

Dictators' Mentality, Clouded Minds

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Why do all dictators that seem formidable and untouchable succumb to their demise at the end of the day? What goes on in their minds when danger arrives at their palace door? Why can't they observe a wake up call that signals the end of their dynasty?

Dictators live in their cocoons and see the world with a blurred vision. Their minds are also clouded thus they can't think and comprehend clearly even when their ignorance and arrogance is about to take away their lives. This is the common trend that seems to connect all dictators of our time regardless of their country, religion and color.

Mathematically speaking, Dictatorship could be represented by the following formula.

$$\boxed{\text{Fear + Lies + Force}} = \boxed{\text{Dictatorship}}$$

This equation is currently being replaced by popular revolt that citizens of various countries are taking to secure democracy which can be represented by the following formula:

$$\boxed{\text{Freedom + Law + Justice}} = \boxed{\text{Democracy}}$$

- After 23 years of absolute reign over the people of Tunisia, Ben Ali today is wanted over corruption charges and human right abuses and he has nowhere to escape. His final home would be in Brussels, Belgium, at the International Criminal Tribunal.
- After 30 years of brutal dictatorship, Mr. Mubarak who bragged not to go anywhere but die on Egyptian soil is now in a comma. An 82 year old man who was supposed to stay in senior's home or nursery is waiting for his tragic but well deserved death in a hospital. What an end?
- After 30 years of ruthless governance, Mr. Saleh of Yemen had to live the country due to the damage inflicted to his body when a rocket launched by his opponents hit his premises. What a shame to his glory and inflated honor?
- Mr. Ghadafi of Libya claims that his people love him. He seems to forget that the love that he is talking about is forced upon his people and is not originating from a free will. 43 years of uncontested power base doesn't seem to suffice his ego and power thirst yet. He will eventually die a dog's death. The prestige and honor he boasts to have will be replaced by humiliation and disgust.
- Syrian president Mr. Bashar al-Assad is following the same route of failure by using unparalleled and barbaric force to terrorize his own people and suppress dissent. His days of downfall are numbered as well.

- Mr. Meles of Ethiopia who is the sole governor of Ethiopia has no match when it comes to dictatorship, 20 years in power and still going strong, according to him. However, according to the people of Ethiopia, he is a rotten tooth ready for extraction. Mr. Meles might think he is crafty, manipulative and smart but these psychotic qualities won't do him any good when the people say enough is enough. Some of his supporters worship him by wearing T-shirts and carrying key chains displaying his picture and by also mounting his photos on a wall. We can see clearly now how time revealed the similarities between Meles and Mengistu, not to mention the crimes they committed against humanity. A song has even been dedicated to him by Mr. Solomon, an immature artist who happens to be equally a traitor and good for nothing. Like any dictator Mr. Meles may try to stay in power by using every political, economic and social means. Regardless, he is finished, his time is over. His divide and rule policy, his double face personality; his venomous oral expressions will never rescue him when he tilts to fall. That day is coming, although no one knows when, but pretty fast.

To sum up, the days of dictators where ever they are and who ever they may be are numbered. Humans in general are born free and are supposed to live free. Those who infringe over the freedom of others while enjoying their own lives and protect their own selfish interest are doomed to fail. History is the witness and we will evidence this fact in our time. Ethiopia, the country that suffers for no apparent reason other than the maladministration and mismanagement of its rulers for so long is about to change. Ethiopians like any humans are going to be free some day. This is in the making and no force can stop the movement of the people when the time is up. Let's keep hope alive!