

## TIME TO REJECT PSEUDO LEADERS IN THE OPPOSITION---EDA

As I look closely at the stagnation and ineffectiveness state of the opposition in general and EDA in particular sadly but, truly convinced myself; the reason being leadership issue—the EDA is infested with pseudo-leaders. Since its creation---EDA; some of its leaders vested their energy and resources in conflict with one another, throwing elbows so to speak at each other every time they got a chance playing politics to consolidate and grab power, and in doing so ignoring the plight of our suffering people and thus allow themselves becoming the life support aiding and abiding the crumbling and dying regime.

Discussions of leadership are intertwined with issues of responsibility, vision and authority. Western philosophy assumes that there is no morally valid leadership without the consent of the led. It is a matter of modern western moral concern that ideals not to be imposed, that behavior not be coerced, that the search for truth not be stifled. It is immoral when authority is abused as I witnesses in EDA leadership cycle. Members and or followers should not be mere means to self satisfying ends for leaders. I label as “pseudo”, the kind of leadership that tramples upon these concerns, the search for the truth and the will of the oppressed people. Pseudo-leaders are more interested in themselves than the peoples cause, their followers, and knowingly focus their members on personal agendas instead of shared vision---in our case togetherness defeating the evil regime and liberating the suffering people. If we are true to ourselves, we know that some of these leaders long ago lost track of this vision and mission and are only there looking for their own interest, hobbling between airports to meet and contrive with their mindless and blind supporters and followers to mislead and deceive the general public in Diaspora. Imagine, for a moment if there was a term-limit put in place in the election process; with all due respect, where would these old-aged individuals/leaders windup when their term in power is over. You see, for many of them holding to this power at any cost are a matter of survival—earning a living at the back of the people who is under yoke. I am mindful of the very few honorable leaders of some in the opposition parties who left prestigious and well paying job and abandoned their family to give it all—full time service to the cause. And its sadness and shames me to see them and their party becomes the punching bags on the websites and on pal talks rooms by soulless, mindless fanatics sympathizer opposition of opposition turned pappallo of the pseudo-leaders. To help the reader, what are a pseudo leader’s lookalike and what to look for in order to identify them:

Here are few characteristics of pseudo-leaders:

- Concerned about their power and gaining more of it and hold to it
- Concerned about maintaining the dependence of their followers
- Welcome and expect blind obedience
- Masters at manipulating behind the sense

- Set and control agenda ( for example: the scheduled EDA National Conference)
- Mislead, deceive and prevaricate
- Wear different mask for different occasions
- Rationalize and justify their deceptions and contradictory behavior
- Intolerant of different of opinion
- Invent fictitious obstacles and imaginary enemies—rivals
- Highlight “we-they” differences
- Focus on plots, conspiracies, excuses and insecurities
- Encourage favoritism, envy, hate and conflict

They create the impression that they are doing the right things, but secretly fail to do so when doing the right thing conflict with their own narcissistic interest. They claim they are right and good; others are wrong and bad. They are the reason things go well; other persons /leaders are the reason for things going badly. They are captains who sail under false colors. These and many others characteristics, practices and behaviors of individual leader is holding hostage the EDA from moving forward execute and deliver what expected of. Hoping, we open our eyes and identify these persons—pseudo leaders force and bring them to face the reality; enough is enough! Playing game with people’s suffering has to end. And it has to end NOW.

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