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ER and EPPF interview with Esayas Afeworke

“Self determination is a transitional arrangement for addressing marginalization. For sick woyane click, to put Self determination including and up to secession is a permanent endorsement of the concept of separation. Why not do it day one? Ogaden is independent sovereign state, Tigri is independent sovereign state, Amhara is independent sovereign state the Oromo will have Oromia as independent sovereign state do it the first day. Do not put it in constitution. The EPLF (our side) and EPDRF had opportunity to discuss this issue the sense we got from the formal and informal discussion was, in the minds of sick Woyane clicks, let Ethiopia disintegrate. It either we control every thing or Ethiopia will disintegrate – so putting that article (article 39) in the constitution was meant if things go well for them to stay in power and control every thing that article will not be implemented, if things do not go well the other option is ready, disintegrate.

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“We want to live as two good neighbours a safe neighbour is living with your neighbour is peacefully. Why is Ethiopia important in the region? Ethiopia has unique resources compare to Eritria and other countries in this region. no one can deny that. Ultimately any economic development exploit the resources invest in human capital and finally improve the quality of life. Ethiopia could have been one of the wealthiest countries in the region. There is no question about that, Gold is there, Platinum is there, Water and Land there. You can go and compare it with other African countries. Ethiopia did not utilize the natural resources to improve the quality of their own people. When land and water is available, depending on foreign aid is crippling the Ethiopian people. The government could have enabled the farmers to farm. Ethiopia could have produced food to feed all Africa. Ethiopia could have mobilized to use its resources and could have accumulated reserves for difficult time. This is how USA, Canada china and India are good examples”

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“How can you say 10 to 11 percent growth when you have 10 million people are starved. you can cook and manipulate statistic the way you want”

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“You (Ethiopia) want to invade Asab, why? Are you going to invade Jibuti? You do not invade Jibute because the French and the American there. Jibute can't be a viable port for Ethiopia. Ethiopia can use Asab. The sky will be the limit for cooperations. Why

would the Dubai government manage the port in USA ? Why would Singapore government manages a port in Eden ? .They build the port, the harbor and facility required. If Asab is good for Ethiopia Economy, if Asab would be an exit port for export the facility has to improve.

If Ethiopia benefit by using this port why not . when we were asked during famine to use the port , we said ok but this sick Woyane clicks rejected. Were they interested for their own starvred people? Or were they interested to make a point? ”

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