

WHY DO SOME WEB SITES FLUTTER THE WEYANE FLAG?

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I remember reading a week or so ago one concerned Ethiopian's protest directed to some web sites (unnamed there but mainly ECADF, Ethio Media, Ethiopian review) who otherwise claim to be very much critical of the ruling Weyane (TPLF/EPRDF) but still post the despicable Weyane flag as the flag of Ethiopia. Ethio Media even goes far to present trafficked women and prostitution ads under the cover of meeting singles ads. This shame even goes far in some web sites with ads calling for Meet Ethiopian Single Women. Shame! Shame! Shame!

We should remember that our Ethiopian flag is our unifying symbol. When we look to it flown high above the landscape in times of trouble such as now the flag remind us that Ethiopia will go on. We feel unity towards one another knowing that we are part of the same country whose forefathers and mothers stood and sacrificed their life in unison flying this flag. As it did to them, the flag makes all of us feel like part of one family. It is a symbol of our pride, freedom, unity and hope. It is the first most precious national symbol to fight for and safeguard.

I know some web sites do need money but this should not push them to sell out their principles and advertize the anti national flag of Meles Zenawi. Add to this the sad fact that web sites are so sectarian all over. Some web sites will not ever post very valuable and informative articles just because they do not like the writer or his political affiliations. Some omit very popular sites from their Link pages. If we cannot show some tolerance and broad mindedness here at the level of web sites how can anyone believe our loud claim that we stand for democracy in Ethiopia? I have also learned from reliable sources that such web sites also refuse decent rebuttals to articles they had otherwise posted in their sites. Where is the debate? Where is the search for enlightenment?

I call upon the mentioned web sites to remove the Weyane flag from their pages or else face the boycott that they had been calling for against the horrible Meles Zenawi regime.