

WHO WILL SAVE “NEME” FROM FALLING APART?

I think the last few days have seen an unusually fierce exchange of ideas among our blogger community. Indeed some are out and about drawing scenarios, writing stories, alleging individuals, tarnishing images and hallucinating a possible demise of Islamic projects, etc. No doubt the frenzy begs for explanation. What benefit is there, what kind of gain can one make by formulating and relaying propaganda meant to damage the moral and

Reputation of fellow Muslim brothers/sisters! The labeling has gone on for quite some time now, anyways, truth soon shall prevail over falsehood.

Although dealing with this recent conspiracy necessitates a thorough investigation and public discussion on the matter, since our writer has a very strong craving for exchanges in the blogosphere I would jot down a few points just to highlight some of the major issues to my brothers and sisters in Islam who called me to express their anger and outrage at the reckless article posted by Nejashi OJ. I hope that will clear part of the fog...

As you may remember in my recent article [“SMEAR CAMPAIGN OR A GENUINE CONCERN”](#), a reply to the disappointing post by Nejashi OJ I have explained my point of views, agreeing on the factual and credible criticisms and discrediting his pointless arguments. I am of those who strongly believe that healthy debate effects positive changes to our Muslim society so much as I am against fabrications, degrading and malicious personal attacks on dedicated individuals and a misrepresentation of facts, particularly facts that attest for themselves.

The calls I received and the comments posted have shown me that many Muslim brothers and sisters are gravely worried, while some were fearful of blowing things out of proportion others were accusing me of being soft and calling for an immediate independent inquiry into the matter so that truth shines and whosoever leans on it prevails. I truly see the concerns of those brothers and sisters who wanted to lay the matter than to heighten tension further. However, as Muslims we cannot and shouldn't allow truth to be trampled by a heap of falsehood especially when liars get emboldened, hence, let me put things in perspective:

The critic who wrote pages to discredit the Bilal Show has told us that our learned men (Ulemas) were forced into participating in this new Muslim undertaking. But the fact is, this writer doesn't make any mention of the telephone calls he made to our notable Muslim scholars in which he strongly threatened them and barred them from partaking in the Bilal Show. Luckily, after recognizing the evil traps he was setting, those scholars have enthusiastically agreed to do the interviewing. Here, I challenge Nejashi OJ to have the guts and tell us why and how, he being a “leader” of a Network for Ethiopian Muslims went out of his way to instruct the religious elders and notable historians not to

give interviews to the Bilal Show?! Is this not hijacking a noble cause? If this doesn't hurt Muslims what does?! At a time when Islam is on the firing line, the supposed leader of an Islamic organization is firmly standing in the way trying to block the dissemination of Allah's (swt) words. Many are those who show eagerness and willingness to debunk several stories with their written documents, telephone conversations, first hand witness accounts, etc. For a while, those apprehensive of opening a rift between brothers remained silent and kept many of his malpractices secrete, but given his newer mission- an all out assault on Ethiopian Muslims, they are saying no more, hence more would unravel in the days ahead.

The writer under the guise of a network leader portrays himself as a concerned individual only to unleash his venom upon others. Dissatisfied as he is in seeing more and more Muslim efforts, he got pen and paper and marched into the territory of investigative journalists, the sad truth is he is a man in a glass house. Of course, some are novice to his shrewd tactics; however men like me know much of the underbelly of this writer. The man is adept in designing and executing divisive plans among Muslims both at home and in the Diaspora. We were individually pulled aside and victimized by his evil whispering to our ears. With his autocratic style of leadership unchallenged by his yes-men around, now Nejashi OJ ventured out shouting "my way or no way" until he felt a kind of omnipotence. Here readers should bear in mind that Nejashi OJ's articles are not mere expressions of anxiety over a possible danger against Ethiopian Muslims, rather they are premeditated articles meant to give the harshest of blows to all Muslims striving to do something for Allah's sake.

As far as my knowledge of the English language goes, there is no such a lexicon as first person singular (we) unless the writer grants himself the title of kingship to address himself using the 'Royal We'. So please be honest and courageous, refer yourself as (I) and accept responsibility thereof for everyone knows the man who does the editing on Nejashi OJ's blog. In fact, you have the habit of hiding behind several pseudonyms. Sometime ago you produced one of your evil articles- ["BACK TO THE DARK"](#) using another alias. Please talk to me, "AKIBEW YIMER", who do you think you are fooling? The plot you engineered to break up brothers within the leadership of BADR organization, the telephone calls you made to Addis Ababa in order to pressurize First Hijara cancel those protests? Your conspiracy is endless. Therefore my brothers and sisters in Islam vigilance is the best way to neutralize such evil intentions and actions by insiders. Please let's join hands and do something good to alleviate the sufferings of fellow Muslim brothers and sisters be they at home or in a foreign land.

Right now, the Network of Ethiopian Muslims in Europe (NEME) is in dire need of a savior from the impending catastrophe. Recent developments show that some members of the umbrella organization are distancing themselves from the Network (NEME). This miserable turn is a direct outcome of recent allegations made by the President who spared no effort in destroying a partner Ethiopian Muslims' Organization (Bilal Communication Inc). Dissatisfied as she is by the un-Islamic deeds of this autocratic leader, the Secretary General of the network is poised to resign soon. While busying

himself to thwart Ethiopians' noble plans, Allah has showered him with a cascade of failures to face.

It is certain that these are trying times, the developments truly saddening. Hence, it is not unwarranted to fear that this unstable and unstructured organization might fall apart. As some speculated, he might have an agenda to destroy the only organization in Europe but the irrefutable fact is that if this organization fails the consequence will be horrendous leaving some irreparable damage to all Ethiopian Muslims.

This is the state of affairs we are in right now. Where does such path lead us to? Does Islam prescribe such misbehavior? Was it the character of the "Ideal Muslim"? His divide and rule policies have sown discord among brothers and left Muslim organizations powerless, spiritless, ineffective, and paralyzed altogether. This is a legacy he will be remembered for. It is indeed bizarre to have a president who harshly criticizes Bilal Communication for lack of direction when he himself is haphazardly leading his network “የራሱ እያረረባት የሰው ታማኝነት” አለ የሀገሪ ሰው!!!!