



## Fault Tolerance – Measure of Strength and Stability

In any structure that is designed or abstractly constructed, its capacity to continue or not to continue to operate or function with a failure of a part is called fault tolerance capacity. Structures that are well designed and built with high degrees of complexities have a very high fault tolerance capacity while those which are made naively and with no complexity have less or no fault tolerance capacity and a simple breakdown in a single part will completely stop the system to function and therefore are more sensitive to new things and therefore require constant presence of force or any other agent that blocks and keeps anything new at bay.

These behaviors are also known in sciences and mathematics in which a very highly structured system has more resources to describe and represent phenomena, create more relations within and solve problems in the structure, keeping the structure or system more stable and open to any type of perturbations that may occur.

The same principles hold in socio-economic and political affairs of societies. Socio-economic and political structures are social structures or systems in which societies manage their daily lives based on relations they make among citizenry and between governments who make decisions on their behave. As governments control resources, make policies and political decisions, their actions directly affect the lively hood of citizens for good or for bad, not only for now but to the future of societies continuous existence.

Governments that are responsive, transparent, flexible, open and tolerant are the types of governments that let their society enjoy freedom, justice, development and prosperity and happiness. Such governments are strong and stable in their structures and solely depend on the system itself than on individuals – in contemporary terminology, these societies are called developed countries, while the once which do the opposite are weak, authoritarian or dictatorship, punitive and vengeance in their actions and ultimately destined to fail – such societies are in a category of under developed or developing countries.

Visionary political leaders should therefore be wise in which their actions are free of emotions that are based on reason with intrinsic courage that function with huge hearts of an infinite tolerance capacity not only for opponents but to deliver mercy and justice to common citizens, with souls that search for the least and most vulnerable member of the society and minds that deliver virtues to seek knowledge so that they take their societies to a promised, envisioned better future destiny of liberty, justice, prosperity and happiness and built a future to their grand and grand-grand children.

In this regard, I recently saw things that took my attention, which required the Ethiopian government actions of virtues of magnanimity and thereby displaying a maturity and strength of

their political structure which unfortunately did not happen:

- The refusal of the new Ethiopian prime minister for an interview invitation from the VOA - Amharic section
- The detention of a VOA reporter in Addis Ababa, while reporting from Muslim demonstration, yesterday.
- The intimidation and incarceration of journalists working in private media and simply imposing and wanting society to have access information only from one sources - the government. Information at this age is very fundamental for any society as it is a source of knowledge and knowledge is very fundamental in making a rational decision in life.
- Terrorizing political opponents in to submission by labeling them terrorists and offering a non political alternative to either they abandon their political fight as a viable opponent so that participatory democracy, freedom of expression and rule of law grow and mature or spent their lives in jail or forced in to exile and directly telling openly to the whole society that the country belongs to the current ruling group and to their supports only - building a monolithic society which is even impossible to do in religious communities let alone in secular societies which is detrimental to a growth of a healthy and vibrant society.
- Last but not least, the beating, killing and jailing of people in Estie Mekane Eyesus, south Gondar zone, Debre Tabor awraja, for a peaceful demonstration to request the government as to why a previous promised plan of a high way is cancelled.

These things are tiny looking social matters but very fundamental building blocks of social demands and the actions of the government in handling such matters reflect how tolerant the political structure is and determine the type of government the society is under.

I therefore advice the Ethiopian government to be a government of all people with a high capacity of tolerance.