

NEW AMERICAN IMPERIALIST PLOY IN ETHIOPIA proxy colony : RULE THROUGH NATURALISED IMMIGRANT ETHIOPIAN- AMERICANS:

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PART TWO

VICKY HUDDLESTON AS KING-MAKER AND PEACE-MAKER WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS AT KALITI

Professor Asrrat had told us he had no doubt at all that the Americans played a major role to have him sent to prison for five years and to authorise his release at the last hour for medical treatment in the US where he will die .It could not have been otherwise in a proxy colony ruled by a small insignificant person like Meles their proxy servant to detain to his death a giant like Prof. Asrat. In the same way I have never had any doubts that only with the authorisation of the superpower master could Meles have dared to throw in Kaliti prison all our innocent remaining major icons including the elderly Professor Mesfin ,Yaqob,.Hailu Shawel etc. who could hardly be expected to sustain the harsh prolonged detention. And the cloning activities of Vicky the American Chargé in Addis Ababa and her repeated visits to Kaliti to add insult to injury soon after throwing our patriots in prison is the best proof of our status as an American proxy colony.

Soon after throwing our democratically elected CUDP leaders in Kaliti Vicky and Meles , with support mainly of Britain were engaged in a rash attempt to fabricate a new *teletafi* CUDP that will take orders from Washington through their slave mercenary regime of Meles. And the fact once known by had angered the public our CUDP patriots at Kaliti had strongly protested without mentioning the U.S by name (CUDP Press Release April 14, 2006) and a group of them including Birtukan CUDP Vice President had started a hunger strike.

The fake Kinijit received its license from the Meles controlled election board with more than 1450 forgery signatures, source told EMF. On Tuesday last week, **Ayele Chamiso's** (አዩላ ጫጫሳ) group couldn't manage to get even 100 signatures let alone 1500, which is set by the Meles controlled election board to exist a national party. In their interview with The Voice of America on Tuesday, the group who claim to be the leaders of the new kinijit party denied the existence of any other kinijit than the new one. They have

said they made the party without any consultation either with kinijit leaders in jail or its offices outside the country. Sources told EMF that Ambassador Vicki Huddleston, Charge d'Affaires of US Embassy in Ethiopia knew about the forgeries and the intimidation of kinijit counselors by Meles' security agents to put their signature and join the parliament. Elected counselors who refuse to put their signatures were threatened to death, sources revealed. The Ambassadors' Donors Group's statement released in Addis Ababa late on Monday has also confirmed the intimidation of counselors. Meanwhile, Ato Adugna Zelalem, member of kinijit and a man who worked with Ayele Chamiso to take over the Addis Ababa administration left Ethiopia for Sudan. According to sources, Ato Adugna prefers to live in exile than failing the Ethiopian people. Vicki was bitter when she left the meeting. She said Birhanu was rude

We learn on Tuesday April 18, 2006 that the deadline Ayele Chamiso to gather the required number of support vote to take over the Addis Ababa city administration passed this afternoon. Election board sources confirmed Ayele Chamiso et al failed to get the required number to take over the administration. It was learnt that some withdrew after being registered and four signatures were turned out to be forgeries. After he knew that he failed, Ayele wrote to Meles Zenawi asking for a one-week extension of time. This is the fifth time the take over attempt failed. It was learnt that some withdrew after being registered and four signatures were turned out to be forgeries. After he knew that he failed, Ayele wrote to Meles Zenawi asking for a one-week extension of time. The man who was sent to the Afar region by Ayele Chamiso et al to collect signatures of support for the *Teletafi* Kinijit absconded with the money he was provided. *Sources said that the money was given to the organisers of the surrogate group by the US embassy in Addis.*

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U.S. Chargé d'Affaires, Ambassador Vicki J. Huddleston Interview with the VOA Amharic Service : The Ambassador defends her clones

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VOA: Thank you so very much for being available for this interview Ambassador. I would like for you to brief us on the efforts to bring about a transition of power for Addis Ababa City Council.

Ambassador: Wzro. Tizita, thank you very much. It's a pleasure to have the opportunity to talk to you and your listeners. I especially appreciate it because I know that many of your listeners are concerned about the opposition becoming engaged in what they consider of a flawed process. **And what I really want to say is that for democracy to succeed, you have to be involved. Change in democracy comes from within. It can't be imposed from the outside. And so what we hope as the American Embassy and also the European Union and the Ambassadors Donors Group, is that the opposition will engage and will commit to a democratic process.**

VOA: Ambassador, I know you are implying that there are some objections to your effort and that of the other western diplomats involved. Overcoming opposition to this arrangement in order for it to work... would you address some of the objections for example?

Ambassador: First of all, it is not our process. It is the process of the Ethiopian people. And a process that has to be engaged in by both the opposition and the government. What I would like to say to you and to your listeners is basically quoting from Ecclesiastes, which is one of my favorite proverbs from the Bible. And you probable know this, and I am sure many of your will listeners know: It begins **"To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heavens. A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing."** And our message, my message in particular that of the American Embassy has been that now nearly a year after the elections of May it is a time to embrace the democratic process, to move forward, a time to gather up all the opposition into a democratic process for the good of the country.

VOA: Madam Ambassador, yes you mentioned about gathering all the opposition but given that all CUD offices in Addis Ababa and around the country are shut down, elected CUD leaders are in prison, and those who oppose taking part in this process are complaining harassment and intimidation by government security forces. Are you confident that the CUD members taking over the City Council are representative?

Ambassador: Yes I am. And I would remind you of Mandela perhaps the most famous man in

Africa as well as perhaps throughout the world. When he went to prison the people on the outside carried forward, and in the end when he returned from being jailed, he assumed a leadership position. A process does not end because people are detained. A process must continue. The continuation of the Ecclesiastes proverb says: "...a time to reap, a time to sow, a time to keep silent, and a time to speak." And I think there are many courageous men and women in the CUDP who are now trying to form the CUDP and that we should be very proud of them. Because what they are trying to do is give full voice to the people of Addis Ababa who elected them to the City Council as well as the people of Ethiopia who elected them to the Parliament. And we know that it is not easy, we know there are problems, and there are in all systems. But the only way to make the system work is to work within the system. You can't impose from the outside.

VOA: Are these people, the people who are arranging to take over the City Council, are they on the same page with people who are in prison? Do they have their ok, they have their understanding?

Ambassador: The CUD parliamentarians who are from the CUD coalition as well as CUD Addis Ababa electees who are from CUD coalition are united in this effort and they very much would like to have the support of those who are detained in prison. Let me say a few words about those who are detained in prison. Because you know there has been much hate and there's been much violence. And now I think its the time to nurture reconciliation and peace. Because if all sides put aside the differences and try to formulate some understanding and some compromise, then I think the possibilities for the release of the CUD leaders and the civil society leaders will be much enhanced. Not only will the possibilities for their release be enhanced, but for the possibilities for strong sustained democracy and development in this country will be much enhanced.

VOA: Ma'am, Is there a precondition from the government?

Ambassador: I have no idea about preconditions from the government. This is an effort of the opposition CUD to form a CUD party so that they can be effectively represented in the Parliament, so that they can manage and lead the city of Addis Ababa as they were elected to do, so that they can get ready and run candidates in 2007, and think they would like to hope that they could win if they do this.

VOA: Just on this point, I would like your elaboration on whether there was a precondition from the government for CUDP to take the City Council and then probably the political prisoners would be released.

Ambassador: I have never heard anything like preconditions, of any type, or any shape, or any form. And I think this is a mistake to begin to, you know, to try to link these things together. What we have to hope happens here, by the good will of these men and women in the opposition is that they began a process, and by beginning this process its a big step forward toward reconciliation. And with reconciliation, I think all things are possible.

VOA: Madam Ambassador, you mentioned Mandela's style of peace and reconciliation. Critics suggest that

releasing political opposition from prison and holding a reconciliation dialogue among all parties, including the government will be { } Ethiopia. And they also cite Mandela's type of peace and reconciliation. What is your take on this?

Ambassador:

what we have to do is try to create the conditions that would help them to get out of jail. **And if there is a peaceful process, if there is a political party (a clone), if the opposition is participating fully in the government, if there's a recognition that the only way forward is through working within the democratic process and a democratic system no matter how frustrating, Then I think very much that is possible.** Thank you very much. Amesegenalehu. ([Source: US Embassy](#))

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VICKY'S FIRST VISIT OF KALITI

Following this Vicky was reported to have gone to Kaliti prison at 12.45 Addis Ababa time . According to prison sources, she went there with the French ambassador. She had told the political prisoners that the condition for their release is to abandon politics and live in peace as private citizens. **And as we said above to add insult to injury Vicky** had told Birhanu, the elected Mayor of Addis Ababa, that since they were the only accepted leaders to the people, they should give a blessing to the cloned CUDP so that they take over the Addis Ababa administration for the sake of democracy and so that the democratic process could continue.. The astounded Birhanu declined her request. *According to other sources the meeting between Vicky and Birhanu was highly confrontational. Birhanu expressed to her that she was working with forgerers (Ayele Chamiso et al) after she confirmed to him that some of the signature of the councilors were forged. When she told him that Democracy take hundred years to mature,he angrily called her "Racist" and asked her to leave. Watching was the french ambassador and the US embassy first secretary. Vicki, however, refused to leave asking Birhanu to bless Ayele Chamiso et al. Birhanu refused. She also asked him to rejoin the judicial process and defend himself in court. " We won't join a fraudulent legal process. We will be okay staying in prison as long as it takes" he was heard replying.*

At that meeting Vicky had also talked to Judge Birtukan Demeksa , CUDP Vice President , a former judge of the Ethiopian High Court , who had written apparently for the second time to Vicky on April 23 , 2006 to express, her sadness about Vicky's insensitiveness regarding their plight: . and Referring to Vicky's interview on VOA, she had said *“ I was sad, however, that you seemed to take our deplorable situation as an acceptable state of things and suggest that we should be content in being requited by martyrdom”* for the sake of the service the Ethiopian tyrant renders in the US war on terrorism.

There has been large popular protest in Ethiopia and among the Diaspora against Vicky Huddleston's cloning practice. Here are some of the comments -

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2.Comment from: Visitor [Visitor]

Some day Vicky who are aclearly working to kill our country will get her lesson. Please for God Sake please let all of us stand and unite and destroy this foreign invasion of our beloved country. This is a clear 100% colonial empire on Ethiopia!!!!

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3. Well-done. It portrays a very good account of her role in Ethiopia's politics. In stead of the US Charge-de-Affaires, she is increasingly becoming king maker in Ethiopia. If she has the right state of mind, there is a lot to learn from this simple cartoon. She stood for Zenawi and became lifesaver of the tyrant in stead of supporting the democratisation process that is underway. History will judge you

4.It's sad to see that the donors group are supporting the killer regime. For every real party, there is psuedo-party. The genuine leaders are in jail, we need to see them freed and lead poor Ethiopia. We do not want to see the the Banda, Vicky and Carter

5.You Ethiopians are shameless. Do you not have any pride left in you. How is it that both TPLF and CUD pray to the same god (USA). The'll destroy one and keep the other untill they feel differntly.

6.People, we need to have world wide voice for resignation of this (Vicky)!
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7.It is no wonder that US prestige and interest is dwindling to the lowest point in the globe ever. The last US Ambassador angered Ethiopians, who rightly believed, that America and Americans were true friends, but their HUMVEES were used to kill them.Some body needs to change top officials at the State Department and in turn change the staff at the US Embassy in Addis because that place has become an accomplice of a BANDA group who has vowed to kill all Ethiopians(genocide in the making)if necessary to stay in power. The Agazi is ready and the HUMVEES are at their disposal and the American Diplomat is clueless what is going to happen tomorrow. The Ethiopian people will never forget whose weapons were used to kill them ,whose Diplomats looked the other way, if not accomplices.

8.It's sad to see that the donors group are supporting the killer regime. For every real party, there is psuedo-party. The genuine leaders are in jail, we need to see them freed and lead the poor Ethiopia. We do not want to see the Banda, Vicky and Carter.

9.The USA representative in Addis should resign immediately for directly involving in our country internal in violation of diplomatic principles. She has insulted 70 million people bringing our country to disaster and by cloning CUD in her laboratory.

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Vicky's second Visit to Kaliti

Vicky Huddleston had decided to visit Kaliti for the second time on August 10, 2006, and tell the political prisoners the conditions for their release.. The American Charge d'affaires in Addis, *told the political prisoners the conditions for their release , including abandoning politics and live as private citizens. According to prison sources, Mrs. Huddleston's offer included an agreement by the leaders to abide by the constitution, start negotiation and be released from jail. Although the charge d' affaires talked with several leaders separately, the response from all of them was the same. The leaders told Mrs. Huddleston that they had already accepted to work under the constitution on Kinijit's election manifesto and won last year's election which was held in accordance to the constitution and, therefore, the request for them to agree their acceptance of the constitution was irrelevant. They also demanded that the reconciliation had to be national, including several other actors in the country's politics, to bring peace and democracy in Ethiopia .* Meles had repeatedly told Birhanu the same thing regarding that Constitution of apartheid bantustanisation for the dissolution of Ethiopia, prepared in accordance with US imperialist objectives. Meles had told Birhanu during their negotiations before their arrest. as we read in Birhanu's monumental work written in prison at Kaliti ye የነጻነት ጎሳ ሲቀጽ (1998,) *yenetsanet goh siqed , The dawn of Freedom,* as we read on page 436

“You have to accept the Constitution genuinely . You can not have one leg inside and the other leg outside .You will have to accept the Constitution and accept the election result , although you may find it bitter, and accept the regions where you have won the election, and take your seats in Parliament. Otherwise if you keep rejecting the election results and continue to call protest demonstrations, we will take it you don't recognise the Constitution and we will take measures to have the Constitution respected. If you do not want to accept the Constitution the only choice you have is to join the woods and fight us (if you have the guts) as we have done under the Derg or go into exile. Alternatively, if you want to live in peace you have to leave politics and live quietly with your heads down in submission (angetachihun deftachihu).Otherwise if you continue as you do now we will take you one by one and throw you in prison “

Vicky had also talked with Birtukan separately *Prison sources confirmed that she talked with Birtukan Midekisa last Friday and told her in detail about the problems of Somalia and the need to solve internal differences to do away with the threat of "Islamism in the Ethiopia". Birtukan replied that she didn't want to see war with Somalia but Kinijit had no control on the situation*

With the intensification of the war cries and threats against the governing Council of Islamic Courts (CIC) in Somalia who have been in control of most of Somalia since June 2006, and after beating the U.S backed warlords that had dominated the scene since the fall of Siyad Barre were as of November 2006 gradually in encircling and threatening the weak fantoche American and Meles backed puppet government of Abdulahi Yusuf in **Baidoa**. Thousands of TPLF troops were being smuggled in, according to foreign observers, to back the government of Abdulahi Yusuf and counter the armed fighters of

the Council of Islamic Courts and eventually take away Mogadisho from their control and pass it to Abdulahi Yusuf. Meles had obtained the approval of his Kangaroo Parliament for the invasion of Somalia precisely at the end of November 2006. However the majority of Ethiopians and in particular the millions of CUDP supporters had made known their refusal to fight once again in a war that does not concern them. Observers report that Meles has been seen forced to engage once again in forced recruitment by *afessa* in the streets and in residences. Stephanie McCrummen, Washington Post Foreign Service in Addis Ababa at the end of the year 2006 quoted one elderly lady " **Abebayhu, 54**, a CUDP member, regarding Meles. *"He confuses the Westerners so that he can keep ruling," said Abebayhu, 54, an opposition member arrested along with an estimated 30,000 others in the sweeping post-election crackdown last year. "Our party does not believe in this war. Our priority is to eradicate poverty, not go to war. Meles knows this war is a way for his system to survive."* Stephanie McCrummen said as Ethiopia and Somalia's Islamic Courts movement inch closer each day to all-out conflict, a widespread view among people here in the capital is that Meles is using the conflict to distract people from a vast array of internal problems and to justify further repression of opposition groups, including ethnic Somalis in Ethiopia. In particular, opponents of war say he is playing up the claim that there are **al-Qaeda** operatives *within the Islamic Courts in order to maintain the support of the U.S. government, which relies on a steady flow of Ethiopian intelligence that some regional analysts say is of dubious value.* The reporter went on to say a recent attempt by Congress to sanction the Ethiopian government for widespread human rights violations failed after former Republican House leader **Richard K. Arme**y (R-Tex.), lobbying on behalf of the Ethiopian government, argued that *the United States needs Ethiopia in order to fight terrorism. "We don't know why the Americans let them get away with it," said Abebayhu, who was denied her request for a U.S. visa and who said she receives death threats regularly.*

Another case

"Federal police shot dead a young man who tried to escape from the round up in Addis Ababa. Abebe Hailemariam who was in early twenties was killed when he refused to accept instruction by the federal police to enter the police garage in front of the Sheraton Addis where hundreds of young men who were rounded up from the streets of Addis were held. Abebe lived in the neighbourhood of the Filwha area where the round up was the most rampant. The EPRDF government had reptile conducted raids in the Filwha and Arogew Kera area in the last two weeks. Eye witnesses said Abebe was trying to escape what locals call "affessa" when police opened fire and killed him".

Kebele cadres were ordered to start massive awareness campaigns to educate the youth about the dangers of Somalia and the consequences of not supporting the war.

The reported large number of Ethiopian troops fleeing Somalia today to Yemen is certainly linked to this forced conscription and *afessa*. On one occasion alone 89 Ethiopian soldiers are reported to have escaped through Bosaso to Yemen. One soldier said he and his comrades have left the fierce fighting in Somalia described as a "flaming hell".

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So we see the US had calculated in anticipation and were worried by the possible consequences of general refusal to conscription to fight in Somalia, and the possibility of easy victory of Somali resistance and defeat and destruction of a U.S paid proxy army invading Somalia. Such a scenario would affect not only Meles-US position in Ethiopia:abut US imperialism in the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea at large opposed by what Bush calls an Islamofascist regime entrenched in Somalia (as if Meles does not

represent a Christiano-Fascist american proxy mercenary *banda* regime. Some may hope that freedom of Ethiopia from American proxy imperialism may pass through Moqadisho. That is, in any case, the worry in Washington and the principal mission of Vicky at Kaliti. They had foreseen well the beatings that Meles's TPLF troops in Somalia are receiving to-day from Somali liberation fighters. Already in August before even the outright invasion of Somalia the US was so worried Vicky has not even spared the families of **our political prisoners at Kaliti**. *Huddleston had gone to see Dr. Brehanu's wife, Dr. Nardos Minase, about the possibility of talks, according to Embassy sources*. The sources have added that Vicky who has just left for US today will start a full-fledged effort for the negotiations between Meles and the Kaliti prisoners when she returns to Addis. So, as some one said the U.S has learnt that *Kinijit, the spirit of the people, can't be sidelined from the Ethiopian political process*.

November 2006: "Peacemaker" Efreem Yeshak as US messenger at Kaliti on the Foot-steps of Vicky

So Efreem Yeshak, the pro-Israeli newcon, a protagonist in the war against Islamic fundamentalism, IRPP's agent for Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa has once again been dispatched in November 2006 on another "peace mission", following Vicky's foot-steps at Kaliti and repeat almost literally her message to the political prisoners languishing in chains since November 11, 2005. He told the patriot Kaliti prisoners that he was a "non-partisan" peace agent. According to one report Professor Efreem Yeshak met **Hailu Shawel, Birhanu Nega, Birtukan Mideksa, Yacob Hailemariam and Gizachew Shiferaw** three times in a week. According to prison sources, in the first two meetings, Professor Ephrem informed the prisoners of Meles's demand (therefore an informer and not a peace maker) that they quit politics in order to be released from prison. After a firm rejection from them, the prime minister sent a fresh message containing a demand from them to denounce the **Alliance for Freedom and Democracy - AFD** and dissociate themselves from those who raised arms against his government including the OLF and ONLF. The prisoners told the professor that Kinijit's policy was to solve Ethiopia's problems by dialogue and engagement, not by denunciation of the country's political groups. In summary Meles conditions transmitted through Efreem for CUDP leaders included the principal condition: to quit politics and allow the slavery of Ethiopia under proxy imperialism.

1. to ask for pardon and
2. to quit politics (remember Efreem's definition above of the successful Ethiopians)
3. to dissociate themselves from the so called Alliance for Freedom and Democracy (AFD)—engged in the business of false warring as we shall see,
4. to dissociate themselves from OLF war posturing
5. to support Meles politics and in particular the invasion of Somalia which some reporters present as the principal cause of worry of the regime forcing Meles to seek peace with CUDP leaders on his conditions.

The answer of CUDP leaders in Kaliti was of course a simple refusal given that they had done nothing to justify asking to be pardoned by Meles.. The families fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters etc. contacted by Efreem Yeshak have also declined to put pressure on their relatives to accept the conditions suggested by Meles saying that the issue was not a family business but a national

question. It is not clear how Professor Ephraim Yeshak failed to see that elementary fact.. Based on the records we feel it is not an exaggeration to say that Ephraim Yeshak is the chosen instrument hand picked by the U.S government and their proxy regime in Addis Ababa that of Meles, for many years now. Here is how the usually well informed Paris based Indian Ocean Newsletter reports on Efreem Yeshak's and other criss-crossing Scholar elite peace Missions suggesting that Meles having been confronted by violent Somali liberation resistances killing TPLF soldiers in Moqadisho and elsewhere in unending street battles has been obliged to reduce local opposition related to the mass incarceration of CUDP leaders- winners of May 2005 election.

According to the usually well-informed Paris based Indian Ocean Newsletter Meles Zenawi was trying to moderate his internal opposition so as to have his hands free to handle the **inevitable armed conflict with Somalian Islamists**. Several initiatives are currently under way to find a way out of the internal political crisis in Ethiopia. In this connection the paper raises Efreem's visit at Kaliti as an emissary of Meles with the conditions for the release of the political prisoners, which we have seen above. And *Indian Ocean Newsletter* added.: *Furthermore, also according to our sources, discreet negotiations are under way between pro and anti-government Ethiopian intellectuals. These informal discussions have set the members of the Citizens' Charter Group (CCG) against the intellectuals with ties to the regime in place, such as Professor Bahru Zewde in Addis Ababa. Last week Zewde went to Paris for a meeting with, among others, Prof. Mammo Muchie and Tecele Zerihun from Unesco. Some of these intellectuals have ties with Ephraim Isaac .* "What are we to believe ?

The outright invasion of Somalia by Meles forces had started on **Sunday , December 24**, when fighter jets bombarded several towns in Somalia in what was called a dramatic attack on Somalia's powerful Islamic movement , with first focus on Council of Islamic Courts , CIC, Militia around Baidoa before bombarding Moqadisho and hit away the Islamists. **Sunday's battles began before dawn and continued for about 10 hours** at the cost of hundreds of a 1000 victims, according to one source:. *"They are cowards," said Sheik Mohamoud Ibrahim Suley, an official with the Islamic movement, which controls most of southern Somalia. "They are afraid of the face-to-face war and resorted to air strikes. I hope God will help us shoot down their planes ."* Speaking to the press conference, the chairman of the Islamic courts executive committee, **Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed** alongside with deputy chairman of Islamic courts consultative committee **Sheik Omar Iman Abu-Bakr** said he would not allow the people in his country to be a colony of Ethiopian Invaders. Sheik Sharif has also criticized the policy of United States of America accusing it of playing double standard policy in regard of Somali situations. Ethiopia would not have attacked Somalia if it had not the support of America.