

THE SILENCE OF THE TIGRAY LAMBS!



A Tigrayan child soldier captured at Afar Front

1. Armed groups that are distinct from the armed forces of a State should not, under any circumstances, recruit or use in hostilities persons under the age of 18 years.
2. States Parties shall take all feasible measures to prevent such recruitment and use, including the adoption of legal measures necessary to prohibit and criminalize such practices.

UN Article 4: Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict¹

By Wondimu Mekonnen, 31 July 2021, England

"JUST EAT ME WITHOUT A PRETEXT"

An Ethiopian folklore tale goes as follows:

"A hyena somehow befriended with a donkey. They started a journey somewhere together. The donkey was eating grasses all her ways, but the hyena was starving and miserable. They arrived at a freshwater spring and stopped for a drink. The donkey waited to see where they hyena was going to drink. She went far below the downstream; from the point where the hyena was and started drinking for herself. The hyena was furious and started a brawl accusing her of spoiling the clean water he was drinking. The sarcastic donkey simply stated: 'where did you see a river flowing upstream? Just eat me without a lame excuse.'"

¹ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/professionalinterest/pages/opaccrc.aspx>

WORLD ALERT

The USA and her Western allies are looking for a pretext to launch an attack on Ethiopia to save the skin of their puppets called the “Tigrayan People’s Liberation Front” (TPLF) and dismember Ethiopia like what they had done to Yugoslavia. They issued a warning. It didn’t work. They withheld their aid money. That too did not work. They went to the Security Council to obtain permission. The Russians and the Chinese blocked them. They seem to have run out of options. Naked aggression is the only one on the table. Imagine this. What would the UK have said if some idiots had told them, not to fight the IRA when they went to Ireland to establish rules and orders there, in 1980/1990s? Well, it appears that Ethiopia does not measure as sovereign state in the eyes of these self-appointed gendarmes of the world.

Karen Bass, The United States Congress Member and Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Sub Committee on Africa, said that she met the Ethiopian Diaspora on Saturday [July 17, 2021], who asked her why the US had not yet sent its military to resolve the crisis in Ethiopia’s northern province². Really? Who are those Ethiopians if one may ask?

Berhanu (2021)³ recently discovered the incestuous relationship between Western Governments and Western Media. Remember the story of WMD in Iraq? The media was going crazy about it. Iraq was destroyed by the USA and their allies but there was no WMD in that country. Remember the story about Libya’s role in the bombing of Pan Am at Lockerbie? The poor Government of Libya attempted to prove it had nothing to do with the bloody crime in vain. It even cooperated with the investigation and allowed her national, Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, to be taken out of the country to Scotland, tried, charged, and sentenced to life imprisonment. The Libyan Government had to pay a huge lump sum of dollars to the

² https://www.thereporterethiopia.com/article/ethiopian-diaspora-asked-us-military-intervention-tigray-says-congresswoman-bass?__cf_chl_managed_tk__=pmd_ed5f37562395bb70b31d33e53379094f717ebfec-1627622923-0-gqNtZGzNAyKjcnBszQi6

³ <https://www.eurasiareview.com/06072021-incestuous-relationship-between-western-politics-and-western-media-case-of-ethiopian-conflict-oped/>

families of the victims. That did not spare poor Libya from being reduced to rubble by the Western superpowers.

Another blatant warning has just been issued by USA to the Ethiopian Government. Although the Government had allowed to use its air and land to reach the people in rebel-held areas of Tigray, the USA is demanding unchecked supply of whatever they wished to deliver the rebels. USAID Administrator Samantha Power is going to Ethiopia this week probably to deliver an ultimatum to Prime Minister Abiy Ahamed. She will also meet leaders of the TPLF and get well entertained in Mekelle. The TPLF had vowed never to lay their arms until they toppled the Addis Ababa and Asmara "regimes". The world should have condemned the TPLF on its belligerent actions, but the USA continues to blame the Government of Ethiopia for any crime committed by the terrorists. They are attempting to twist the arms of the Ethiopian government to allow them roam as they like on the air of Sovereign Ethiopia to carry out their plans bringing weapons for the rebels in the name of aid. They wanted to feed and arm the rebels so that they would be able to destroy the age-old Ethiopia. Encouraged by the USA's backing, the TPLF went out of its ethnic enclave and launched an attack on the neighbouring Afar and Amhara Regions with no Western Media or Governments condemning their act. Innocent Afars were attacked, and many are being killed. The Afar and Amhara local militia are gallantly resisting though. The USA is itching to bombard them like the Serbs.

The TPLF forces attacked this week the convoy of nine trucks travelling to Tigray through the Afar region⁴. One would have expected the aggression should have been condemned. No one is saying anything in the West. However, the USA unashamedly placed the blame on the Ethiopian Government. From the video of the attack, it was evident the attackers were communicating in Tigrigna.

The USA seems to be desperate to find a reason to raise their trigger-happy fingers in Ethiopia. Here is their plan of dismemberment of Ethiopia. Geopolitics Press (GP) of 27 July 2021

⁴ <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/ethiopia-tigray-forces-enter-neighbouring-afar-region-afar-says-2021-07-19/>

came up with the suggestion on how to control the media reporting on Ethiopia while the USA is going to carry out its plan of the breaking up of Ethiopia “Information capacitance is key to any propaganda campaign, and in the Ethiopian crisis, *it involves moderating and controlling media coverage of the war in Tigray – and armed rebellion in Oromia – in a way that disadvantages GoE.* This managed media coverage is quite helpful for fusion cells located in Kenya [where they work with anti-Abiy elements in the Kenya Defence Forces \(KDF\) and National Intelligence Service \(NIS\)](#) to shape public opinion in favor of supporting TPLF and Oromo secessionists. *This clique in KDF and NIS has partnered with other national intelligence agencies and private intelligence firms to train media activists and promote the idea of 2 parallel governments-in-exile – the [Oromia Regional National Transitional Government](#) and the [Government of the National State of Tigray.](#)”⁵*

There you go. Where is the UN? Where is the democratic world? That is why the truth could not be told to the public. The Media and the Government walk in tandem. They don't allow independent minded people to have a space in their newspapers, air on their radios or images on their televisions. Lord have mercy on us!

THE USA HAD IDENTIFIED ITS NEXT VICTIM

Once the issue of media control is resolved, now check out the following link. It will reveal how Ethiopian is going to be under attack, very soon before your glaring eyes.

<https://youtu.be/ZiUuvwctdXM>

Have you carefully listened how Ann Garrison correctly assessed the fate of Ethiopia in the coming few days, weeks or months?

Remember, when the Ethiopian Government went into the region of Tigray to establish law and order after the rebels attacked the restive National army? The barrage of reports coming from the Guardian, the Daily Telegraph, Bloomberg, the Times, BBC, Sky News, CNN, etc., about the human rights abuse, killings, rape, ... you name it by the Ethiopian and Eritrean forces was deafening without any evidence. On the contrary,

⁵ <https://www.geopolitics.press/from-basma-to-ethiopia-how-c2fc-is-using-lethal-journalism-to-conduct-information-warfare-and-lawfare-against-ethiopia/>

when Maria Hernandez, a beautiful young Spanish national and two of her colleagues working for Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) were ambushed and killed in cold blood on 24 June by the TPLF⁶ not much was said. Was this widely reported? No! That would have jeopardised the USA's grand plan of dismemberment of Ethiopia.



⁶ <https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/what-we-do/news-stories/news/ethiopia-msf-demands-investigation-killing-three-staff-members-tigray#:~:text=The%20MSF%20team%20members%20killed,a%20clearly%20marked%20MSF%20vehicle.>

THE CHILD SOLDIERS

Here comes the juicy part. The USA could not always cover their backs. On 14 July 2021, The New York Times published a report by **Declan Walsh** and **Photographs by Finbarr O'Reilly**, unwittingly glamorising the "gallant" children of Tigray, fighting enthusiastically for the independence of Tigray⁷. What the two did not realise was the fact that the use of child soldiers is an international crime against human rights and UN Convention on the rights of the child. Ethiopians and friends of Ethiopia immediately downloaded the article and photos of the children for evidence. Jeff Pearce⁸ pointed out that the use of child soldiers by the TPLF was the violation of the [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#). The US and its Western allies who are hunting to this day **Ugandan Joseph Kony**, accused of the use of child soldiers went "shtum!" about the fact that the TPLF was using children as young as 13 years old to fight the national defence army. The New York Times has since then been editing and re-editing, the latest being on 28 July, weeding out texts and photographs referring to the children. Too late! The cat is already out of the hat.

After reading that disgusting article, Jeff Pearce, wrote:

There was an immediate rush of back slapping all around. [Rashid Abdi](#) called it "groundbreaking war reporting/journalism." [Simon Marks](#), who got kicked out of Ethiopia, suggested, "Give [[Declan Walsh's](#)] thread a read." To no one's surprise, [Cameron Hudson](#) wrote, "[bravo for the amazing reporting](#)." The Telegraph's [Will Brown](#) gave it three clap emojis. Journalist [Hasfa Halawa](#) called it "[powerful work](#)." Journalist [Claire Bolderson](#) called the photos in the article "extraordinary. And yes, they are. And some of them are frankly disgusting".⁹

⁷ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/07/11/world/africa/tigray-guerrilla-fighters-ethiopia-army.html>

⁸ <https://jeffpearce.medium.com/ethiopia-the-tplfs-sacrificial-lambs-e7b069747fdc>

⁹ <https://jeffpearce.medium.com/ethiopia-the-tplfs-sacrificial-lambs-e7b069747fdc>



Picture obtained from:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgzGkZZssOxHJwffNLFVGfcCPfdnM?projector=1>

Those children were barely able to carry the guns. The following is a screen shot of a video of petrified child ordered to operate a heavy artillery gun. [The adult males were laughing and encouraging her to get on with it by saying “ajuwa! Ajuwa!”](#), which means “be courageous, be courageous”!¹⁰



Walsh and O'Reilly might have succeeded in weeding out the narrative and pictures referring to these children from New York Times pages, but their dead bodies are littering the farm fields of Afar region, where the

¹⁰ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/127aZHTfFtoHUhBj-YbTMJZ7mgYhwPkmS/view?usp=sharing>

TPLF deployed them to capture the Afar land. "It would take us 10 days to bury them all." says an Afar farmer. The children were given drugs and cookies and sent to fight. Some of them dropped their guns at the first sound of gunshots and run into villages begging to hide them. Others dropped their guns, raised their hands up in the air and run to the Ethiopian Defence Forces and the local militias to surrender. Click on the following link for more details about the unfortunate children of Tigray.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0sULw5tHfjw>

You just pity those kids. No single Western Media or aid organisation dared to mention about this tragedy. If that crime was committed by the Ethiopian Government, imagine the barrage of condemnation. All the newspapers would have published pictures of dead bodies of the children lying everywhere. The televisions would bore its audience to death with 24 hours continuous screening videos of these unfortunate children, to steer emotions of the innocent people.

One would ask who is going to stand up for these children? Where is UNICEF? Where is the Red Cross? Where is the Amnesty International? Where is the Human Rights Watch? Where is the United Nations? Well, the western world may hide the crimes of its puppets but it is not going to be hushed under the carpet for a long time. The tax paying kind-hearted citizens of these countries need to know. The voice of the truth may not get a space on their mainstream media but thank God there is the social media.

Once the TPLF knew it was wrong, initially, its cadres started lying about their crimes, by saying those children were not fighters but they came out to celebrate the victory of their elders. With guns? Whatever they said it didn't make sense. So, they blatantly started saying "if they are old enough to be raped, then they should be old enough to fight." Is there such a clause in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child?

The children that **Finbarr O'Reilly** glamorised in his Instagram were not carrying toys but deadly rifles.



By now some of these children are lying dead. Some of them are hiding among the locals. Some of them have surrendered and looked after by the Ethiopian National Defence Force and the Amhara local militias. How about the trauma and nightmare those spared children had to endure, even after this conflict is over?



These children are forcefully snatched from their parents and put at the fighting front with guns. The Ethiopian Government ordered the National Defence Force to leave the region to avoid the casualties of these children. The TPLF, who saw the advantage of deploying child soldiers is still forcing the parents to hand them over and putting them on firing lines. The world is looking away for now. But, for how long?

“Those who put arms into the hands of children instead of food, books and toys commit a crime not only against the little ones, but against all of humanity. [#ChildrenNotSoldiers](#) ”

Pope Francis

In the ideal world that should be what the pontiff had said. Unfortunately, the world is run by superpowers that may pull the law to punish whom they don't like but look away when it is broken by one of theirs. Unfair world!

The lambs of Tigray are silently going to their abattoir. The world media is gagged by the Superpowers policies in the name of their national interest. Who will stand up for the silent lambs of Tigray?

This is not the first time Ethiopia has been let down by the international community. Here is an excerpt from the famous speech of HIM Haileselassie I, at The League of Nations in 1935, when our fathers were ignored and side-lined like now, to let Italy overtake our country.

“Apart from the Kingdom of the Lord there is not on this earth any nation that is superior to any other. Should it happen that a strong Government finds it may with impunity destroy a weak people, then the hour strikes for that weak people to appeal to the League of Nations to give its judgment in all freedom. God and history will remember your judgment.”

God indeed remembered their judgement. The world plunged into World War II. Now, God will judge again with regards of the silence of the lambs of Tigray. Unless justice prevails, then expect World War III.

“From the distance, God is watching us!”