

**Fiasco: Minneapolis and Disloyalty**  
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As we fight to keep Kinijit true to its true spirit, it is to be expected that we will face detractors from within and from the outside. The struggle manifested between Chairman Hailu Shawel and the delegates nominally led by Wz. Birtukan (under Dr. Birhanu Nega's command) is the first instance of this long struggle.

What is disturbing is some within our ranks are undermining our effort. This is done in an attempt to sabotage our legitimate and strong stand to protect our organization, our chairman and the interest of Ethiopia. The recent political stunt by Wz. Birtukan's delegation was initiated and organized by a small group within KIC.

The few within KIC is consistently working to provide opportunity to the benefit of the B&B group. This group supported by the unlimited wealth of its organizer has straddled the line between outright treason and disloyalty.

Knowing full well that Eng. Hailu had scheduled medical tests and visit by physician specialists and in spite of the information and counsel we provided, the turncoat group scheduled a meeting for Thursday. We also told the treacherous group that Friday October 5 was much more conducive for the meeting between the Chairman Hailu and Birtukan and Dr. Hailu Arays. The treacherous group contrary to our argument invited the inconsequential Ato Brook Kebede. The purpose of this effort by this group is to provide a political bonanza for the B&B group at the expense of Eng. Hailu, Dr. Taye and KIC. Else why wouldn't they heed our advice? Don't they know the B&B group is determined to join the Lidetu Group and work with the EPRDF?

Once the Britukan group arrived in Minneapolis there was no way the telephone could have been answered as the Chairman, his family and his friends were inside the hospital. This fact was relayed to the millionaire spearheading the group on the phone and in person many times. But his and his groups' objective is becoming clearer every day.

Even after Birtukan's group was trying to locate the Chairman we told the millionaire on the phone that the Engineer Hailu Shawel was tired and substantive discussion can not take place until Friday. True to its character and to give the political advantage to the B&B group, this information did not reach the intended party.

The meeting between Hailu and Birtukan's team went better than we expected. But the critical issues were not discussed. We want to tell friends and foes we will be firm to keep Kinijit in the opposition camp, free of EPRDF surrogates and our chairman in his rightful place. The B&B group has to show its loyalty to the cause of Kinijit and to its legitimately elected chairman. The fifth columnists within us have to choose which side to be on. If not as repeatedly stated by Chairman Hailu Shawel this problem will be resolved with the bylaws of the organization back home.

Until then and in the absence of a quorum all legitimate decisions are only those made by Chairman Hailu.

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