

How could be a dictatorship developed in Eritrea after Independence?



In the last 25 years in Eritrea, “The crimes of enslavement, imprisonment, enforced disappearances, torture, other inhumane acts, persecution, rape and murder have been committed as part of a widespread and systematic campaign against the civilian population. The aim of the campaign has been to maintain control over the population and perpetuate the leadership’s rule in Eritrea.” - [The UN Commission of Inquiry](#).

How do we define a dictatorship?

A type of government where political authority is controlled by an individual or a political entity

It is a rule by a dictator or it is a system of rule, control, or leadership by one person with total power; a government or country in which total power is held by a dictator or a small group.

Features of Dictatorship

1. One Party, One Leader and One Programme:

In dictatorship only one party is allowed to exist and it is the dictator's own party. Other political parties, associations and organizations are not allowed to function. These are banned. All opposition to the dictator is ruthlessly suppressed. Hitler used to say, "Swastika or gallows".

One Leader:

Under dictatorship, leadership is given to a single man. Full faith is to be concentrated in the leader. The leader is supposed to represent national unity. He is considered to be a symbol of national prestige. He is the final authority in every matter and his word is supreme. **One Programme:** The whole country is supposed to have one political programme and it is the programme of dictator's own party.

2. Absence of Individual Liberty:

The individual does not enjoy any liberty or rights under dictatorship. Maximum obedience to the laws is equated to the maximum liberty. People are not allowed any liberty of speech, association and press. All agencies of education and propaganda such as schools, colleges, radio, papers and films are controlled by the state. In the words of Mussolini "people do not want liberty but they want law and order." No criticism against the dictator is tolerated. People are supposed to believe and obey. Democratic slogans of liberty, equality and fraternity are replaced by slogans like duty, discipline and sacrifice. Mussolini asserted, "Liberty is a dead carcass, I kick it."

3. National Glorification:

Dictators glorify their nations to an illogical extreme. A mad sense of patriotism is inculcated in the minds of the people. They are made intensely nationalistic. The state is regarded as the march of God on earth. The state is considered to be the end and the individual a means to that end. People are supposed to sacrifice their lives on the alter of state.

4. Glorification of War:

Dictators glorify war. War is considered to be essential for the normal health of body-politic. The state is all powerful and it must enhance its prestige. The dictators adopt a war-like policy and glorify brute force as the means for achieving national greatness. In the opinion of Hitler, "In eternal warfare, mankind has become great; in eternal peace it will be ruined." To quote Mussolini, "War is to the man what maternity is to the woman."

5. Totalitarian State:

Dictatorship is a totalitarian state which controls each and every aspect of human personality, and takes into its fold all human activities in the social, economic, political, educational, religious and cultural spheres. No margin for individual liberty is left behind. "Nothing against the state, everything for the state, nothing outside the state" is the basic principle of dictatorship.

6. Racialism:

Dictators preach racialism. The Germans under Hitler regarded themselves to be superior to the people living in the rest of the world. They claimed that they belonged to the ancient Aryan stock. As such they regarded themselves to be superior to others. Similarly, the Italians claimed that they belonged to the race of the ancient Roman conqueror and that they had a divine mission to conquer the world.

Well known dictators;

Adolf Hitler, Antonio López de Santa Anna, Benito Mussolini, Ferdinand Marcos, Joseph Stalin, Juan Manuel de Rosas, Mobutu Sese Seko, Colonel Menghistu Haile Mariam and Isaias Afewrki of Eritrea.

Isaias Afewrki and the many secrets he has.

How would one know about the many Secrets of Isaias Afewrki and his family Line as told by Ethiopians? Is it important to the present tyranny in Eritrea, to know his background and family Tree? The 1973 episode of Menkae or leftist according Naizghi Kiflu, the spy serving Isaias Afewrki. The voyage from Addis Abeba University (Arat Killo Engineering College in 1966,) to join the ELF must have been calculated and well planned with Kenezmach Solomon Abraha, his uncle and Luul Asrate Kasa with Same intention of destroying the ELF, which was considered as pro-Arab socialists, like Baath parties in Egypt and Syria or Iraq.

The most secretive Isaias, carried this plan alone and never shared even with those, who with Ethiopian parents and sympathers of Ethiopia. Probably he has planned together with the TPLF head of the Front Sebhat Nega or others in the early eighties. The *Siria Addis*, according to some fighters, as was narrated by ELF fighters is the beginning of the intrigues of PIA. The splinter group lead by Woldemichael Haile did not notice the long term plan Isaias was hatching in Ala or in Solomuna later. The *Ibrahim Afa* saga, the death of Ibrahim Afa and the 1973 Menkae issue; were all secretly accomplished without the knowledge of the fighters or grassroot ranking fighters.

Accordingly the killing of Ibrahim was motivated by Isaias to liquidate him and get ready of his military superiority and No more Competing for the same position.

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The Narcotica business network:

Way back in the late 70ties, there was a network in Europe and in Africa dealing with illicit trade of Buzz and Narcotics in a very sophisticated manner. The representatives of PLF & EPLF in Italy and in Karthum were fully running a business in Wisky and Cocain. The very active Thief of Bagdad, as we use to call him, was travelling to Bogota and Medellin in Colombia and Mogadisho, Karthum and return to Rome. His capacity of committing illicit trade or affairs is to be recommended to the ability of Boss. These two were inseparable until the millenium dys when the famous thief of Bagdad was dealing in a huge some of arms from China, Bruxelles and Ukrain. Reciprocally the control by his Boss was becoming thin, which later angered his Boss and got his hands on him.....put him in Jail for good. Today the very best friend of Isaias Afewrki is incarcerating in one of the secret prisons in Asmara. The irony though, he is considered as a victim of PIA, while his act of clandestine business and liquidation are neglected as unworthy to mention. Like his Boss he has also the characteristics of both facism and oligarchy, i.e his ruthless acts of harrasment of people and even finishing them and his money acumulating behaviour and sucess in gaining a huge some of cash from his business in narcotics and weapons.



What is Facism versus oligarchy

When you compare Fascism vs Oligarchy structure the factors to be considered are majority rule, succession, presence of parliament and constitution.

- Majority Rule does not apply in Fascism. While in Oligarchy, Majority Rule is not present.
- The succession rule applied in Fascism is Neither Heritance nor Elective and that in Oligarchy is Heritance as well as Elective.
- Parliament is Absent in Fascism and in Oligarchy parliament is Absent.
- Constitution is present in Fascism and in Oligarchy constitution is Absent.



Facism



Oligarchy

Where do we put Isaias Afeworki in history?

The consecutive colonial time and era of Eritrea are of many types of cruelty and characters of shock to the Eritrean people, but the worst of the worst part of our history is the so called Independence period of the rule by the PFDJ and Isaias Afewrki. His absolute rule and his plan to anihilate the major part of the population can be summed up in his charactership as a dictator.....

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So much said about Isaias and his characters, but where there Eritrean Nationals who supported his idea? Those who were misled in the first 10-20 years of the struggle still remain alongside him, but for those who knew as early as in 1972-3 was fatal situation. Even though some try to justify his character as a dictator his manipulation and his secret acts have mesmerised them and could not believe that he could betray them until their death. It is a classical senario that happened in Russia or in China after the revolutions. The leaders during the struggle could not manage to relinquish power to the people or to those who were qualified to lead their countries an people. A few hand piced charactors are determined to serve him, even at the cost of their families or their own life. Mesfin Hagos is a typical one for that support to Isaias, may be others could also be mentioned. Those members of the Secret Party have also the tendency and nostalgia of the EPLF period during the armed struggle, becuase they had the benefits above the general public and the common fighters. That is why they are longing for such a period to come.

Issais Afewerki is leading Eritrea in to Hell:

A cruel and destitute as he is, PIA is doing everything that could be beyond repair and beyond recognition. He has been building his destructive acts so that the people could not be on his way for an absolute dictator. Today all institutions and culture, ethics and morality are beyond reach. No one can recognise the Eritrean people as proud and skilled people and hard workers. The refugees in the continents are given names as lazy, not willing to integrate, scared

and closed people. Thanks to our king Isaias Afewerki who has done his home work to get rid of all the goods we were proud of our people. Even mothers are prohibited from mourning for their drowned children. Prison visits are taboos and travel in your own country must acquire permission to visit families and friends. Given the present situation many Eritreans in the diaspora have stopped visiting the country of origin. Eritreans are characterized as 2% payers and none payers by the regime. ID's are only issued to those who pay and not to those Eritreans who sacrificed for the independence of their country. Cruelty is done to all but especially to those who were in the armed struggle for Independence. They are considered as expired humans who are not able to serve to the dictator any more.

A Failed State prone to be a State of Terrorism;

The road to state failure is marked by several revealing signposts. On the economic side, living standards deteriorate rapidly as elites deliver financial rewards only to favored families, clans, or small groups. Foreign-exchange shortages provoke food and fuel scarcities and curtail government spending on essential services and political goods; accordingly, citizens see their medical, educational, and logistical entitlements melt away. Corruption flourishes as ruling cadres systematically skim the few resources available and stash their ill-gotten gains in hard-to-trace foreign bank accounts. In the last phase of failure, the state's legitimacy crumbles.

Supporting Terrorism is a business gain for the regime.

Lacking meaningful or realistic democratic means of redress, protesters take to the streets or mobilize along ethnic, religious, or linguistic lines. Because small arms and even more formidable weapons are cheap and easy to find, because historical grievances are readily remembered or manufactured, and because the spoils of separation, autonomy, or a total takeover are attractive, the potential for violent conflict grows exponentially as the state's power and legitimacy recede. Failure and weakness can flow from a nation's geographical, physical, historical, and political circumstances, such as colonial errors and Cold War policy mistakes. More than structural or institutional weaknesses, human agency is also culpable, usually in a fatal way. Destructive decisions by individual leaders have almost always paved the way to state failure.

The UN sanctions laid on Eritrean regime are well documented and with ample evidences to the regime's involvement in Somalia, Yemen, South Sudan, The Sudan and Ethiopia at recent times.

The way Forward:

The Eritrean people at this moment have used all their cards and is in a situation of dambness and desperation. The youth is leaving the country enmass. The economic and health system in the country is in a disarray. A confusion and mistification is the common behaviour of our people. The search for bread and feul are the common daily occupation in the cities. Electricity and clean water is not available. The diaspora Eritreans are not doing a lot to alleviate the cronic scarcity and milaise of the nation.

It is time to question the legitimacy of the Person in power and PFDJ's legitimacy to rule Eritrea, because both of the leader and his party have ceased to function. What we to do is demand for a legitimate and functioning government instead. Diplomatic and other means should be used to get rid of both the dictator and his sole political Party.

God save Eritrea and its people!

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