



COMMANDO OPERATIONS

THREE COMPONENTS

Part - 1

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I. 36-YEAR-OLD ILLUSIVE COMMANDO OPERATIONS

On May 21, 1984, Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) broadcasted news to the world, claiming that EPLF Commandos have destroyed 33 Ethiopian jets and planes inside Asmara Airport. In 1996, the news became the subject of a book "Stealth 18 Minute Commando Operation".

Mr. Yemane Teklegergish inadvertently aided me to discover the fundamental truth at the cores of EPLF Commando Operations. Mr. Yemane was former EPLF fighter. EPLF was formidable liberation movement, which defeated Ethiopian 2nd Army in Eritrea, under the military regime of Derg and liberated Eritrea on June 24, 1991.



PHOTO-2: Mr. Yemane Teklegergish was former EPLF fighter, member of "Hubue Selfi" (EPRP), Chief Officer at the EPLF Bureau in Mogadishu and EPLF Intelligence liaison in Somalia.

II. THE DIRE DAWA MISHAP

Mr. Yemane was former member of "Hubue Selfi" (Secret Organ) or Eritrean People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP), the clandestine organization within EPLF that controlled the entire leadership and spied on all fighters of EPLF.

Mr. Yemane, posing in [PHOTO-2](#), was former Chief Officer at the EPLF Bureau in Mogadishu, in the late 80s, during the regime of Mohammed Siad Barre of Somalia. Mr. Yemane was also former EPLF Intelligence liaison in Somalia.

Demtsi Wegahta, a now defunct Ethiopian internet radio broadcaster in Tigrigna language, made a series of interviews with Mr. Yemane.

On July 15, 2013, in one of the series, "Interview With Veteran Fighter Yemane T/Gergish Part 7", Mr. Yemane said the following statements (*his Tigrigna statements and English Translation*).

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ንዲረ ዳዋ ኣትዮም፡ ኣብ ዲረ ዳዋ ዝነበሩ
ነፈርቲ ንምቕጻል'ዩ ኔሩ።

ሸውዓተ ናይ ወተሃደራዊ ስለያ ኢዮም፡
ሸውዓተ ከኣ ናይ ሃንደሳዮም ኔሮም።"

" ... I was in Somalia.

Asmelash Wedi Hafti with other 13 fighters came from Eritrea to Somalia.

Their objective was to sneak from Somalia into Dire Dawa and destroy the aircrafts in Dire Dawa.

Seven of them were from the Military Intelligence and seven were from the Engineering of Explosives."

In the subsequent interviews Mr. Yemane stated, the planned attack in Dire Dawa originating from Somalia was never realized and the 14 EPLF Intelligence and Explosives personnel returned to Sahel empty handed. Mr. Yemane admitted, that he didn't know the reason, why the planned attack in Dire Dawa was cancelled?

III. AIR FORCE BASES IN ETHIOPIA

Mr. Yemane's information regarding Dire Dawa referred to Ethiopia's Dire Dawa Squadron in the Forward Air Force Base at Dire Dawa Airport.



EXHIBIT-3: Ethiopia's Forward Air Base in Asmara and in Dire Dawa and Debre Zeit Air Force Headquarter.

In Eritrea, Ethiopia's Asmara Squadron was located in the Forward Air Force Base in Asmara at Yohannes IV International Airport.

Ethiopia's Air Force headquarter is located at Debre Zeit or Bishoftu Air Force Base. Debre Zeit

is about 50 Km south east of Addis Ababa. Debre Zeit is the administrative, training and maintenance centre of the Air Force.

IV. EPLF COMMNADO CLAIMS

Mr. Yemane's information regarding the mishap at Dire Dawa triggered me to question the validity of EPLF Commando Operations at Asmara Airport. EPLF had claimed two successful Commando Operations at Asmara Airport.

May 20,1984

EPLF Commando Operation inside Asmara Airport destroyed 33 Ethiopian aircrafts.

January 14,1986

EPLF Commando Operation inside Asmara Airport destroyed 44 Ethiopian aircrafts.

The grossly exaggerated figures by EPLF denoted EPLF's true nature as a typical propaganda and fabrication machine. In the mid 80's, Ethiopian Air Force had only about 40 operational jet fighters in its arsenal. The figures don't make sense at all.



Mebrahtu Gebrehiwot, code-named Embaye
EXHIBIT-4: His code-name was "Embaye" and his name is "Mebrahtu Gebrehiwot" (Left), was killed in action in the Commando Operation of May 20, 1984 which destroyed 33 aircrafts inside Asmara Airport. "Mebrahtu Gebrehiwot" was the only revealed name out of the 18 Commandos by Isayas Afewerki (Right).

V. UNTANGLING COMMANDO SECRETS

What astounded me most was it was unbelievable to pull two "successful Commando Operations" within 18 months, with only a single causality (see **EXHIBIT-4**). The frequency of commando operations inside the heavily fortified international airport in a very short period of time was too unrealistic, unless there was an inside mechanism to accomplish it secretly.

Mr. Yemane asserted, 14 EPLF Intelligence and Explosives Engineers came from Eritrea to Somalia for the planned attack in Dire Dawa, with the aim to destroy the aircrafts inside the airport.

My hypothesis in the above scenario is, all EPLF Commando Operations, whether the aborted Dire Dawa attack or the operations at Asmara Airport were wholly designed and accomplished by the same 14 EPLF Intelligence and Explosives personnel. In the reverse engineering, EPLF had applied the same Dire Dawa scheme in the prior two Commando Operations at Asmara Airport.

VI. SABOTAGES WITH THREE COMPONENTS

Mr. Yemane's information leads me to conclude EPLF Commando Operations were made up of three basic components.

- 1. An airport insider or a member of the Air Force ground crew working as a spy for EPLF.**
- 2. EPLF Engineers of Explosives tasked in the supply and setup of time bombs.**
- 3. EPLF Military Intelligence personnel tasked with secret communications with the insider or**

the spy at the airport. The EPLF Intelligence personnel were also tasked with delivering time bombs to the insider who would plant them inside the facility of airport to destroy the aircrafts.

Mr. Yemane's information opened up quickly my mind to recognize that all "EPLF Commando Operations" were not genuine commando operations but rather sabotages accomplished by the three components described in the above.

VII. POSITIVE IDENTIFICATIONS

After sifting through Commando information, photos, data, history, interviews and Youtubes my investigation affirms the following conclusions:

1. All EPLF Commando Operations inside Asmara Airport were hoaxes generated by EPLF. The hoaxes also manufactured EPLF theatrical drama, songs, a Commando book, TV shows etc.

2. All EPLF Commando Operations were actually sabotages accomplished jointly by EPLF Intelligence and Explosives personnel and an airport insider.



EXHIBIT-5: Tewolde Gebremariam (Left), Aynalem (Right)

3. Aynalem, who was disclosed by Isayas Afewerki as code-named "Aynalem", is positively identified that he is Tewolde Gebremariam, the current Chief Executive Officer of Ethiopian Airlines Group. For details please refer: Part-2 Commando Operations - Optical Fingerprints.

4. Some of the Commandos displayed on page 12, are not EPLF fighters. As exhibited in EXHIBIT-7 & EXHIBIT-8, sporting T-shirts were exclusive necessities for all ex-Derg soldiers or officers. Wearing T-shirts were necessities not luxury for all ex-Derg soldiers as opposed to EPLF fighters.



EXHIBIT-6: 18 portraits & code-names of EPLF Commandos who "destroyed 33 aircrafts inside Asmara Airport". Isayas Afewerki disclosed their photos and code-names in 1996.

EXHIBIT-7: Non-T-shirt versus T-shirt.



**Non-T-shirt EPLF Political
Commissar Bitwoded Abraha**



**T-shirt Commando #10
Aynalem**

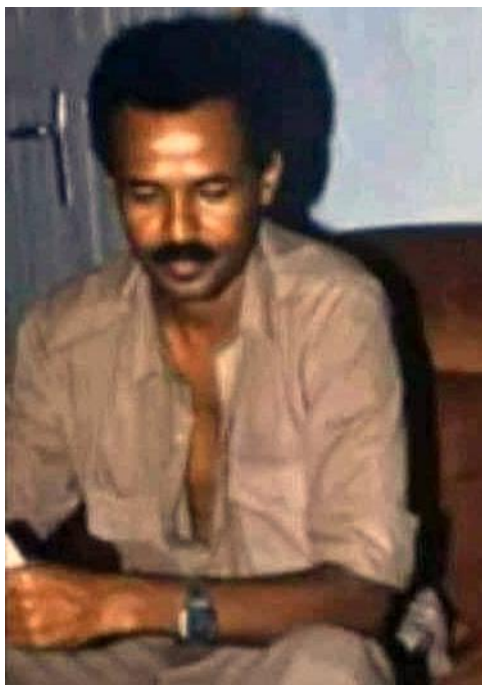


**T-shirt COMMANDO #1
Tsegai**



**T-shirt COMMANDO #3
Seele**

EXHIBIT-8: Non-T-shirt versus T-shirt.



**Non-T-shirt EPLF boss
Isayas Afewerki**



**T-shirt Commando #7
Mehari**



**T-shirted Commando #8
Asrat**



**T-shirted Commando #11
Semere**



EXHIBIT-9: Spectacular operation by Viet Cong gorilla fighters at Bien Hoa Air Base, Vietnam, May 16, 1965, in which more than 50 American and Vietnamese airmen and ground crew were killed (Top). Pro-EPLF supporters forged the top image for the Commando Operation (Bottom).

FACTS VERUS FABRICATION

Western classified documents revealed the following data in regard to the attacks at Asmara Airport by EPLF commando.

1st EPLF Commando Operation

Asmara Airport, May 20, 1984:

- 10 military aircrafts were destroyed,
- 8 military aircrafts were damaged.

EPLF claimed, "Commando destroyed 33 military and civilian aircrafts."

2nd EPLF Commando Operation

Asmara Airport, January 14, 1986:

- 1 MiG-21 fighter was destroyed,
- 5 military aircrafts were damaged.

EPLF claimed, "Commando destroyed 44 aircrafts."

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