

*In this world we have three unspeakable precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and the Prudence never to practice either."*

*~Mark Twain*

I have always been an avid believer that the best thing to do is to encourage man to exercise his right by speaking against atrocities in the world or sharing good news of peace and prosperity. Yet, that doesn't seem to be the reality in our world. In the arena our world's nations play, there are different rules to the game. When a developing country tries to develop its nation on its own - separate from the interference of international actors - it is looked at as a rogue state. The achievements of that country are not celebrated; rather they are hushed and dismissed because they could influence other nations- or welfare countries- to take on similar actions. The disheartening part about the current events that have occurred is that it has been done by the very organization that was created to be a neutral entity and to carry the motto

*"Equal rights to all and special privileges to none..."*

The actions that are supposed to be tied to the mission of this organization are sadly tied into the geo-political and economical interests of the very nations that established the United Nations. And ironically, the special privileges to none statement does not apply to them.

The United Nations is supposed to be an international organization whose stated aims are facilitating cooperation in international law, international security, economic development, social progress, human rights, and the achievement of World peace. This sounds as though the intentions are pure, doesn't it? But the underlying factor that many do not realize **is the idealism behind the collective action movements pushing the UN.**

*"Action Speak Louder the Words".*

**As** Eritreans we've always lived with the motto written above. The United Nations Unjust Action towards Eritrea is a living proof of exactly what they stand for. Leaving those who set the fire to the house and prosecuting those who sound the alarm.

*"It is everyman's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.*

*~Albert Einstein*

The purpose of this article is not to expose the UN, but to call upon all Eritreans for Unity. To remind us all that in this tough time we are not the helpless objects as some may think we are, even if great world powers are involved. We shall play an active role and try to influence our destiny as we've done so in the past. We have to always remember that just because fate didn't deal us with the right cards, it doesn't mean we should give up, it just means that we have to play the cards we get to their maximum potential.

Let it be known to any nation or individual out there, whether they wish us well or ill, we will pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friends, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of our country.

Maintaining our Freedom demands the most heroic effort and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of conscience. I then ask you,

**What are you willing to do to preserve Eritrea for the next generation?**

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