

Yemhur Denkoro – A Prime Example!

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Bismarck is reported to have said, "...by the time one consults with two professors, the wagon will have long gone downhill!" That is a very remarkable observation. It is to be remembered that I wrote several short articles in Amharic with the above title showing the utter bankruptcy of many educated morons, who go with titles of Professor and Ph. D. attached next to their names. This has become apparent in relation to HR 2003.

I read an article advocating this bill by a Solomon Terfa Ph. D., titled: "***Democracy or Sovereignty?***" The article fumbled and mumbled on for many pages with semi plausible and rather convoluted logic to arrive at a strange conclusion, comparing the incomparable case of Ethiopia with that of Pakistan. Clearly, that seemed to me like apples and oranges.

I wanted to give the benefit of the doubt to the author and sent him an email message saying: "I read your article where you argued the case of 'Democracy or Sovereignty?' Is this even a question? If you do not have a sovereign nation, how is democracy possible? Can you call it Democracy under Colonial power or domination? I am really amazed this is a question to you, which is clear to so many simple Ethiopian peasants, who sacrificed their lives to keep a sovereign nation and pushed out invaders..." That reference was to the Italian invasion during the feudal and Monarchical times in Ethiopia.

I was hoping the author, Dr. Solomon Terfa, would explain how he could even consider it as a serious question so that we could have an honest discussion. The reply I got was:

"ATO GORFU, I AM SORRY YOU COULD NOT GET THE GIST OF MY ARTCLE. PERHAPS YOU NEED SOME ONE TO HELP YOU WITH IT. IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT YOU ARE NOT THERE YET. BUT I AM GLAD YOU TRIED. YOU CAN COME BACK TO IT NEXT YEAR. PERHAPS, JUST PERHAPS YOU MIGHT HAVE AN EPIPHANY."

This response, besides being all in capitals, a sign of shouting and not of logic, is the arrogant response of one who thinks he is a custodian of an arcane wisdom, too complex for mankind to grasp. It proved to me that here I was dealing with a prime example of Yemhur Denkoro. Some educated people like this author think that they have special political knowledge above and beyond the common man. But it is also clear to the rest of us, the common people, that these have gone too far from their basic Ethiopiawinet or Ethiopian essence, and losing basic and native commonsense, have become **ደናቁርታ።**

The conclusions of the article were even more astounding. Solomon says: "If another election in Pakistan will restore political power to its legitimate owner, the people, I believe it could also do the same in Ethiopia. Signing HR 2003 into law would no doubt be a commendable step towards that direction." Wow! Did he really believe that?

So, did the elections restore democracy to Pakistan? Martial Law has been declared and the constitution suspended. Thus as the prediction of Dr. Solomon Terfa has turned out to be an absolute zero, so also signing HR 2003 into law would never bring Democracy to Ethiopia, except to turn such people like him into pariah of Ethiopian society. Ethiopian politics is not soccer and it would be far less complex if based on truth and honesty.