the TDA. In the process, many Ethiopians were pushed out their jobs the same jobs given to Tigryans. What would Ato Siye say about this outright corruption? Unfortunately, I will not be there to ask him these questions for I live far away from where Washington, D.C. It will be my sincere hope that people who have chance to be there would ask him such questions?

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