

Mrs. Wrong got it all wrong!!

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I have read the mind baffling and fictitious story on the Ethiopia-Eritrea conflict titled as “How Horn of Africa brothers fell out” posted at the ‘BBC’ Website. This iniquitous and groundless story was written by a woman whose actual name is Wrong. As the Ethiopian saying has it “**sim yimereho Letegbar**” (some one’s name gives a clue as to what his/her deeds would be), her malevolent and immoral article is wrong at best and dangerous at worst.

Like many authors on this issue before me, I can understand as to why Mrs. Wrong would write such pro-Eritrean and highly anti-Ethiopian article. One does not need to dig deep enough to expose her biased mind set, but merely refer to the famous battle of “Adwa” in which her grand parents were trampled to demise by the heroic Ethiopians. Unlike her role model Eritreans, Ethiopians don’t take pride in being colonized and treated as slaves in our own country. Above all, we never trade our precious sovereignty with Western civilization and the food that comes with it.

Mrs. Wrong, you have correctly characterized your friend, Mr. Isaias of Eritrea, by accident as being ‘famously prickly’—the only truth buried in the tones of garbage of your article. Yes, he is notoriously spiky but to his disappointment, his inept behavior didn’t do him any good: The respected and heroic Tigreans together with their Ethiopian brothers and sisters have already kicked his rear and that of his sympathizers such as yours.

Mrs. Wrong, your attempts to belittle the famous and all-time hero, **Ras Alula**, rightfully known as the “African general” should not go unchecked either, for you have displayed false and dangerous characterizations of the righteous man who had fought successfully the Italians and other colonizers of his time for years. I don’t think you missed this very highly recorded history. In fact, your knowledge of this fact could be the very cause for your bitterness that prompted you to defame him and his proud people. And you believed the self-serving lie that the Eritreans taught the Ethiopians how to shoot. I still want to give you the benefit of the doubt that you won’t believe if one of your so-called former EPLF fighter tells you that the Eritrean soldiers trained the victorious Ethiopian soldiers how to kill and bury their Eritrean enemies in their trenches at **Badime** and its environs in the recent war. I know this is nonsense to believe but a person as cheap as you are can sometimes disseminate any trash she finds in her way. Believe it or not, I report to you that it was **Ras Alula** who fought your ancestors correctly trained us how to fight the colonizers and their remnants. We had known how to defend our country before your ancestors learned how to cook Pasta-Spaghetti.

Mrs. Wrong, the local driver you mentioned in your article has also contributed to your biased report by telling a silly story about a part of the ‘**Asmara-Keren**’ road known as the “Heart of Tigray.” And you took that at face value and inferred that the name of the road has something to do with the current Ethiopia-Eritrea border conflict. But again, how can I expect a trustworthy report from Mrs. Wrong? For your information, in case you have been misled by this local driver (or goat-herder for that matter), the road was named as such by the then emperor of Ethiopia, **King HaileSelassie** (not by ordinary Eritreans as you reported) to describe the actions of “bandas”: The then day time Ethiopians and night time **Shiftas** (outlaws) who were fighting against his kingdom. It has nothing to do with the proud and God-fearing Tigrean people who live many miles away from the aforementioned place. The

Tigreans may be complicated thinkers, complicated as in “far sighted”, careful, thoughtful and complete with astonishing thinking power and good hearts for forgiveness.

Please accept my sincere condolences since you seem to relapse in to the over a century old battle of “Adwa” in which your grand parents have died in the futile attempt to conquer “**the thirteen-month-sun shine**” country, we proudly call Ethiopia.

May God protect Ethiopia from the likes of Mrs. Wrong!