

'Rights organization' and militant opposition groups are working together against recent developments in Ethiopia.

Freedom House and Oakland Institute published blog posts on October 16 & 19, 2017, that share similar theme under the title: "*Addis Ababa has halted a human rights resolution in the house by threatening to break off security cooperation with the United States,*" and "*Ethiopia Silences the United States on Human Rights Abuses,*" respectively. The writers as part of their long standing deliberate flawed persuasion and bias about Ethiopia, have again shallowly understand Ethiopia's major policy pillars and denounce constitutionally established independent institutions' trajectory in the promotion and protection of citizen rights. The allegations in relation to violation of human rights as well as misrepresenting diplomatic engagements against H.Res 128 and it's possible impact are not on the basis of objective accounts.

At the outset, it is imperative to say that Ethiopia follows a democratic path since 1991. This is merely with a clear understanding of Ethiopia's circumstance that all sorts of sustainable development can only be achieved, through the proper interplay of democratization process, maintaining peace and stability, and ensuring development. In this respect, It is hard to rebuff promising developments in all the trajectories.

More specifically, the promotion and protection of human rights is at the heart of the Ethiopian constitution. In line with this, Ethiopia has adopted the second National Human Rights action plan in December 2016 that would enhance institutional capability and improving regulatory frameworks. As a responsible international community partner, Ethiopia is a member of United Nations Human Rights Commission. In this platform, the country fully collaborates to address its challenges, submit reports and accept recommendations to strengthening the ongoing efforts.

The case in point, following the recent violent protests in some areas of Oromia and Amhara regional states, the government at all levels have been undertaking intensive consultations with community members. This has confirmed again lack of good governance and unemployment are posing a concern for the government and the people. In addressing such possible setback government is taking measurable steps that made government officials hold accountable, and allocating billions of seed money to create additional jobs. Furthermore, the Ethiopian human rights commission has conducted an independent investigation in connection with the protest and violence. Based on the report the parliament accepts the recommendation and adopted a decision to hold those accountable. Subsequently, the implementation is underway.

In light of this, the Ethiopian government is working diligently in addressing recent public grievances, undertaking political dialogues with 16 opposition parties that signify developments to reform the electoral system in a bid to bring proportional representation that can reflect diverse opinions. As well as, creating more conducive environment to discharge it's responsibility in the promotion and protection of citizen rights to the fullest extent.

Therefore, amid those and other positive developments of the country, there is no wonder that the militant oppositions and 'Rights Organization' like Freedom House, Oakland Institute and their affiliated individuals are exploiting H.Res 128 on various occasions of fueling unrest for their own end. They trying to accuse the government by simply echoing the unfounded claims that a minority ethnic elite is dominating the power, which is part of the deliberate misrepresenting the Ethiopian constitutional federal arrangement and their respective institutions power, duties and responsibilities.

They further mislead the US-Ethiopia long standing diplomatic relations of mutual interests in areas of democratization, trade and investment, and peace and security among others. Accordingly, Ethiopia's diplomatic engagement with the recent resolution is on the fact that it includes factually erroneous statement, lack of insights to the recent developments and prospects. Ultimately, resolution will never be constructive approach and have no positive contribution to the country's development endeavor. Period. Not threatening security partnership of our single common interest.

In conclusion, given the 'Rights Organization' expertise and accumulated knowledge as well as our working relations and keen interest to work closely to advance human rights in our country. Whereas, such completely biased, inappropriate and misplaced claim will eventually undermine the reputation and credibility of the institution. Moreover, it will impede to sufficiently leveraging our mutual interest of promoting and protecting human rights. Therefore, we strongly believe that 'Rights Organization' should be forthcoming to build confident with a view to address any issue of concern based on fact and logical considerations.