

Appendix 7. Western intellectuals' views on African regimes.

How some Western intellectuals see Africa is given in parts.

1) How do some learned Europeans see African states? One of the learned European political scientists observed that there are 5 kinds of African states (Appendix 8). All 5 types are dysfunctional or failed states. One of the five dysfunctional states is identified as the "captured" variety. According to the political scientist who gave the dysfunction typology of Africa about nine years ago, in the "captured" state variety an elite takes over a state, provides no justice to the people but fulfils international obligations. Such a "captured" state is exemplified by Rwanda. Other dysfunctional or failed states include Somalia where there is no government, and Zaire where the soldiers work to safeguard the interest only of the leader. As known from written documents, in one of his visits to the United States Zenawi had agreed that Ethiopia is a failed state. Perhaps, Zenawi was told that the case of Ethiopia is similar to the "captured" variety. This might explain why Zenawi was preaching his fear of a Rwandan-type massacre happening in the period of the May 2005 elections.

As long as they fulfill international obligations, even though they do not provide justice to the inhabitants, there is reason to believe that the "captured" state governance would not alarm the governments of America and Europe. This is why, from the funds given to Ethiopia Zenawi and his elitist friends share among themselves millions of dollars and hire guards that protect them and spies on the

national soldiers, while Ethiopia grows poorer year by year until it became the poorest nation in the world. If an opposition that fulfills international obligations and that brings justice and progress to the inhabitants comes to power both the American and European governments will continue to provide their aid with delight. The latter can be gleaned from Congressional hearings in which representatives of the state department, other agencies, and experts are summoned to testify. As though the destruction it brought to Ethiopia over the last 14 years is not enough, the tyrannical governance that received only about 85 undisputed seats out of possible 547 MPs is attempting to completely destroy the country in the coming 5 more years. Aware of this dangerous conditions, Ethiopians should pursue the nonviolent "Respect the Vote" movement and replace the tyrannical governance by the one they have elected by their votes.

Either the people will unite and remove the problem imposed on them or they will be individually squashed to their end. The choice belongs to the people.

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