

Eritrea Government Deserves Pressure

Ethiopians of various walks of life have stood in unison beside the government in its effort to realize the safe and sound release of eight compatriots that were kidnapped by the regime in Asmara. The safety of innocent civilians that were abducted along the released five Europeans are of great concern to everyone.

Ethiopians and the government of Ethiopia are quite happy that the Europeans were released and have joined their families. The Eritrean government, which had planned and carried out the kidnapping, was forced to release the four Britons and one Frenchman because of the relentless pressure of the international community. Once the kidnapping was carried out by the notorious government of Eritrea, the international community did spare no time to secure their release. The media, be it print or electronics gave wide coverage about this wicked act. However, this failed to materialized now. The government of Ethiopia Said "Though the Eritrean government has been denying involvement in the abduction, it was forced to release five of the 13 owing to pressure exerted by the international community. However, the fact that Ethiopians, who were accompanying the foreigners have fallen victim of this terrorist act by the Eritrean government is of great concern to the Ethiopian government."

The abduction of both the Europeans and Ethiopians has bluntly made it clear that Asmara is not only supporting terrorists by providing weapons and trainings, but also by directly and actively being involved in state terrorism.

As far as the Eritrean regime is concerned terrorism has become its routine activity. The police state has been undertaking terrorist acts in different cities and towns in Ethiopia including Addis Ababa, the seat of various regional and international organizations as well as diplomatic missions. Bomb attacks that were carried out by the Eritrean government and anti-Ethiopian mercenaries targeting innocent civilians, hotel and public transports have caused immense human and material damages.

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In its latest terrorist act the Eritrean government had planned to disrupt the 8th AU Summit which was successfully held here by carrying out terrorist acts. The plan was foiled by the concerted efforts of the government of Ethiopia and the public at large. Ethiopia firmly believes that the present abduction is a continuation of similar terrorist acts masterminded by Eritrea. The UN report on Somalia has confirmed that the Eritrean government supports terrorists in Somalia.

But the international community has opted for silence than condemnation. The terrorist act of Eritrea no matter where it is carried out or who is the victim should not be rewarded by the silence of the international community. In a statement released on March 14, 2007 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said, "As the terrorist acts of the Eritrean government claiming lives and causing damage to property were committed in broad day light, they will be corroborated beyond doubt."

The Eritrean government is engaged in these terrorist practices including the abduction in an attempt to derail Ethiopia from the ongoing promising development endeavor. Further, the kidnapping aims at jeopardizing the up-coming millennium celebration by tainting bad image about security in Ethiopia. However these evil acts won't succeed.

For the government of Ethiopia and Ethiopian peoples the well-being of eight Ethiopian's that are in the hands of the Eritrea government matters more than anything. That is why they are exerting maximum effort for the safe release of these compatriots. But this effort won't bear fruit without the tireless effort of the international community and the media.

According to the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, "The Ethiopian government is fully confident that the international community and media will put the limelight with similar intensity on the grave situation of the abducted Ethiopian nationals."

It should be underlined that the Eritrean government should be condemned for violation of international law. State terrorism should not be rewarded.