

THE DEPARTURE OF ALAMIN MOHAMMED SAEED TO HIS INEVITABLE FATE:***NOTE TO THE READERS:***

This is an English translation of the article written in Arabic by Dr. Jalal Adeen Mohammed Saleh, recently posted on many social media outlets. The translation was done with the consent of the author.

Alamin Mohammed Saeed was one of the most important, oldest, and leading fighters and cadres of the EPLF. He believed in the just national cause of his country, and dedicated the whole of his life to it. Nevertheless, he chose to end his biography of struggle by siding with the dictator, who has failed to behave according to what is morally right and fair, with Alamin dedicating himself to the service of the oppressive policies of the dictator, whose rule he had described as the best in Africa, in terms of establishing security and stability, as well as in terms of extending freedoms.

Further, his voice was the loudest among all supporting the dictator, by way of trying to justify the detention of his G-15 compatriots, accusing them of treason and of working for a foreign power as agents. Accordingly, he agreed to be a part of the media machine the regime had manufactured to distort the history of the fighters, who were among the prominent leaders of the EPLF.

Taking all that into consideration, the post-independence Alamin Mohammed Saeed was not the same as the pre-independence Alamin Mohammed Saeed, the fighter who took the cause on his own and suffered all bitterness of life for its sake. Contrary to that, he preferred to end the history of his life in a way that does not square with what he had delivered in his role in the struggle, failing to meet the standard expected from any fighter who struggled for the human dignity of the Eritrean. However, it is important how things end, and now he dies like any human being, the difference being, he has left behind an idol, he had contributed in the carving of his sculpture.

While some of his compatriots became alert about the obscene historical sin they had committed towards the EPLF and the Eritrean people, by carving the sculpture

of the idol, Alamin Mohammed Saeed continued worshipping the idol, burning incense in his temple, polishing his hideous image, and misleading everyone who has the portability of being misled among the Eritrean people. Regardless of all that, Compatriot Alamin Mohammed Saeed has departed from this world now, to face his Creator, who is just and unfair to nobody. I pray to Allah to treat him with His full justice.

He left this world like any other human being, but leaving behind the great tragedies in which the Eritrean people are living under the grip of the tyranny of the regime, he had supported until his last breath in his death bed, without registering a single word of denunciation of the policies of the regime; a word for which he could have been remembered. Instead, he chose to die while promoting and justifying the brutality of the regime. That was just unlike his comrade, son of his village (Hargigo), and his leader in the People's Liberation Forces, Mohammed Ali Omaru, whose proud soul did not allow him to remain silent, though burdened with chronic diseases and old age of about 80, finally to end up in prison, amid the dominant impotence of Ramadan Mohammed Nur, Ramadan Awleyay, and Alamin Mohamed Saeed, who had nothing at their disposal to try to prevent his arrest or know about his conditions.

Ultimately, death is one and not multiple, no matter the reasons could differ, but it is the people themselves who choose how they should die. This way, some die beating the drum of injustice, aligning with it, scared of it, and bowing their heads for it, whereas others refuse to live in its shadow, and do not tolerate its transgressions, leaving their homeland to live in exile and continue their struggle from there. Others defy the injustice, prefer the prisons of the regime and enter them, or prefer the gallows and embrace them with unbridled pride and extreme bravery. Still others fall as martyrs in a coup attempt, in which they move with their tanks, to rid the people of the grip of the regime. For this group, history bows in glorification and appreciation.

For sure, the death of Alamin Mohammed Saeed will be followed by the death of his ally, the idol dictator, and maybe sooner than later, though the decision on life span is at the hands of God, as nobody knows what would happen to him tomorrow and where he would die. At the same time, we do not exactly know where the Eritrean situation would end, when the idol collapses, then falls to disappear from

the arena of existence, as his most important pillars among his supporters would collapse before our eyes too. History will remember them for what they leave behind, and the curses of the oppressed, be it the imprisoned or the murdered, will chase them.

Oh God, relieve us from the evildoers who commit corruption on the earth, by oppressing your servants and distorting the truth. So also, prevent the catastrophes that could come after them, and eliminate the possibility of the coming of their likes and allies to power.

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