

Should Isaias Afworki be welcomed in South Sudan?

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Undoubtedly, the Eritrean strongman and President- for life- Asaias Afworfi has proven beyond any reasonable doubt that, he's South Sudan's public enemy number one, with his latest intrusive outburst and outrageous assault on the Sudan peoples' Liberation Movement (SPLM) and the government of the South Sudan (GOSS). The Eritrean leader has seriously and dangerously crossed the line of all the diplomatic norms that govern among the nations of the world, and has interfered greatly in the internal affairs of South Sudan, and insulted not only its system and the leadership, but certainly its people in general. The ill-intended and inflammatory remarks came to being in an interview with the National News, in Jan 17, 2009. Responding to a question posted to him by the interviewer, about the ups and downs in the relations between Sudan and Eritrea, the dictator wasted no time to veer from the actual question, to pour all the blame on the SPLM and GOSS respectively. "Within three years since the signing of the Comprehensive Agreement (CPA), the situation further deteriorated. We could say the situation is going out of hand. The government of South Sudan has received more than five billion dollars. Where this amount of money gone? If we ask how many roads have been constructed; to what extent has the supply of potable water being made available, what health service has been provided, what job opportunities have created, development and investment projects have been implemented in South Sudan? The answer is definitely none. Instead of perusing unity, ethnic and clan divisions became rampant. Instead of good governance, a corrupt system has been established, he said. "Obviously, the Eritrean dictator, not only has he gone wild, but he's also seriously violated the sovereignty of another country, which's consisting with his behavior with all of the other neighboring nations. Apparently, the dictator's mission is to tear apart as many countries as possible, in order to quench his thirst for power, recognition and control of the Horn of African, if not the continent as a whole. Basically, anyone who reads that interview, would undoubtedly think, and rightfully so, that everything in Eritrea is all but rosy, that South Sudan has become his only worry. Well, nothing could be further from the truth. The reality is, his government is well documented by the United Nations, as one of the most corrupt and most brutal regimes in the world, only second to the regime of his mentor and fellow dictator, the fugitive Omar al- Bashir. After eighteen long years of totalitarianism, the Eritrean people have yet to see any real tangible developmental projects being undertaken, which explain, indeed, why his fellow countrymen are fleeing the country in millions, in search of a better life elsewhere around the globe, including South Sudan which he has just insulted.

Consequently, South Sudan shouldn't depend heavily on some of the African countries like Eritrea, which can't seem to resist or pass up billions of bribes by al-Basher's regime. Evidently, the Eritrea's tyrant has cashed in already, just as did before him, the African Unity, for his latest cooperation and attachment to the radical extremist Islamic National Front (INF), which explains why his country was the first to be visited by the world's most wanted man, Omar al-Basher. It also solidifies the rumors that have been circulating around of al-Basher's regime financial support of Eritrea's lobbying campaign to become the number twenty- third member of the Arab League. In addition, there 's virtually nothing, really, to be had, nor learned from the Eritrea's regime, whose only export commodities are terrorism and communism. Furthermore, despite the fact that there is still some healing that needs to happen in the relations between Ethiopia and South Sudan, it's critically essential not to comprise, nor underestimate the importance of our historical ties with Ethiopia, for an Eritrea that is leaning, more and more, to the right-wing of the extreme Islamic and Arab worlds. After all, it was Ethiopia that has hosted all of the revolutionary movements in South Sudan, time and again. Our message to Eritrean strongman, Isaias Afworki, is plain and simple: you're not welcomed in South Sudan., period. The author is former Juba Radio anchorman. He can be reached at: lukedak@hotmail.com Source: Anyuak Media