

Thanksgiving Holiday Message

When we observe this Thanksgiving Day, I want us to remember the many Eritreans who may not have the opportunity of abundance that we take it for granted. Of course we don't have to be "Rich" to fit in that category of "Abundance". Just the simple routine that when we go home we eat our dinners and break or breakfasts and when we are at work or school we enjoy our lunches, no matter what it may be. Yes, my dear Eritreans, we take that for granted because we are able to do it.

I want us also to be thankful that we are from a country called Eritrea and the product of the Eritrean people. My friends – that fact is a blessing by itself. A country that works wonders as the going gets tough and whose people may be characterized as extremely kind to their fellow human being, most hospitable to strangers and even some of the most magnanimous people to their enemies,.

These same people who have endured some untold suffering because of many man made and natural calamities deserve better than to be threatened with yet another senseless war courtesy of the envious wey ane gangs. Notwithstanding Eritrean Defense Forces customary assured victory over the aggressors, one prays that we may not arrive at that eventuality and be forced to lose more precious lives unnecessarily. It may be hope against hope, but I hope the Mekele boys would think twice before they make any unscrupulous adventure against the peace loving, peace yearning and peace deserving Eritrean people.

While one may be tempted to state erroneously that it is the Tigrai people's responsibility to deal with the wey ane's never ending inferiority complex, nevertheless, I suggest we Eritreans remember the people of Tigrai in our prayers for I am convinced the majority of them have nothing to do with this war that

appears to be pushed by some minority Tigreans and their external handlers who do not have a stake in a peaceful and tranquil Horn region and do not appreciate the longstanding good neighborly and peaceful co-existence between our two peoples and beyond.

Let the people of the Horn receive something DIFFERENT for a change -Peace and Tranquility and mutual co-existence - not mutual destruction.

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