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How Addis Ababa Dismantled Pretoria Through Blockades, Proxy Militias, Drone Attacks and Ethnic Erasure-The Federal Government, Not the TPLF, Has Systematically Vaporised the Pretoria Agreement

The statement accusing the TPLF of "voiding the Pretoria Agreement" by rejecting General Tadesse Werede's tenure extension and seeking to reinstate the pre-2020 regional council is not only misleading—it is a masterclass in inversion. It blames the victim of serial violations for finally responding to a collapse engineered from the other side of the negotiating table.

Let us be unequivocally clear: The federal government violated the Permanent Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (COHA) from the very hour it was signed. The TPLF's recent decision is not an act of repudiation; it is a rational, defensive response to two years of systematic treachery by Addis Ababa. If the Pretoria Agreement is now in name only, the federal government holds sole responsibility.

On Territorial Integrity and Displaced Persons (IDPs): The COHA explicitly mandated the restoration of Tigray's pre-war administrative boundaries and the return of all IDPs to their homelands. The federal government has refused to implement this core clause. Western Tigray—including the key agricultural districts of Tsegede, Kafta Humera, and Welkait—remains under the control of Amhara forces and militias, who continue to ethnically cleanse Tigrajan populations. Over one million IDPs remain in squalid camps, denied their internationally recognized right to return. The federal government has not lifted a finger to enforce the agreement's territorial stipulations.

On Economic Warfare: While the Pretoria Agreement called for unimpeded humanitarian access and restoration of services, the federal government weaponized basic necessities. A complete budget blockade was imposed on the Tigray Interim Administration, crippling its ability to pay civil servants, health workers, or teachers. A fuel blockade strangled the region for over a year, halting transport, agriculture, and emergency services. A medical blockade saw essential drugs and supplies deliberately held at federal checkpoints, contributing to preventable deaths. This is not post-conflict recovery; this is slow-motion strangulation.

On Militarization and Proxy War: The federal government has flagrantly rearmed and deployed anti-TPLF forces. It has armed and integrated the Tekezé Brigade and the so-called Tigray People's Front (TPF) —a splinter militia with no popular base—to harass, displace, and destabilize Tigrajan communities. These forces operate with federal logistics and air cover, a direct violation of the COHA's commitment to a single, non-partisan security architecture. The federal government has used the same playbook it condemned in others: funding irregular militias to do its dirty work.

On Political Exclusion and Hate Speech: The agreement envisioned an inclusive political transition. Instead, the federal government has ensured zero meaningful Tigrajan representation in federal organs—the parliament, the council of ministers, the judiciary, and the diplomatic corps. Tigray has been politically erased. Simultaneously, state-controlled and

affiliated Ethiopian media have waged a relentless campaign of denigration against the TPLF and Tigrayan identity, framing every act of self-preservation as treason. This is the incitement that precedes renewed atrocity.

On Blocking Justice and the AU Action Plan: The federal government has systematically blocked transitional justice, refusing to establish the accountable, independent mechanism the Pretoria Agreement required. Perpetrators of war crimes—including extrajudicial killings, mass rape, and starvation tactics—enjoy total impunity. Worse, Addis Ababa has ignored and actively undermined the African Union’s own action plan for monitoring implementation, rejecting AU monitors’ findings and refusing to comply with their benchmarks for cantonment, disarmament, and power-sharing.

Faced with this comprehensive nullification—territories stolen, people displaced, budgets frozen, medicine withheld, proxies armed, representation denied, and justice blocked—what rational actor would continue to treat the Pretoria Agreement as a binding compact? The federal government has already undone the accord through two years of deliberate non-performance.

Therefore, it is not only rational but an imperative of self-defense to undo the treachery of the federal government. Tigrayans have every right to reinstate a functioning government—one that can protect its people from starvation, invasion, and political erasure. The TPLF’s announcement on April 19 is not an "alarming development." It is the overdue recognition that a dead agreement cannot be voided by the party that was never its beneficiary, but only by the party that murdered it in full view of a silent world.

Sincerely,

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