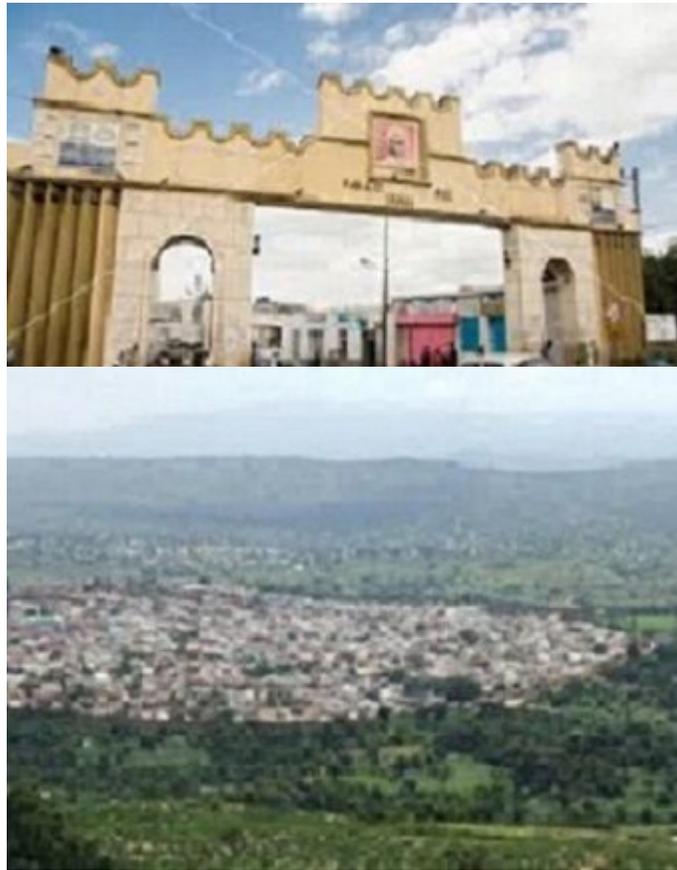


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## The Sky of Harar



By AbdulSemed Atick

## MY FELLOW HARARIANS

I wrote this valuable article “ Three Unforgettable Months In Blessed City Of Harar ” with full of joy and sad, deep grieve and pleasant, guilty conscience and spiritual cleanse I profoundly felt and experienced in a lovely sacred land the holy city Harar. I sincerely want to share with you or as a reminder the memories of your childhood, Harari cultural heritages, prestigious custom, precious traditions, moral obligations and advanced language. Have we searched, studied or surveyed today’s situations and found the fate of our society? If so! we have no alternative but find remedies or our other alternative choice ignore or leave it to decay as if endless conundrum problems. It takes the whole city to revive, regenerate and refurbish our cultural traditions, we all bear equal responsibilities, share the burdens with our people and response with unified efforts. Our common profound combine thoughts are very essential for our and future generations. At this crucial era, we Hararians ought to come together as one entity for our national interest and progress. At this critical moment, I urge myself and you to involve, participate, dialogue and discuss among us who especially resided permanently in foreign countries. Hope these lead us to the right path to self emancipation and progression. The time is ripe, the time is in our side, let us work together for the sake of motherland - then soon we see light at the end of the tunnel. I sincerely ask every Harari to share this article and please forward whomever you want, whoever or wherever he or she lives and however way you share to reach mass Harari communities in four corners of the World. Your honest comments, suggestions, critics, or opinions - you are always more than welcome to express your utmost conscious mind and warm heart. After reading my essay you can also check out my book

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## **Three Unforgettable Months In The Blessed City Harar**

### **ADDIS ABABA**

This visit was not my first time journey back to my beloved city of Harar-Ethiopia. What makes this traveling a unique one was being there during the spiritual Month of Ramadan. Two weeks before the Ramadan commenced, I landed at Addis Ababa international airport by new prestigious Ethiopian airline. It was a marvelous state of the art airport with so much respect, courteous, very hospitable and friendly atmosphere from airport employees, luggage carriers, custom and security officials. I felt so much unexplained emotional joy and discovered the soul of the Ethiopian genuine friendly people. The twelve day stays in Addis Ababa see the city transformed into 21<sup>st</sup> century vibrant modern to live, is very hard to believe in such short years to bring the decayed city alive. The rapid growth of Addis with skyscrapers, banks, financial centers, insurance companies, hotels, restaurants, shopping malls and entertainment centers made her very attractive city to visit. The amazing African Union Hall and the famous Millennium Hall make the city beautiful to perceive. If you have not been in Addis in the last three or four years you cant believe your eyes how the city transformed into first world class and even you cant recognize your old neighborhood. Ethiopia is investing heavily on marvelous infrastructures of roads, railroad lines, highways, freeways, toll-pay expressways, ships and shipping lines, hospitals, public clinics, health care centers, kindergartens, schools, public universities, invest in human relations and resources, public condominium buildings, high-tech telecommunication networks, efficient public clean water

distributions, sewage and garbage systems as well as rapid manufacturing industrialization in all regions. The Renaissance Dam will soon produce enough electricity for the vast infrastructural needs - this dam started by PM Meles Zenawi (blessed his soul) against all odds of Western conspiracy, denied grant or loans by major global banks and financial lenders, lies by decoy International Human Rights groups, rumors by Western environmental reactionary forces, Egyptian mischievous maneuver, and even by some Ethiopians who resided in the West and local zealot opposition leaders to hinder with shameless propaganda against the lifeline of Ethiopia's economy developments. Other renewable sources of energies - solar, wind and biofuel are expanding wherever suitable land. The successful reforestation programs and green revolution to prevent the desertification and environmental climate destructions have tremendously improved the quality of air and the cycle of four seasons. Ethiopian Commodity Exchange (ECX) one and only efficient modern commodities trading system in Africa. Ethiopia invested in modern system of dry ports and procurement with Djibouti easy access to port for both import and export. Immense direct foreign investments coming to the country to participate in agricultural and industrial fields. Young educated Ethiopian millionaire entrepreneurs and traditional businessmen who invested on industries, high-rise buildings, private clinics and higher educational institutions created more good paying jobs. Rural farmers know how modern agricultural machinery techniques and abundant skilled/unskilled manpower are the great human assets. Good governance, reduce bureaucracies, eliminate procrastinations, zero tolerance of bribery, get rid of corruption and transparencies have tremendously rapidly improved. Above all, security, safety and peace of mind that I enjoyed daily is greatest free movement without worrisome is by itself freedom of movement and democratic rights. This fundamental rights make you free from fear and give you peace of mind on your daily life.

## SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO HARAR

My journey to Harar started driving over 500 kilometers or roughly 310 miles, taking Addis-Nazareth (Addama) expressway. This toll stretched free way is not less than that of the latest most advanced autobahn of Germany. Along the way, we saw so many monkey species at conserved for animal habitat. Men and women farmers, herders or traders with thousands of livestock of camels, cattle, goats, sheep, chickens and some exotic species hording them for markets. Along the line of cities, towns, villages and highway side streets and rest road areas that one can purchase plenty fruits, qhat-Chat, vegetables, variety of mountain wild honey, sacks of charcoal and healthy snacks. Delicious affordable for traveler breakfast and lunch served in a large or small towns. Hand grind traditional fresh coffee served for the customers that the aroma attract you from a distance toward the gathered socialize coffee drinkers at coffee places throughout small or large cities. After nearly four hours driving from Addis then comes the most exciting breathtaking stretched of mountains one after another for hundreds of kilometers. Those spectacular mountain sceneries, some with dense forests, others covered with long grasses. The beauty watching at the grey, brown, black and reddish mountains are the very gifted by the Almighty for inner joy of soul and mind tranquility. Some other surrounding mountains are simply naked or rocky surfaces. The marvelous cliffs, the magnificent canyons, the green grassy hills covered with natural sparkling morning dew, its majestic valleys, the tick darkish fog and crystal blanket white clouds that arose between the mountains and valleys are the gifts of the Almighty God. On the other sides, bright sun shining, clear blue sky and rainfall with rainbow on different corners are part of the wonders of the nature. Its immense rivers, shallow streams, swamps, lakes and salty lake with volcanic landscape are the other blessed natural gifts. Marvelous grassy lowlands, green highlands, beautiful natural dense forests, its gifted plateaus and flat plains

and stretched fertile land for hundreds of miles as far as the eye could see. The mysteries of such natural phenomenon under the heavenly sky are the greatest sceneries gift given to the inhabitants. The mind mesmerizing that I observed was the honest sincere smile faces greetings, handclaps from passers-by either from local school kids, village boys and girls, valley men and women farmers, or strangers arose the unexplained pleasure through all my veins. Along the sites, towns and villages you can see or smell the places our ancestral warriors fought and martyred such place as Challanque Chall.

## RAMADAN IN HARAR

Then without any tiresome, bright sunny afternoon, we arrived at the gate of the ancient holy city of Harar where a place my umbilical cord buried. I have been tremendously blessed and privileged be in Abbadder during the divine Month of Ramadan. Early in the morning after delicious homemade breakfast, me and my younger brother who resided in Munich - Germany came for four weeks vacation, going out for traditional Ramadan greetings “ Aburadina Hamdi “ to family members, neighbors, old folks, childhood friends, elderly houses, poor or rich families, sick or healthy individuals and even stranger’s homes. The reward of spiritual joyful content was very hard to explain and the amount of blessings (Duaa) we received from every place we visited were unbelievable generosity of divine that will protect us through ages. It took us two weeks partially to complete our Ramadan greetings (Summan Ziyara). The Hararians welcoming Ramadan with open heart, compassionate character, spiritual behavior, joyful atmosphere and with lots of generousities. Fresh painting Hararian houses with vibrant either white, blue, green or yellowish colors in the walled city (Juggul) seems as if new houses erected for those who don’t know Harari tradition and customs. Grandmothers,

mothers, sisters, aunts and even neighbors come together for preparing spices, grinding oats and barley for soups and rolling thin bread for sambussa, preparing bajia and Hararian style kebab. Fathers, sons and kids put lamps at their compound and on poles for light on drive way or for narrow neighborhood street. Most families also hire helpers for cleaning carpets, washing cloths, sweeping the floor and corridor makes everything perfect for the Month of fasting as special occasion for praying and reciting the Holly Book Qur'an. The smell of Harari traditional Ramadan special dishes during the entire month and sharing with family members and handout portion to the poor can not be found in any Muslim society but only in Juggul. The kind deeds of feeding the less fortunate are the pillar of its people's high standard spiritual and moral obligatory practices. The most amazing behavior of its structural spiritual of society, the kind words and good deeds during the blessed month - everywhere you go, every stranger you meet, the shop you stop by, fruit, produce and vegetable selling ladies, old or young, boys or girls, kids or teenagers, beggars or mentally ill, taxi driver or city workers greet you with absolute respect and expect nothing back except kind words or smiling gesture. Ramadan in Harar is the most spiritual joyful time - in-groups reciting Qur'an and all night long Salawatt, feeding poor, giving Zakkat and alms, five times jammaa pray in all mosques, specially Isha-Taraweeh pray and Fridays are the most spiritual commitment of the year. Fridays Jumaa Salaht especially at Grand Jumma Masjid, prayers come early in-groups reciting Qur'an verses after verses, Suras after Suras and at the end of recitations chanting (La EeLahha EellalAllah-99 times) still continuing throughout the generations. Reciting with groups or even listening give you the utmost degree of spiritual enlightening pleasure and make you content in your daily life and tremendously increases your Imman. I have been in a lot of Muslim or non Muslim countries but like Harar during Ramadan, no genuine place of emotional, spiritual, psychological, physiological attachment and

excitement fasting month which I really enjoyed. After fasting fifteen days, then came the most exciting change of delicious diet night, may be the wisdom of our ancestors made this night for the safely and peacefully passed half month fasting. Some families also invite family members, friends and neighbors to join them breaking the fasting at sunset and feed the poor. Khatimat evening and the last Laylatol Quadr nights - Harari households blessed with sincerity, spiritual attitude and with moral behavior spend unconditional submission to God the rest of the nights. Every house you go, the joy of spirit happiness, the profound true smile you receive and the farewell readiness of Ramadan, with plenty of Duaa and ask the Almighty Allah for forgiveness, repentance and atonement, the amazing concept, their greatest wishes to be alive for next Ramadan.

Harari people's excellent morality - choose Ramadan Month paying their religious duty of Zakat and Fitri, as well as busy giving more alms, feeding and helping elderly and orphanage families, became obligatory habit on this blessed month. It is also the time of the year where family members visit tombs reciting Qur'an verses of Surah Yasin and Surah Mulk and making plenty of Duaa for loved ones who deceased. A lot of people go to shrines to make Duaa for those who sacrificed for cause of Allah and Deen as well for the religious scholars and Auliya Wa Salihin. Most families on this Ramadan occasion invite family members, friends and Qur'an reciters read the whole Holy Qur'an and make Duaa for departed parents, siblings or loved once by feeding (Sadaqa) the invited guests and the poor. It is also the month most families on daily basis jointly, repeatedly reciting Surah Yasin, Surah Al-Mulk and Ayat Al-Kursi afternoons and nights. In fact Harar is the city with full of generous and generosity, city with miracle, blessings and plenty, a city with more than 99 mosques with 99 shrines. The surrounding mountain - Aw Hakim Sarri as if looking at and protecting its inhabitants. Above all this Harar is one of the

chosen among a thousand of World Heritage Sites. The humbleness of Harari tolerance, where the poor knock the gate at early in the morning to get their daily ration as if food banks, without any hesitation, one after another receive whatever handouts - only happens in Juggul. Harar is known as one of the holiest cities. Throughout its historical miracles, experiences hundred divine blessings from one generation to the next. From time to time, true storytellers believing that Harar blessed with what human needs to survive and truly protected from evils and curses. Let me just mention few out of hundred known blessing occurrences in Harar: never in it's 1000 years recorded history, famine, starvation or deaths from hunger heard, noticed or occurred. No single masjid (mosque) or shrines damaged even during fascist Mussolini invasion or other war forces. The entire surrounding Juggul walls still intact for the last over four hundred years - the miracle wonder, it was only built with simple mud and bricks but with so much blessings, Duaa and with Qur'anic recitations. The strange phenomenon, no single house inner top roof wooden poles damaged by termites, rotten or decayed from suns or rains since all these centuries. A city without rain during daylight but late afternoons, the dash of rainbow, evening thundercloud, nights of heavy rain, lightning with storms - nevertheless, no damage done to farmland, properties or livestock, nor heard mudslides catastrophic destructions or deaths. A city gifted with perfect four season weather and the most pleasant climate all yearlong. Never ever been heard hyenas even bitten the inhabitants. No one ever be in hunger and always blessed with plenty of foodstuffs not only for human inhabitants but the animals and wild beasts get their share of foods. Hundreds other unimaginable invisible miracles occurred in the past, present and will happen in future. The legend witnessed the given blessings, histories teach us trends of events, historians wrote with times and our forefathers/mothers told the generation of their times and we this generation in our lifetime see the blessings. Harar provides its

inhabitants with sufficient needs, but also the newcomers content with its blessings. Harar has also curses - if one openly practice vices, vulgar behaviors, malicious character, hypocritical acts, defame, disgrace, chastise and deprive others - the divine curse will throw him out of the region or plagued with incurable disease or financial or family calamities. Our great ancestors guided us, “even when we walk through Harar, walk gently, softly and smoothly over her soil surface and never step hard on her.”

## EID AND SHAWWAL CELEBRATION

As Eid al-fitr approaches, parents and guardians buying new cloths for their kids and teens, purchasing goat or sheep or just buying kilos of meat are still the traditional Eid festivity alive and well. The completion of Ramadan with enthusiastic approach for one day Eid celebration that the entire city Muslim population give gratitude to Allah for the blessing and peace. Just before sunrise every household dressed up with new or clean white or colorful, marching towards the biggest sport field for Eid prayer. After Eid prayer, people as habitual giving mindset, distributing money for the poorest of poor lined down at street corners regarding who they are or believe. As far as eyes can see, people walk back home with chanting and spiritual songs. As the one day Eid al-Fitr celebration ends, most entire families start continuously fasting the six days of Shawwal. The whole city calm and peace at itself as if it seems in mourn. Then comes the greatest joyful colorful three-day and night of Shawwal Eid celebrations. These Shawwal celebration days is a unique gift given to Harari where you can not find in any place on Earth. All night long Harari citizens come out even the Christians join them without any formal invitation and enjoy the celebration of Shawwal joy. Historically or traditionally, the most known places or gates assigned for festivities are Assum-Barri and Argoba-Barri. When the dark falls, every body beautifully dressed

come out together to tented spots. The spirit festivities of jumping, spiritual leap dancing, circling in group with Islamic ritual anthem or mystique Sufi style of dancing, enjoying chanting the holy Islamic relics music are in fact mind-blowing. Participating, watching or listening the rhythm of Zikri, the beautiful religious melodies and astonishing drumbeats give you pleasant content to your soul. From these two gates, all night long people walking here and there and forth. Along the route, tents erected for food vendors, coffee stands, smoothies, snacks and soft drinks served with Zikri songs make the most vibrant and excitement memorable of the year. Thousands of residences happily enjoying uninterrupted three-day event without the slightest incidence or petty crimes. Imagine, even when blackout occurred, joyful crowds walking with their cell phone lights on. After three day and night Shawwal jubilant celebrations came to an end, life goes by to its course.

The Harari community's traditional custom is to respect each others, tolerant attitude and good community relation with newcomers. The God-fearing society, the humbleness for poor and strangers, habit of mutual respect with guests, culture of civilized lifestyle, loyalty to community concerns and the well-being of neighbors, helping one another are the essential ingredients for coexistences. Solving feud in a peaceful manner, family issue dispute reconciliations, ability to settle by peaceful means either divorce or reunify families, engage in any conflict resolutions, ability to mediate land or business disputes, adapt the circumstances and respect for law and order are the core values of its civilized culture. Centuries old community self reliance 'Affucha' still alive and well and the triumph spirit of cooperation is tremendously successful. In Hararian society, Affucha is a pillar community structure from birth to death, from wedding to divorce, celebration to mourn, equal treatment the poor or rich, helping one another, sharing the joy and grief, impartial censoring and sanction

of members faults are the fundamental duty purposes for men or women Affucha's function.

Two months past the Ramadan, came the most important four day celebrations of Eid al-Adha - that the affectionate, considerate family members came as far cities within Ethiopia and some from foreign land to join and share the jubilant of Eid festivity. Joining families on these blessed Eid occasions - praying together, eating in group, conversation old memories, sharing gifts, distributing ritual slaughter goat or sheep to family members and neighbors and feeding poor as habitual duty of Hararians make you to wake up to high standard of morality.

## LIFE AND LIVING IN HARAR

The glory of old days trade and business prosperity is booming, came back to flourish as commerce center for surrounding regions. Every mornings, tens of thousand farmers, traders, middlemen, vendors and sellers as well as buyers from cattle, grains, fruits, vegetables, qat, chickens and eggs, fresh milk and dairy products, foodstuffs, raw honey, charcoal to woods under the beautiful sun exchange transactions all over the markets and side streets or even in alleys. At its busiest bus station, every two to three minutes a car or a bus loads trade travelers, farmers and neighborhood county vendors or visitors line up waiting for transportations. City taxis, tinny compacted three-wheeler cars called Bajaj driving around the city nonstop. Once the evening Maghreb Azan called for prayers in all the minarets - the city is so quiet, calm and serenity all around. After prayer, the evening start without worrisome either from daily stress, mental, emotional or psychological worn-out, family gather together for dinner, then start interactions either divine analysis, intellectual discussions, business events, family matters, current affairs, kin or

neighborhood situations: analyzing, reasoning, resolving, advising or warning - families spending together joyful peaceful evenings. When at nights, the heavy thunder rain pour for hours or the whistling soft sound of night rain, the bright evening and the moonlight night shines, the deep of night dark, the peaceful serenity or a tranquil all night make you to sleep the entire night like a baby. If you go out of a house or stand by balcony or on the rooftop on a dark nights you see clearly millions of heavenly stars hovering around all over the sky. Watching brightest teeny sharp moving stars, shooting stars with the speed of light, blink brightest object here and there, the miracle of universe intertwine the night phenomenon, and wonders of cosmos universe that you could not believe the beautiful nature that God created and given us.

Throughout Hararian history, the best framework is to develop the spirit side of human being, abide the law of God, respect the role of law and order, built a perfect society, critical thinking to righteous path, honor parents, share what you have with siblings, commitment part of your time for good deeds, love your neighbors, protect your country, be generous, devote assisting orphanages and the disadvantaged class of citizens, live honest and sincere lifestyle. That cornerstone of forefathers and foremothers principles are the divine wisdom that dictate still the modern Harari society. These Hararian high standard civilized culture with moral imperative behavior in the main city of Harar not faded but amazingly protected, preserved and survived for the last ten centuries. Millennium old architecturally admirable Harari houses with locked gates with its heritage style and forms still as it is for thousand years. As our ancestors way of life of helping, caring, philanthropy, charity work, Islamic school of thought (Elmi Gaar) and take care of elderly still exist. Our ancestors for the love of societies, even woman gave her land or house for Masjid, orphanage, widower, widow or for school called Waqfi. Hundreds of Hararis who follow the footsteps of their descents are doing all

kinds of good deeds. In our life time, there were hundreds who devoted their money or time; among them: Aw Hajji Torre - who did unimaginable charity works, helped tens of thousands destitute people, built financially independent schools and mosques not only for Hararians but for other Muslims as well as helped strangers. Ostaz Mohammad Ismael - diplomat, prominent father figure, scholarships for higher education founder and freedom fighter. Abdulhafiz Khaliffa - a writer, political activists, young Harari historian, an organize leader and martyred for our generation struggle for democracy and dignity. Thousands more who devoted their life and money for the good duties to our society - let Allah bless their soul for all those who sacrificed for Harari community causes, grant them heavenly Jannah.

Today in Harar, Addis, Dire Dawa or other cities and towns or in foreign lands with good heart continue contributing generosity to the nation and to Hararian societies. There are at present times men and women to mention some who willingly without any outside financial assistance freely contributing to Harari region: Sheikh Ahmed Abdulahi - a brilliant Muslim scholar, tirelessly teaching Qur'an, Haddis and Tafsier. Abdella Shariff - museum, collection of cultural artifacts, coins, ancient handwritten Qur'an and other traditional ornaments. Omaa Atiqa - a lady devoted her life for charity works and teaching girls Qur'an and Haddis. Dr. Jamal Mohammad Ismael (Australia) - medicinal relief. Absamed Gatto - a construction of Five Star Hotel in the heart of Harar city and charity works. Here in USA, there are wonderful individuals or groups who daily devote part of their time for good Harari causes, one worth to mention is Abdurahman Abdulkadir and his group who founded "EverthingHarar.com" a worldwide Harari Cyber-Library that benefit today's and the next generations. There are other hundreds of Harari philanthropists, scholars, mothers and fathers dedicated for good causes. The glory of our culture and

memories of our ancestral history, pride of our nation, the beauty of our custom, the legend folklore, the generation of wisdom, our genuine profound faith, our holy warriors, our sacred land, blessed city, traditional humors, short stories, bedtime children plays, heredity of decency and gene of moral ethics, never ever ought to be forgotten neither to be ignored nor abandoned. To save these historical treasure gifts, it is our moral obligations, collectively contribute whatever necessary to revive, restore, rewritten and document but relinquish our given unique culture is crime against Harari civilization.

## ADDIS DIASPORA CONVENTION

Then came the month of August, organized by federal government and Ethiopian Diaspora Association as well as private donors made the unthinkable marvelous masterpiece of convention in Addis Ababa. The five day conventions consisted of the most valuable information on business, investment, jobs opportunities or retirement place for Ethiopian diasporas. This well organized gathering presented by Ethiopian highest officials - the speakers were: distinguished Prime Minister Hailemariam, the honorable his Excellency Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr. Tedros Adhanom, intellectual business leader Mr. Zemedenh Negatu and other well educated speakers gave great hope with unlimited information and opportunities. Those intellectual Diaspora who left the six figure salaries in the West returned home and paved the hindrance of ups and downs ways to smoother paths, cut the procrastinations and corruption for diasporas returnees. Even Las Vegas is not match to that of Ethio-Diaspora convention as vibrant with entertainment, leaflets, booklets from manufacturers, agricultural and machineries companies, textile products, financial institutions, real estates and various services and impressive exhibits Ethiopian made merchandizes. The caterer was by Sheraton hotel, sufficient open

space parking, hygienic restrooms, well prepared security services “that place of course the Millennium Hall“. There were more than 8000 diasporas who came from the four corners of the World to participate and took the advantage the one onetime opportunity in life. The sad part, no Harari visible from any part of the World came to have free a lifetime important information. Is that luck of information about the convention or we gave up from motherland? Imagine among thousands of Diaspora, chosen the best dozens contributors to Ethiopian socioeconomic developments that benefit societies. Among the top receivers, there were three Harari winners, two brothers and one who won the prestigious award for their superb contributions. The two brothers moved back home longtime and established decent life, successful career and contributed to benefit the nation and nationalities.

## CONUNDRUM ERA

How Harar and Harians are doing now? As we all hear in general about Ethiopia and Harar in particular - from friends or strangers, social media, junk news outlet or impartial international recognized agencies, demagogue, dissenter or legitimate genuine sources, fact or fiction, rumor or conspiracy theory, exaggeration or degradation, ethics or fabrications, deceptive or inciter, wicked or righteous, moron or intellect, hidden agenda movers or open dialogue shakers, fake book or Facebook, blogger or historian, NGO corporate sponsors or recognized international human rights, decoy political motivate analyses or genuine impartial documents, interest group agents or fact-finding assess missions, hatred driven or logical agitation, ethnocentric propaganda or equality of nationalities rights, interest group statistics or international socioeconomic indexes, tabloid garbage and gutter hoax journalists or a balanced a fact finding assessment, hopeless or progress, pessimists or optimists, poverty, starvation or

prosperous, dreamers and delusions or realists, exaggerators or pragmatism, progressives or reactionaries, war or peace, incubated evolution or progressive revolution, transparency or bureaucracy, corruptions or good governances - these are very much confusing and far from reality or speculation. These events and other reports have profoundly effect on our judgment, confuse our way of analyzing, reasoning and believing, the way we think as well as affects the mind and trust. Seeing is believing! All the negativity we hear about Ethiopia or Harar and other regional governments are far from truth and reality at ground. I saw the way of life how Ethiopians content and struggle, I observed what is going on with my own eyes and assessed the realities of today's Ethiopia transformed democracy. It is an individual ability to analyze the publication that affect you or your country, make a research on the topics you have doubt or misleading subjects and then make a judgment. Otherwise, it depends based on how you interpret and totally or partially accept and believe in malicious confusions. If not, follow your instinct about the events and situations that you come up with the right path and make up your own decisions, objections or conclusions. It is also based on the level of knowledge and self education to pinpoint between right or wrong and between truths or falsehoods. On this day and age of internet information technology era where you can find whatever topics you search under your fingertips, nevertheless, still you give your ears to listen for unfounded malignant rumors and accept as it is and if you limit your mind and thought to You Tube, Facebook or any other social media, then it shows your deficiency of thoughts and deficit of decision making ability. Today it is so sad we consume our time and energy for unfounded rubbish news, misleading topics, decoyed videos or hatred printed, deceptive leaflets and delusional conversations and dialogues to pollute our mind and uneducated followers. In the final analysis, finding the true events, fact situations or survey mass opinions - researching, analyzing, reasoning and applying lead to the right path toward

facts. In this innovated age of information technology, there are thousands well known, respected, genuine institutions, information centers, publications, chronologically recorded facts, trade balances, business activities, national debts, investment ranges, poverty, corruption, good governance, price and crime indexes of all countries available at your fingertips at your computer, smart phone or public libraries. These fact document analyses make you to compare between rich and developing countries, between Africa or Latin America, between Europe and North America, between Asia and Australia or make comparisons Ethiopia within African continent.

Let me make the best distinctions available sources locally and internationally recognized information centers or institutions are: Walta Information Center of Ethiopia, Wikipedia free international internet encyclopedia search engine, UN reports on human rights and situations, EU yearly analyses of countries, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Trade Organization, US Central Intelligence Agency, documentary audio, video or TV documents, alternative genuine media reports and other hundreds fact finding information of all countries with very credible, accurate, well analyzed and balanced views are easily available. These and other genuine institutions, foundations, organizations or centers with scientific analyst on sociopolitical, economical, trade or geopolitical facts and figures are publicly available. If those of us love politics and socioeconomics dialogue, discussion, bickering or solution, then make through research as much as possible, look at these accurate honest document facts, compare and reach sincere conclusion or decision. Then at least we can, in fact be on the right path of judgment. Indeed critical thinking, is a tool to find remedies for the wounds of myths that keep circulating around us for years of doubt, confusion, murmuring, bizarre maneuvering, bickering, political mockery and even street fights. To avoid these tragedy of moral confusions, beware the

circumstances around the World, the way we together can conquer the destabilizing forces, catalyst entity inciters are the ways and means cleanse our mind and spirit from toxics soul polluters - are the wisdom of emancipations from self destruction in foreign adapted land and disarray the peaceful life at home.

## HARARIS - Brain Drain Generation

Today's Harari generation is way far back from our ancestral commune way of life and none whatsoever share collective ideology - believe in our common interest, common struggle for success, different destinations we are moving, self awareness and sacrificing to benefit society enlarge can not be compared with the past Harari social-minded communities. Those we who live outside from our motherland became the lost generation, generation X or Y roam around as if gypsy way of life. Past or present generations, individually survived and succeeded no matter where we end up with or without any assistance. Our great parents pioneered revolutions, lived high standard of ethics, preserved social structure, culture, customs and traditions. Our parents contributed in civil services as diplomats, ministerial levels, CEOs, as well as top managerial positions, self-made millionaires, very honest and productive lifestyle, built commune institutions and philanthropies, masjiids and Madrasas. Harari business men and women contributed more than their share for the progress of trade and economic development of Ethiopia. In today's lethally competitive World business and trade complex environments, scientific way of management, innovative ideas, market strategies, investment in high yields that benefit societies, quality products, research and development, distribution centers and collective capital are the 21<sup>st</sup> century way of doing successful

business establishments. So far we lack a collective corporate mindset, while those who stayed at home, hundreds became young millionaires. Even though Hararians are at the highest income ranking level in Ethiopia but contribute not much for socioeconomic developments of motherland Harar Abbaddar or invest on large scale incorporated manufacturing processes in Ethiopia. While we who resided by choice in strange countries, adapted its lifestyle, accepted the way of living, assimilated to some extent the custom and culture, abided by its law and shared some of its values, but at the same time, our experiences life of the West and observations we gathered in our minds going down the drain and no visible contribution to place were we born - our ancestral home. The most troubling conundrum; why and how we detached our mind and soul, our spirit and our thoughts also became physically challenged on our living? At the same time, some Harari Diaspora who returned home live peaceful comfortable decent life, at least assist their siblings or family members and overall may contribute for the benefit of society in the form of Zakat, Sadaqa, alms, ideas or taxes. We have to ask ourselves why Harari left Blessed Harar or what prevented us not to resettle in our mother land or share our ideas, finances or education? There is no other city that lost 90% of its citizen than Harar. The purpose whether for political, economical or educational factors - 70 years flight of our parents called Kulub exiles, then 30 years runaway from Derg terror but now twenty five years of self-governing federal system - make us wonder the loss of love to the beloved home. No matter whither you born in Harar or someplace else in Ethiopia - there is no as beautiful place as home.

## ETHIOPIAN FEDERALISM

The recent political situations or trends and the successful implementations of federalism by regions make Ethiopia the most

progressive country and fulfilling the desire society's regional self administration and economic destinations, cultural and linguistic determinations. The federalist system transformed Ethiopian societies to democracy, peaceful coexist, political, economical and social equality and stability in a country and peace, tranquility and compassion among nationalities. The progress of federalism in Ethiopia, indeed became the beneficial to all nationalities regardless majorities or minorities, ethnics or religious affiliations or in spite of race, languages or tribes. Harar has its share and benefits what the federal system allowed to govern her region according to its own rights. Federalism in Ethiopia is the root of healing the past ethnocentric based divisions to decisive victory and the path of freedom, democracy and developments. Out of roughly twenty five federal countries in the World today, only two countries, both landlocked and applied federalist system to its utmost progressive applications. One is Switzerland, population less than nine million, the oldest progressed federalist which has four regions: Germans majority North to South, French in Southwest, Italian in Southeast and Romansh minority scattered on Alps. Each one of this canton or region has equal rights in all levels of political/socioeconomic, cultures, customs and languages. If one travels each of this region you absolutely think you are in different countries with different customs, cuisine, languages but are in equal standard of living with its cultural identities, linguistic freedom and democracy. For the last over hundred years, Swiss have never ever have any ethnic, language, benefits, minority/majority conflict and discriminatory practices. Meantime Ethiopia with the population of over ninety million, the young federal state consists with different nationalities, faiths, languages, regions, economics, landscapes, incomes, races, features and the most diverse multicultural societies living with harmony, respect, equality, economic development and the choice whatever Alphabets: Geez, Roman or Arabic alphabet uses. These quality of equalities are no doubt the fruits of federalist system. If we

compare with other 25 federal counties we can easily figure out Ethiopia is on top. Let us just take few federalists example governing and results: even among the richest countries as United States America has racial and language inequalities and disparities. Over thirty million African Americans have no equal rights in all levels as their counter Whites. Another more than thirty million Latinos have no basic rights of their own language to use in any institution, even where they are nearly majority in some states. Millions of mixed races submerged in dilemma of identity complex or crisis and amazingly so called land of freedom, democracy and federalism. Other millions religious minority groups have been deprived or discriminated from their religious practices and became religio-phobia phenomena. India so called the Greatest democracy, population 1.2 billion, nearly 500 millions of its inhabitants are so called the untouchable caste system, deprived their basic human rights. Nigeria the most populous county in Africa, wealth of the states, languages, ethnics, religion and demography are neither respected nor given equal economic opportunities.

Comparing Ethiopia with other African countries: At this end time of Armageddon, we are living at a critical and crucial moment of history. If any groups are making critical mistake, miscalculate the progresses Ethiopia making, underestimate the power of federalism and with good intention or not, I am sure, we will be in the same boat as those who destroyed their countries, livelihoods, govern with lawlessness, waste and no man's land. In today's phenomenon destructive environments, war, genocide, famine, ethnic cleansing, biological warfare, genetically created diseases and GMOs Genetically Modified Organisms - Africa from North to South, from East to West, its Sahel, coastal and Sahara are burning the flame that no power willing to distinguish. The last twenty five years, most of African countries witnessed the brutal savagery war of destruction of human beings, livestock, properties,

cultural sites, worshipping places, unspeakable mutilations, systematic rape, mass exoduses, extrajudicial killings, death squads, mass graves and unspeakable abuses as well as systematic economic and political corruptions. In Liberia, Sierra Leone, Angola, Mozambique, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Ruanda, Burundi and Eritrea have passed through the stage of ethnic, economic, religious or power hungry groups created war of destructions, genocide, ethnic cleansing and economic degradations and some still continue the cycle of human tragedy after tragedy. The Democratic Republic of the Congo also know by Zaire, the richest natural land on Earth, the unstoppable war of ethnics, tribal and power struggle brought continues miseries, chaos and cleanse the life of 5 to 7 millions of its inhabitants lives. On the other hand, the mercenaries, the West involvements exploiting the natural resources, neighboring countries taking their share of robbery, other Mafioso looting its minerals wealth without mercy. The worst! millions of children, young girls even grandmas are forcefully raped without shame or guilt, up to now the war still continues, mercenaries control part of minerals and billions of government revenues disappeared without traces. Somalia, Central African Republic, Madagascar, Mali and South Sudan - tribal, religious, ethnics, political and power struggles, divisions, deaths and destructions keep mountings and some still without central government. Look at what is happening in the richest Libya today, where divisions along tribal lines, terror groups and the West conspiracies make the country in chaos and economic shambles and half its oil controlled by well organized terrorists. Eretria, Burundi or Sudan have either dictatorial regimes or socioeconomic and in political misery conditions. Even the rich and powerful South Africa, Egypt and Nigeria have their share of inequalities, crimes, political assassinations, extrajudicial killings, mass arrests, torture, substandard housing or terrorists and epidemic corruptions one way or another play a great role in economic, social and political disruptions and ruins.

How Ethiopia against all these hostile situations and surroundings, strive and succeeded? You may call it a miracle, good governance, federalism, gene tolerances, culture of compassion, mindset for equality and justice, respect religions, its values and cultures, intelligence gatherings, security analysis and alertness or whatever you think, profound thought needed to answer or to come to conclusions. Whether Shabia in North, Al Shabaab in East, terror cells in the Southwest South Sudan with disarray government or weak Sudan in West north, uncontrollable border Kenya in South, and tiny Djibouti in Southeast - Ethiopia is surrounded by animosity elements, hostile regimes, terrorist entities, state sponsored mercenaries, lunatic fanatics, weak or unstable regimes. Inside country, loose factions here and there, tried to disrupt the progresses and engulf fire among the citizens, nevertheless, no power made a dent the bond of its sovereignty. Ethiopia is the only country in Africa wants to solve internal or external enemies or destructive forces or even subversive elements through dialogues, mutual respect, education in concerns, peaceful mediation and conflict resolutions and management. War or force is the last resort to use to crush or destroy the enemies, eliminate anti-mass adversaries and public enemies within for the sake of its citizen's survival and sovereignty respect. Since removed the brutal Red Terror Derg regime from power, though Ethiopia involved in two major wars but never let itself in quagmire or be trapped in proxy wars. Its national securities and its military powers are recognized by the World military organizations for its effective duties in war-torn Africa. African Union and United Nations also recognized for its effective military force, conflict resolve abilities and disciplines. Foreign direct investment acknowledged the security, peace and save environment to bring in their capitals. Look at around the continent Africa of 54 nations, to some extent, except Algeria, Tunisia, Ghana or Tanzania - name one other, that is better or compare politically, socially, progressively, security and

militarily than Ethiopia. Ethiopia earned the respect in World stage of G-20 at major economies gatherings, global political dialogues and environmental issue at leader's climate summit on climate change decision making arena that late PM Meles Zenawi effective leadership that the developing countries and major powers astonished and given full respect. When we compare a country among other countries, should not be solely based on gross domestic production per capital incomes or national incomes but take all other factors, such as safety, universal health accessible, free movement inside the country, education, clean drinking water, telecommunication accessibilities, housings, food assurances, public transportation, livable wages, decent life, free market economy with social justice, land for farmers, none discriminative society, protect sovereignty, nonviolence culture, security of communities, strong national military, national security, uncorrupted and ethical behavioral societies as well as good governances.

I sincerely believe Ethiopian fragile democracy passed its incubator and infant stages to major mature progressive democratic government. I sadly hear from Ethiopians who visited their birthplaces and came back to their new countries complain about how meat, fruits, vegetables, potato and onion, Tif and Injira became so expensive, at the same time they don't realize that seventy percents household are farmers, which means, today Ethiopia uplifted mass farmers from poverty to acceptable decent incomes by selling their products in the markets and overseas. Simple arithmetically calculation, out of 90 million populations, if over seventy percent are farmers, thus 60 million pushed up from poverty to acceptable standard of living and self reliance. How then any human being who has brain to think so bizarre or complain about foodstuffs? I don't understand such mindless behaviors but the most amazing, majority of Ethiopians at home never bitterly complain about food inflations, except praise the

Lord for whatever food they have at hand and some changes in a pocket.

## HARARAY

Harar! the miracle serenity city, the tolerant center, peace and blessed region with the framework of federalism and guideline from central federal bureau - day by day, year by year, naturally striving to bring back to majestic prosperous momentum. Harar regional government is doing its best to achieve the glory of its old trade legacy to new era prosperity. The administrations spending on cultural revitalization, architectural heritages restorations and historical site renovations. Harar is wisely managing, directing and investing substantial amount of its budgets to revive on its cultural treasures, holy places, new infrastructural developments and old and new street pavements as well as economic and social developments. Harari regional government is known and respected for its checks and balances, reducing poverty and good governance by the federal bureau of auditing. Harari private entrepreneurs solely struggling to build houses, commercial projects and cottage industries.

The major questions where are Harari children? - who scattered inside the country and in four corners of the World ignoring the calls. The children of Harar come and share your country's burden or opportunities, joy or sorrow, happiness or grief, either professional or financial contribution, build institutions or cultural revive centers, consultant or volunteer works, ideas and investments or sponsors and philanthropies or just "Ziyara" visits often with your family members or friends. That is to say; Harar needs us more than anything else at this particular moments. The last time Hararis came together from different corners of the World

and within Ethiopia was during millennium celebrations. Harar and Hararians glittered with joy of jubilant, spirit of hope, nostalgia to revive cultural sites, full of dream to resettle, euphoria substitution for development or investment and tens of thousand dollars spent on local businesses that accelerated profits for small businesses and services for a short period of weeks. Nevertheless, within a month that enthusiastic optimistic hopes, jubilant cheers, emotional excitement feelings and promises turned to jeers, gone with the wind and remained very disappointments. Nowadays, Harar has enough budget to manage its fiscal needs and expenses. Harar wants you, me and all of us to participate in journey that brings peace and prosperity to the next generation. There was a famous quote by John F Kennedy “ ask not what your county can do for you, ask what you can do for your country ” that says all. Our ancestral prophesies for these crucial days ( Gaiy waldow Gaiy gibbaa - tday sariibi waraba yagbaaba) Oh, Harari sons and daughters come back home - let the black mountain for hyena inhabitant.

Throughout the business world, it is only private individuals, partnerships or corporations who can create wealth, jobs, investments, build industrial, agricultural manufacturing. inventing machines, innovated ideas, participate in imports and exports, create services and other business activities - but with social and economic accountabilities. Even the People’s Republic of Communist China, private enterprises were the ultimate wealth creations that in less than forty years time became the dominant economic powerhouse of the world and the movers and shakers of investment and financial might. It needed a combined great efforts to reorganize our resources, education, experiences either to invest on human development or empower women in businesses or self improvement. In Harar, sixty percent of small businesses run by Harari women, whom by the way lack free interest financial loans or improving capitals - sadly, they are struggling alone to swim out

of poverty. Nearly thirty percent governmental office workforces are retained by Harari women. What are our part contributions to our society? It needed a well, a gut and a little combine sacrifices to elevate the suffering of our community. There are orphanages, single mothers or fathers, divorcees, widowers or widows, unemployed or underemployed, mentally ill, disables, grandma and grandpa alone without sons or daughters or without grandchildren to look after them. What a petty! Some live in substandard housings, other folks needs daily hot meal and remember a city without eldercare. These tremendous burden can not be solved neither by individuals nor by state but needed a united ideology to tackle and share the pain and suffering, the misery and uncomfortable life of lonesome they endures. After all, those are our blood, our uncle or aunt, father or mother, sister or brother or grandparent. Most of us knew deep in our hearts, some one close of our kin still lives in Juggol but most pretended no one left behind. Of course it is insincere, insane, self betrayal and absolute self denial and shamelessly self defeat. We ourselves created the disassociations from our lifelines, break away the bonds that tied us, neglected our roots and looked down on our people, that are the price of our delusional imagination we are preying on ourselves. If we believe in scavenger assistance, not invest in educational mind infrastructure, at least to our own immediate family members, but send once in a while \$50 or 100 dollar to spend on artificial glittering, handout meatless bones, empty promises or ignoring the core of the circumstances, neglect these generations for leaders of tomorrows, is a waste of human mind. As brothers say “A mind is a terrible thing to waste”.

There is no utopia in our planet yet - everyday, every year, every decade or century after century still human being struggle for survival, try improving life situations and fight for existences. There is neither a perfect place nor a paradise corner where we can choose and decide to live - every place, every city, every country or

every continent has its misery and blessing. It is a mindset the way what and how we content in life to achieve the goal we pursue to give us joy and satisfactions or for success and fame. If the life we live has honorable meaning to be satisfied with what we have, content with circumstances and serve humanity or just to survive which may be consisted with day dream, psychopath, moral bankruptcy, inciter, slogan of false beliefs, myth of American dream or American delusion or accept propaganda machine to control the mind as robot - is that worth living?

The fact in Harar, there are still lots of work left to be done, needed a combine efforts to achieve and reach to middle class decent society in our community. The small irritating entities that exist in every country or in our motherland, we can tackle, eliminate, improve and apply the right path of governance. If there are loopholes, bureaucracies, procrastinations, nepotisms, or corruptions visibly exist, these can be achieved either by cutting the bad habit administrative works, through proper training, often auditing, appealing to top responsible officials and if these bring no results other means appropriate measures ought to be applied. Smelly sewage system, hazardous sanitation, streets infested with urination and feces, flies and mosquitoes, lack clean business places and shortage of water and electricity or untrained, inexperienced tour guides can be corrected with responsible governances - after all it is manmade practices and ignorance. These should not be obstacle for our progressive paths to good governance. We should give our leaders unconditional respect, unwavering loyalty and utmost trust but firm and fully participate in the democratic processes and share whatever, however we can to take part in the process levels of development and services. Revolution is not one time stagnant thing of victory - it is a process one generation after generation ready with changes, events, times and adjust with circumstances. We cannot change the country but we can change the systems and our own mindsets.

Brothers and sisters! may be it is time vigorously profoundly rethink, examine, evaluate and focus thoroughly through the stages from our childhood, adulthood, midlife crisis and retirement age - time is not waiting us but it will ruin or grind us to vegetated momentum, if we don't use it right now. Some of us think may be too late to rebuild our new life again at our birthplace, some may think very hard to readjust the life back home, other may think can not cope life in Ethiopia: these and other excuses are baloneys. If we adjust the life of Western lifestyle, accept lower wages, odd jobs, ghetto life, substandard subsidized housing, physical bleeding, mental depression, moral erosion, self hatred, self inflect inferior complex, vice practices, single or divorce lonesome life, childless life or hard and doubtful upbringing the fate of the children, fearful crime and drug influences, the dark lonely nights solely whining or crying, the disrespect, insulting, daily facing discrimination at every level, xenophobia and Islamophobia sentiments, deep feeling isolation, daily stress and frustration, shooting, robbing, gang or punks related killings or incidents and the unspeakable, unimaginable and unexpected brutalities - how then you can not adjust the culture, the custom, the people, the country you born and grown-up. I don't suggest just pack and leave to unknown destination. You can still do a lot while you are here either by establishing institutions, charity works or financial assistance for needy. Do your own homework, visit several times, stay a little longer, observe, evaluate your family members way of livings, acquaint with the circumstances and environment, decide your core objectives, have vision for the next decade, find information on wide ranges that merely concern you, Harar and your country, then grab the opportunities that are available. The most important principle is to attach yourself emotionally, morally and spiritually to do good deeds and devote part of your time to social justice and community centers.

There are no more excuses for semi-feudal system, neither the brutal fascist Red Terror Derge regime of tyranny nor discrimination being majority or minority and no reason not to participate the progressive journey for sake of motherland. Life at home is slow moving train, but the beauty, it reaches safely its destination. Imagine if one works so hard as in the Western countries at home: how the life of success, prosperous and joyful life be among your people. If the purpose to fulfill your dream for richness, fancy cars, luxurious life and glittering products around you - if these are your main goal of wishes of choices as such lifestyle, then you need spiritual healing. Let us accept the realities, use commonsense, live up to the standard of your culture, custom, tradition, rule of law, religious principles, conventional wisdoms and be class conscious. If we really feel bitter sense towards the situations our people live; is that we ought to accept the misery as is it? or try to improve the standard of living for those who are disadvantaged class of our society. It is indeed home where we were and our ancestors born - home is sweet home.

I extend briefly a brotherly advices in this piece of article based on my experiences, observations, genuine survey and from my fact findings as it is on the ground. In the final analysis, it is up to you to decide, judge, and come up with reasonable conclusion, what is the best for you, your family and for your folks. After twenty, thirty, forty years or more in foreign countries, it is time to self examination and evaluation where we are now, where we heading or just struggle for survival or success or wait for the death to come and take us to the destination.

## VISION FOR HARAR

If not us who? If not now when? If not here where? We hope we will not end up with the wrong side of history, surely be part of

history, either we should not be part of problem rather be part of solution. Let us stop crocodile tears - start to have some genuine vision. Your everyday good deeds, you owe it to yourself and to your family. If we united as one force, together we can move the gigantic mountain to a side to pave the path for this and the next generation, so that we can all smoothly walk and reach to our final destinations. Let us take the first initiate step by step to a larger scale communal institutions to benefit societies. There are hundred ways and means to contribute to Harar and Hararian society by establishing: institutions, small interest free loan for business women in a form of financial services, charity works, feeding centers for the poorest of the poor, assist poorhouses, start in small scale like hot meal home continual delivery for elderly folks, contribute generously to orphanage houses, unifrom and school supplies for lowest income children, scholarships for brightest Harari boys and girls, youth activity centers, renovate holy sites and Masjeds, Diaspora resettlement projects, volunteer works, or just create your own philanthropy activities. You may also donate money or time to those already existed in Harar or give donations for those who try to start one; if not, at least give your free generosity moral support for those who want to do good deeds: which by the way cost you - nothing zero nada zilch null ahadsantimum. The minimum you can do is to encourage those who rise up for the responsibility causes with your spirit of supportive positive attitude for change. If by any means not convinced by these suggestions, you have every right to start grassroots for change of your own. Nevertheless, one has no right to dismay, discourage, disappoint, pessimistic, mislead or dismiss others wishes, such ignorant revealed itself as antisocial and anti-humanity. Suspicious behavior, ill-wishers, deceptive mind and false accusations is a cancer in heart. Doing nothing for Harar and Hararians but boosting being Harari and empty pride for the past ancestral achievements - is self-betrayal, self-denial, self-destruction and self-centered.

Do you imagine here in the in the United States of America which considers itself as the richest and the superpower - the number of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) is estimated over one and half million, giving verities of services that help humanities. These charity organizations render humanitarian services such as: feeding, sheltering, clothing, healthcare, legal assistance and other thousands public needs and services. Some of the charity organizations are: Feed the children, Food Bank, Soup Kitchen, Toys For Tots, Goodwill, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Animal and Environmental Protections and even Public Broadcasting Services. Besides NGOs there are thousands grants, funds, trusts organizations spend on education, health, startup businesses, researches and so on. Besides such vital humanitarian services, there are thousands of activist organizations, advocate groups devote and determined to bring change the social status of the poor and disadvantages. These sociopolitical devotees, economical, environmental fighters and humanitarian agitators, their purposes not limited here in US but for the struggle of developing countries. Few of lists are: civil rights, human rights, peace, antiwar, student, feminist movements, Greenpeace, non-violence, prisoner's justices, animal welfarist and hundreds other activists and advocate groups. There are those also opened their heart and wallets philanthropies, spend billions of dollars on and for humanitarian assistances in both rich and poor counties. The best known of last and this century is the 'Bill and Melinda foundation' which have been giving out billions of dollars generous contributions year after year for improving the misery of mankind - solve hungers, eradicate diseases, illiteracy and bring worldwide peace. Millions of American volunteers participate, perform and give tens of millions of hours of free labor of love. India alone is estimated to have over two million of NGOs. Seeing, hearing, experiencing, reading, watching and living in North America and Europe - what disabled our emotions, discourage our

thoughts, paralyze our actions, prevent our performances, be greediness in our heart and moral bankruptcy among our generation? The sad part, not to have a single simple or basic nonprofit institution nor to participate in any other charitable activities is beyond beliefs.

## OH AMERICA

I have written a book called “ **Oh America** ” this 240 page book dedicated to the memory Gysie Abdulhafiz Khelifa. As most Harari old or young, male or female knew him or his work as a brilliant statesman. He was one of a kind rare Harari intellect, outstanding writer, historian, revolutionary fighter, advocate for Harari causes and interests. A man pride of his people, who devoted his entire early adult life and his whole life for Harari culture, traditions, integrity, dignity, equality, justice, freedom and democracy. His legacy of his great deeds, the sacrifices he made to Harari nation and martyred by the brutal tyranny Red Terror Derg regime will not be easily forgotten. May his soul rest in peace and let us make Duaa for him.

My book contents based on various historical facts of American life, America’s mixed blessing and curses, shameful slavery era, First Nation brutal tragedy by White Man’s aggressions, the ugly Jim Crow laws, culture of violence, individuals and systematic brutalities, political corruptions, corporate exploitations, welfare catastrophe, xenophobia, homelessness, police brutality, crime and punishment, alcohol and illicit drug addictions, curse of trade deficits, US hegemony, animosity foreign policy or pollutions and environmental destructions, etc. The most important in life is making critical decision - your destination, assimilation, success, or tragedy in American melting pot is crucial fighting for survival.

The aim is enjoying flashy American dream of rich and famous or live in estate of confused distressed nightmare is not a luck but needed deep moral strength. This eye-opening book is a challenging for your own and your children survival, decision making for your succeed or failures, mind enlightenment, aware your circumstances and above all very interesting book, worthwhile reading.

The purpose of selling my book to Hararians; first and foremost a fundraising causes for Harari in Harar for none prophet purposes. All profits from my book sales go to benefit for good charity reasons for our people. The price of my book \$19.99 plus shipping and handling - US and Canadian orders pay only \$25.00 - Europe, Middle East and Australia \$30.00 all include shipment fees.

If you willingly to donate whatever dollar you afford for such marvelous causes to benefit our society, the reward we get are very tremendous here on Earth and hereafter. Me alone can not make a dent to solve such huge socioeconomic impact burden but with your generous donations we can bring smile, hope of full heart, improve the desperate life of hopelessness who left to survive alone. Your small financial commitment can make big differences in the life of those who have nothing to wear, eat or without education nor decent shelter. Your contributions will assists lonesome elderly forks and blinds as well as orphanage or spend on basic job trainings. Your 5, 10, 100 or more dollar pledges can make huge life changing tools for less fortunate of our own societies. 100% profit from my book sales and the entire your donations will directly benefit solely for Harar charity purposes. In the near future, InshaAllah, I will dedicate part of my life for Harar and Hararians, have a nonprofit organization that you will soon hear from me. Let us together root a plant of hope, for sure you will be part of a journey for mercy. This will be completely the most transparent, operate and controlled by trusty board of

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*My book is enlightenment for logical dialogue, intellectual discussion, and research to find solutions and remedies when it happens or to educate citizens here in economically advanced countries.*

*In the last four decades America is experiencing the unimaginable, and the unspeakable phenomenon of cancer. I encourage all book readers to enhance their intellectual level of thinking by engaging in political, social and economic processes.*

*Life is a journey for purpose, whether you do good or evil, whether you are an intellect or uneducated, whether you are poor or rich, whether you are powerful or weak - the most important thing is what you stand for the improvement or for the destruction of environment, humanity and the natural and plain Kingdom.*

*When you live your country or a country that give you a chance to live and survive, you ought to have unconditional affection and give back what ever you can to thank her.*

*If you have a power of observation, understanding the environment you are living, sense the circumstances, how good or awful things, are equality and inequality, understand the joy and misery and feel the blessing and the curse that you don't have to sit down and watch the continuous deterioration the life you and nation live for.*

*We have to see right and left, up and down, front and behind and all surroundings when it is really happening and experiencing the difficulties and the danger that created in such rich land.*

*The entire nation have to think deeply the misery of the unfortunate class, the homeless, the prison population, blind negroes, drug and alcohol dependant and the depressed, if needed or naturally, emotionally and physically, disabled class.*

*Learn behind the backing that consumed so many years that brought nothing, only back in old practices ideas and a powerful mind and honest sacrifice to improve the human right and to create progressive society.*

*Society has to adjust the way you and your family interact one another and with other individuals living peace and harmony.*

*I have to learn to be content with what we have and enjoy life.*

*you have observational mind or emotional intellect then you have to change your position into action either by words or operation, by better you or by any other means that bring changes to your surrounding.*

