

## Call for Justice!

### Open letter to US President H.E. Barak Obama

Dear Mr. President,

I would like to start my letter by sending my greetings and by wishing you and your family a joyful Christmas and a happy new year.

Mr. President, my letter is concerning Eritrea and the recent UN action against the Eritrean people. Mr. President with this letter I am pleading to you to prevent the Eritrean people from the same unjust that took place in 1950's. I am pleading to you to stop history repeat itself and to prevent the Eritrean people from a struggle that can be avoided. I am a great fan of you, Mr. President, mostly because you believe in change and because I believe that you can.

Just to reflect some history; after the Second World War, an unjust policy was taken against the Eritrean people. *"...From the point of view of justice, the opinions of the Eritrean people must receive consideration. Nevertheless, the strategic interests of the United States in the Red Sea Basin and considerations of security and world peace make it necessary that the country (Eritrea) has to be linked with our ally, Ethiopia"*, John Foster Dulles in 1952. This led to the annexation of Eritrea by Ethiopia. The Eritrean people by nature do not kneel down for injustice, and as a result began the independence struggle which lasted for 30 long hard years.

Mr. President, history is for us to learn. Were there any interests that the US gained from this conclusion? Does it in any way promoted peace and stability? On the contrary! The Only result of this miscalculated conclusion was war and misery in the horn of Africa, and the Eritrean people were doomed to go into a thirty years long struggle for justice, freedom and Democracy and paid a painful price of hundreds of thousands of lives.

Mr. President, the whole world is looking upon you to bring about a global peace. The reasons are 1) because of the promises you gave when you were elected i.e. to lead the US to a more cooperative mode and engage in faire partnership with other countries, 2) because I believe that you are sincere about those promises and 3) because as an Afro American I think you can understand the under privileged and can find a way for peace, development and partnership. That's why the whole world rejoiced when you were awarded the Nobel Prize for peace, it is for the hope you gave the world.

Mr. President, the world has already witnessed the challenges that you unfortunately have to face and the endeavor you've been taking. I think, this is yet another chance for you to come up with a new solution, a change, to prevent the world from recommitting the same crime against innocent, peace loving, hard working, Eritrean people and yet another chance to enjoy the well deserved Nobel Prize for peace. Please do not let me, the Eritrean people and most importantly yourself down. Please do not look at this from the eyes of a complicated unjust politics but from the eyes of a peace loving honest

person. Mr. President please do not let this decision be a flake in your amazing history. It is sad to see Ambassador Rises vindictive attitude against Eritrean people to cover up for her failure in mediating between Eritrea and Ethiopia in late 1990's is a basis for an unjust decision against the Eritrean people. We all know that Mrs. Susan Rice, have been actively pushing the UN to impose sanction against Eritrea. Please do not let innocent Eritrean people pay for a decision based on Mrs Rice's personal frustration. Please look at this personally, re-examine the validity of the accusations against Eritrean people, examine Mrs. Rises motives and her professional history and in Eritrea. I personally invite to the history of Eritrean people. In Eritrea we say that a person is born once and dies once but the history that a person lives behind lives forever. Don't let Mrs. Rises vindictive attitude be a cause for a flake in your and the US history.

Mr. President, I believe that you are a just, fair and well educated person and that is why I dare to ask: Is it forbidden for an African nation to have its own ideas and policies? Is it wrong to be independent as a black nation? Is it wrong for an African country to try to be self sufficient? Is it necessary to punish a nation in order to satisfy some individual's vindictive attitude? Is it wrong for an African Nation to follow democratic policies that have been practiced before colonialism by our ancestries? And more importantly is it impossible for the US to come to a consensus with countries like Eritrea who values its independency, self-reliance and the freedom to exercise its own ideas and policies?

Mr. President, I am not asking to compromise US interests. I believe that only by respecting mutual interests can one have a sustainable partnership which can lead toward harmony, peace and prosperity. This is the only way to gain interests. I deem that you do not believe that the US, one of our times greatest nation, can have any interest in taking unjust actions against a small nation.

I grew up in a period of war and misery which was imposed to us (Eritreans) by the world. This time I plead to you not to lead the world to commit unjustifiable action against a small nation, which already has witnessed and paid dearly for a series of unfairness led by previous US Administrations. As you promised, I humbly shoulder you to act for peace and fairness now.

Finally I politely request that you personally see the case closely. Who knows, maybe you and President Issayas Afewerki could find a way for stabilization of the horn of Africa, and maybe for the first time in this planet's history, you might create a way for a sustainable partnership between a superpower and one of the youngest and smallest nations where both nations interests are respected.

Best regards

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A peace loving Eritrean