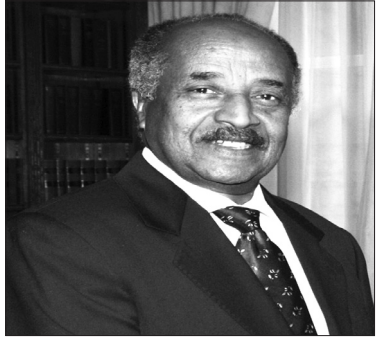




MINISTER OSMAN SALEH HOLDS TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER OF EGYPT



Eritrean Foreign Minister, Mr. Osman Saleh, held talks with the Egyptian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister respectively.

In the meeting with Prime Minister Ibrahim Mehaleb, Mr. Osman conveyed President Isaias Afwerki's message of goodwill and greetings

to President Abdul-Fatah Al-Sisi. Both parties further discussed ways and means of enhancing the bilateral ties of mutual cooperation and partnership.

In the same vein, Foreign Minister Osman held a meeting with his Egyptian counterpart, Samih Shkuri, on related issues, according to reports from the Eritrean Embassy in Egypt.

Foreign Minister Osman Saleh led a GOE delegation that took part in the International Investment Conference in Sharm Al-Sheik from 13 to 15 March which was convened to galvanize support to the Egyptian economy.

ERITREAN CYCLIST MEKSEB DEBESAI WINS INTERNATIONAL TOUR OF BLIDA

Eritrean Cyclist Mekseb Debesai has become the winner of the International Tour of Blida that has been undergoing from March 12 and comprising three stages.

Mekseb Debesai has been shined with the winner's yellow jersey and the red that is given for best sprinter.

The Eritrean team which participated at the Tour Algeria 2015 that is recognized by UCI with 2.1 and 2.2

category and led by the coach Yonas Zekarias includes cyclists Mekseb Debesai, Dawit Haile, Aaron Debretsion, Amanuel Gerzgiher, Meron Abraham and Mehari Tesfatsion.

It is to be recalled that in last year's Tour Algeria that comprised 20 stages the Eritrean team that included cyclists Mekseb Debesai, Aaron Debretsion, Elias Afwerki, Amanuel Gerezgiher and Yonas Tekeste had achieved commendable result.



SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTING ERITREAN WOMEN'S HISTORY AND STRUGGLE HELD IN OAKLAND IN CONNECTION WITH NUEW 35TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

A symposium highlighting the history and struggle of Eritrean women was held in Oakland, USA, in connection with the 35th founding anniversary of the NUEW.

Seminars focusing on experience of Eritrean women fighters, exemplary role of Eritrean women in the liberation struggle, safeguarding the nation's dignity, the nation-building process, origins of Eritrean women's Union in North America,

Eritrea's enduring commitment to gender equality and empowerment, Eritrean youth building bridges in generational conflict and identities, among others, were organized on the occasion by nationals there and from the Homeland.

In a speech she delivered as a guest of honor, Ms. Tekha Tesfamichael, Chairperson of the NUEW, pointed out that Eritrean women have played pivotal role which goes beyond ensuring equality and that the Union is exerting vigorous effort to further strengthen itself.

In the course of the symposium, pictorial exhibition depicting Eritrean women's achievements over the past 35 years, a documentary film portraying the country's cor-

rect image and natural resources, traditional culture, lifestyle of Eritrean ethnic groups, as well as cultural performance were featured.

Solidarity messages of representatives of a number of institutions and the Administration of Oakland city were also conveyed on the occasion.

Meanwhile, Eritrean women residing in Abu Dhabi, Switzerland, Norway and Atlanta have expressed readiness to enhance role in national development endeavors through higher organizational capacity and enhanced awareness. They made the pledge at respective commemorative events they conducted in connection with International Women's Day.

ASSEMBLY OF CENTRAL REGION HOLDS 14TH MEETING

The Assembly of the Central region held its 14th regular meeting on March 13. Speaking at the meeting in which Maj. General Ramadan Osman Awliyai, the regional Administrator, representatives of the PFDJ, national associations, line ministries and Administrators of sub-zones took part, Mr. Abraham Semere, Chairman of the Assembly, stated that accomplishments have been registered in line with the resolutions adopted at the 13th meeting, and that commendable accomplishments could be registered thanks to active public participation.

He also explained that the self-reliance and independent political path based on organized and con-

scious citizenry are providing impetus to ensuring social justice and economic progress. Mr. Abraham further called for paying due attention to human resource development, making effective follow-up and control in transport service, in addition to soil and water conservation.

During a discussion conducted as regards social service facilities, it was indicated that persistent meetings have taken place with Administrators and heads of the Education Ministry so as to reinforce the teaching-learning process. In this connection, commendable outcome is being registered towards promoting health wellbeing.

The participants of the meeting

conducted discussion on views presented by executive Assembly members, and adopted resolutions on a number of issues pertaining to proper utilization of water resource, strengthening efforts made in prevention and control of accidents and crime, besides facilitating land allotment for residential purpose, among others.

In closing remarks, Maj. General Ramadan Osman Awliyai, Administrator of the region, noted the significance of persistent follow-up on the part of Assembly members as regards programs set for implementation. He also stated that efforts would be exerted to meet demands of the public on priority basis.



SEMINARS CONDUCTED FOR ERITREAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN CANADA FOCUSING ON CHANGING NEW CITIZENSHIP IDENTIFICATION



Seminars have been conducted for Eritrean community members in Canada focusing on the process of changing new citizenship identification.

The seminars took place in the cities of Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, Kitchener, Dondon, Vancouver, Victoria, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Toronto beginning last

November. Similar activity would also take place in the remaining Canadian cities.

Likewise, Mr. Ahmed Iman, head of Eritrean Consular affairs in Canada, gave a seminar focusing on the objective political and socio-economic situation in the Homeland, in addition to consular services.

Eritrean Delegation Statement

To The 28th HRC Session

Presented by Ambassador Tesfamicael Gerahtu

Mr President

My delegation once again thanks for the opportunity accorded to engage with the Human Right Council. We have listened to the oral report by the COI submitted under Item 4 and Eritrea reiterates its position that country specific mandate without the consent of the concerned State is counterproductive. Hence, the oral report is rejected and this statement will thus focus only on aspects of the reality which require attention of this esteemed Council.

'Eritrea's enjoyment of the rich spiritual containment is a result of the effort to strengthen the harmony, respect to one another's faith. Hence, transferring these basic values as cultural heritage to the next generations has constituted the core of the nation building process.' Statement of the Eritrean Delegation on Freedom of Religion in Eritrea

At the outset, Eritrea once again wants to clarify its rational position which is expressed in the following three dimensions:-

1. **Country specific resolutions and mandates** are in breach of the UN principles of impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity and hence do not create any dividend in the promotion and protection of human rights.

2. There is **no gross and systematic violation** of human rights in Eritrea. The presumption under which these mandates have been imposed negates Eritrea's reality in breach of paragraph 87 (a) of annex 5/1 and the accusations

are politically motivated.

3. Eritrea has ascertained both in commitment and deeds a veracious path of **engagement and cooperation** with HRC, OHCHR and over bilateral diplomacy.

Moreover, my delegation is dismayed at the protracted reliance on unreliable, unproven and sensational information and interactions. Preconceived ideas and conclusions on Eritrea have become rampant. The activist-like approaches against in contradiction to Mandate Holders' Code of Conduct and the

Eritrea's resilience has, however, been proven against all the pronounced odds. The modest development progress achieved with significant implications to the enjoyment of the human rights is an attestation to the real situation in the country and mention is made of the following:-

1. In terms of social justice, **equal right and opportunity** sanctioned by National Laws continues to uphold human rights obligations

2. Modest success has been achieved in the **adequate standard of living**, by promoting and protecting the rights to food, health, education, water, environment and social security but more effort is still needed to fulfil quality life for our people

3. The **resilience of the economy** has been ascertained by modest growth, but effort is ongoing to mitigate the challenges of macro-economic stability and market stabilization affecting the peoples' living condition

4. As part of the political process of nation building, the **responsible participation** of the people, the development of participatory politics and overall reorganization to strengthen the government administrative system are some examples taking shape but need expansion and consolidation

5. The prevailing **peace and stability** is also a characteristic feature of the nation and is reflected in the harmony, strong social fabric and peaceful coexistence of the diverse population with all rights respected.

Mr President

Mainstreaming of human rights in the sustainable development goals in all sectors of nation building has also been strengthened and recently a Strategic Framework is being developed towards this end. In this perspective, Eritrea's commitment for **expanded and integrated engagement and cooperation paradigm** encompassing the following is thus considered as the sustainable path:-

1. **Engagement and co-**

'Eritrea remained free of food aid during the past 16 years however there is a long way to go in addressing the prevailing challenges and Eritrea will continue its effort on food security and in the fulfilment of the right to food.' Statement of the Eritrean Delegation on the Right to Food in Eritrea

'Eritrea's Government commitment is founded on the basic principle of promoting equal right and opportunity to every citizen. Thus, MLHW of the Government is responsible to safeguard, protect and guarantee the needs and rights of the people with disability.' Statement of the Eritrean Delegation on Peoples with Disabilities

operation with the OHCHR has been extended and already three areas have initially been identified. This includes administration of justice, persons with disability and access to clean and safe water. We thank the High Commissioner for sending his team to Eritrea on March 2015 and will be consolidated in the future once the report of the OHCHR is finalized

2. To maximize the UPR recommendations which Eritrea has accepted as a means of engagement and cooperation, a **UPR2 Framework of Action** has been introduced and a coordination structure is also set up. In this connection, note should be made that Eritrea has already acceded to the Convention Against Torture, Convention on Transnational Organized Crimes and its protocol to Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons especially Women and Children.

3. **Cooperation with the HRC** will further be strengthened and hence priorities on Thematic Mandates and Treaty bodies have been identified for action

4. Preliminary discussions

have been made to expand our partnership with the **UN Country Team** and action will be initiated by May 2015

5. Working at **bilateral level** with missions accredited to Eritrea including the EU Delegation in Eritrea is also an integral part of the overall effort (country level cooperation is also considered). In the last 6 months two sessions of dialogue have already been done and will continue on a regular basis

In light of the above position and developments, Mr President, my delegation would like to seize this opportunity to once again assure my Government's commitment to promote and protect genuine human rights for its citizens. In this context, it urges the Council to consider the outlined path of engagement, cooperation and institutional links and avoid the confrontational approach by abandoning the country specific resolutions and mechanisms imposed on Eritrea.

I thank you Mr. President!

Geneva, 16 March 2015

War Porn: ...

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us to watch, as well as for military recruiters, parents sending a child off to war, and politicians trolling for public support for the next crusade.

War is not a two-hour-and-12-minute hard-on. War is what happens when the rules break down and, as fear displaces reason, nothing too terrible is a surprise. The real secret of war for those who experience it isn't the visceral knowledge that people can be filthy and horrible, but that you, too, can be filthy and horrible. You don't see much of that on the big screen.

The Long Con

Of course, there are elements of "nothing new" here. The Romans undoubtedly had their version of war porn that involved mocking the Gauls as sub-humans. Yet in twenty-first-century America, where wars are undeclared and Washington dependent on volunteers for its new foreign

legion, the need to keep the public engaged and filled with fear over our enemies is perhaps more acute than ever.

So here's a question: if the core propaganda messages the U.S. government promoted during World War II are nearly identical to those pushed out today about the Islamic State, and if Hollywood's war films, themselves a particularly high-class form of propaganda, have promoted the same false images of Americans in conflict from 1941 to the present day, what does that tell us? Is it that our varied enemies across nearly three-quarters of a century of conflict are always unbelievably alike, or is it that when America needs a villain, it always goes to the same script?

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BBC's Yalda Hakim Got It Wrong On Eritrea

When the BBC World News announced it was invited by Eritrea to come report on the country's health successes, many Eritreans knew from past experiences that the BBC will not stick to journalistic standards of accuracy, objectivity, impartiality, and fairness.

Indeed, it didn't take long for the BBC to prove those Eritreans right. Even before the report was completed, BBC correspondent Yalda Hakim gave a sensationalist title of "Inside the Secretive State of Eritrea" for her report.

But is Eritrea really a secretive state? Isn't it a contradiction to describe a government and country as secretive all while they are the ones who invited you to report on them?

The truth is all governments are more or less secretive. BBC selecting that title for Eritrea had more to do with marketing than accuracy. They know more people will tune in to watch their program if they use words such as "secretive" and "rare" than had they not.

From the start of her report, Yalda made it obvious to Eritreans she wasn't well informed on Eritrea's past when she credited the Italians for building Asmara. Sure, the initiative could be credited to them for a small part of the city, but the people who built it, and who are maintaining and expanding it are Eritreans. After all, Yalda wouldn't describe Addis Ababa as Chinese-built or Nairobi as British-built, so why do that with Asmara?

This pattern of making Eritrea the rule to the exception wasn't confined to its architecture, either. Yalda's report was fixated on Eritrea's economic migrants, as if this issue was limited to Eritrea. Throughout her report, Yalda emphasized 4,000 Eritreans were fleeing every month, even though this figure is an estimation of a spike the UNHCR said that took place for one month in October 2014. She presented this exaggerated estimation figure as the norm, which is misleading to say the least.

What Yalda and the BBC fail to understand is politics is playing a heavy hand in making the Eritrean narrative focus on its migration issues. No Eritrean will deny they don't have this issue, but to focus on it the way Western media



Young Asmarinos enjoying a night out in the beautiful and safe city of Asmara -(Photo credit: Yalda Hakim/BBC World News)

has all while over a dozen African countries have far more people fleeing their borders than Eritrea does reeks of being politically motivated.

For instance, in 2013, around 1,500 Eritreans left their country every month, according to Human Rights Watch, which cited UNHCR. [1] This figure translates to 18,000 people fleeing Eritrea every year. In comparison, CCTV reported that Ethiopia had 800,000 of its people flee to Saudi Arabia in 2013 [2] [that's 66,600 Ethiopians per month]. And if you compare Ethiopia's population (93 million) with that of Eritrea's (6.3 million), you'll learn that Ethiopia had 44x the amount of people fleeing their country to Saudi Arabia alone than Eritrea did worldwide, even though its population is just 14.7x larger.

Another example comes from Libya. Since 2011, nearly one out of three Libyans have left their country (2 million people out of 6 million).

In both these cases, their migration issues are rarely highlighted. And if they are, they are simply glossed over. Yet, when it comes to Eritrea that becomes the main theme of every report, and is always tied to the country's politics to give the reader the impression that it's the cause of such migrations, when studies show it is

not.

Had Yalda did her research she would know the leading cause of Eritrean migration to the West is UNHCR's 2004 policy position on Eritrea that designated all Eritrean asylum-seekers with prima facie status (i.e. automatic recognition of Eritreans en masse). Effectively, what this controversial and politically motivated policy did was take away the criminal aspect of their illegal migration, and force the hand of Western countries to accept these newly baptized Eritrean "refugees" into their countries (see data below). As more and more Eritreans headed for the wealthiest parts of the West [a red flag they are economic migrants and not genuine refugees], they would in turn finance trips for their relatives and friends, which over time, created a snowball effect that led to a phenomenon known as the diaspora pull.

As the data below shows, when it comes to asylum cases in Europe, Eritreans receive a clear preferential treatment over other migrants. Not only is this unfair policy inducing more Eritreans to leave, but is actually rewarding Eritreans who leave their country for the West with free housing, money and legal residency in their respective countries.

All asylum applications:

- France: "nearly 90 per-

cent being rejected" [3]

- United Kingdom: "the rejection rate is around 62 percent" [3]

- Switzerland: 85% of asylum claims were rejected [4]

- Sweden: "Sweden grants asylum to about a third." (67 percent rejection rate) [3]

Eritrean asylum applications:

- France: 55% accepted, 45% rejected [5]

- United Kingdom: 81.6% accepted, 18.4 rejected [5]

- Switzerland, 88% accepted, 12% rejected [4]

- Sweden: 100% accepted, 0% rejected [5]

This isn't the first time the BBC has mislead/led to its readers about Eritrea. In its Eritrea Profile page, the BBC stated "A 2011 UN report estimated that about 70% of Eritreans cannot meet their food needs on their own". The only problem is there was no such report, and the BBC fixed its error only after an Eritrean brought it to their attention.

Another example was in a 2014 report, the BBC described Eritrea as "tiny". It only changed this description after an Eritrean reminded the BBC that Eritrea is slightly larger than England in size. Seeing how this dismissive description would make England tinier, the BBC decided to

remove it on the grounds of not being an "appropriate term to use given the size of the country".

But not everything Yalda reported on was misleading or wrong. She reported correctly that internet and TV satellite channels in Eritrea were not blocked or restricted. She also got it right when stating Eritrea has no private media, which is a concern for many Eritreans who feel that state media in the country is doing a poor job of informing its people.

In the end, Yalda's report came off as being blatantly biased and disproportionately negative. Like many reporters before her, she sensationalized her report to garner more viewers at the expense of truth. It also seems that she came to Eritrea with lots of negative preconceptions of what the country was like, and spent much of her time merely seeking to validate these claims or interpret information in a way that supports her fixed ideas in a behavior psychologists describe as confirmation bias. As a result, she focused on the narrative of migration to demonize the Eritrean government, when such issues affect most developing countries, irrespective of the political processes they follow.

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Vacancy Announcement

Bisha Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position for Bisha site project;

1. TLB and Bobcat Operator (01)

Duties / Functions

- Become familiar and adhere to the project health, safety & environmental regulations/procedures
- To attend safety meetings and other announced staff meetings
- To carry out mobile equipment pre-inspection prior to performing operations and maintain records
- To perform earthworks excavations as per supervisor instructions
- To ensure the mobile equipment is used for the intended activities
- To report any deviation/incident and/or damage to the supervisor immediately
- To maintain the mobile equipment in good working and clean condition at all times.
- To ensure excavations within operator’s working area are made safe and properly barricaded

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	TLB & Bobcat operator certification/assessment & job specific training.
Working Experience – Nature & Length	Minimum 05 - 10 years’ experience as a TLB/Bobcat operator in similar projects preferably in the mining industry.
Leadership Experience – Nature & length of time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrated leadership & ability to organize tasks.• Strong time management skills• Teamwork is essential• Required Valid Eritrean driver’s License.
Other skills and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication skills- English ability to read & write for daily communication & reporting• Able to work independently

2. Forklift and Crane Operator (01)

Duties / Functions

- Become familiar and adhere to the project health, safety & environmental regulations/procedures
- To attend safety meetings and other announced staff meetings
- To carry out mobile equipment pre-inspection prior to performing operations and maintain records
- Able to operate 30T, 60T & 70T Mobile cranes
- To ensure the mobile equipment is used for the intended activities
- To report any deviation/incident and/or damage to the supervisor immediately
- To maintain the mobile equipment in good working and clean condition at all times.
- To perform loading & unloading of equipment/materials within containers
- To rig/lift item/equipment into position within the operational plant & project areas
- To load/offload item/equipment from/into trucks
- To follow the signals given by the rigger when performing rigging/lifting activities
- To ensure all rigging/lifting activities are conducted in accordance to project safety procedures.

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	Forklift/Crane operator certification/trade test certification & job specific training.
Working Experience – Nature & Length	Minimum 05 - 10 years’ experience as a Forklift/ Crane operator in similar projects preferably in the construction/mining industry.
Leadership Experience – Nature & length of time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrated leadership & ability to organize tasks.• Strong time management skills• Teamwork is essential• Required Valid Eritrean driver’s License.
Other skills and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication skills- English ability to read & write for daily communication & reporting• Able to work independently

General Information and other requirements:

- Place of Work: Bisha.
- Type of contract: Definite period

- Salary: As per Company salary scale.
- Additional requirement for Nationals:
 - Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligation and provide evidence of release paper from the Ministry of Defense.
 - Present clearance paper from current/last employer.
 - Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, a copy of your National Identity Card etc.).
 - Only shortlisted applicants would be considered as potential candidates for an interview.
 - Application documents will not be returned to sender.
 - All applications should be sent through the post office.
 - Deadline for application: 10 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.
 - Address: Please mail your applications to;
Bisha Mining Share Company,
P. O. Box 4276 Asmara, Eritrea
- Note to Eritrean applicants:
Please send a copy of your application to
Aliens Employment permit Affairs,
P. O. Box 7940 Asmara, Eritrea.



Vacancy Announcement

Bisha Mining Share Company PLC is inviting interested applicants for the positions of;

1. Welder/Boilermaker (01)

Major Duties and responsibilities:-


- Become familiar and adhere to the project health, safety & environmental regulations/procedures
- To attend safety meetings and other announced staff meetings
- Be able to read fabrication drawings and sketches with respect to the various boiler making activities such as; structural steel and piping.
- To perform welding work to the required project standard and procedure
- To perform gas cutting and grinding as per project requirements and procedures.
- To carry out installations of pre-fabricated items.
- To perform all boilermaker work in accordance to BMSC health, safety & environmental policy.
- To establish and maintain a clean and tidy work place by performing daily house-keeping

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	School leaving certificate/Welder’s apprenticeship certification & job specific training.
Working Experience – Nature & Length	Minimum 05 - 10 years’ experience as a boilermaker /welder preferably in the mining industry.
Leadership Experience – Nature & length of time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrated leadership & ability to organize tasks.• Strong time management skills• Teamwork is essential
Other skills and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ability to read and interpret fabrication drawing and/or sketches• Communication skills- English ability to read & write for daily communication & reporting• Able to work independently

General Information and other requirements:

- Place of Work: Bisha.
- Type of contract: Indefinite period
- Salary: As per Company salary scale.
- Additional requirement for Nationals:
 - Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligation and provide evidence of release paper from theMinistry of Defense.
 - Present clearance paper from current/last employer.
 - Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, a copy of your National Identity card etc.).
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 - All applications should be sent through the post office.
 - Deadline for application: 10 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.
- Address: Please mail your applications to;
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P. O. Box 4276 Asmara, Eritrea
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Please send a copy of your application to
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Vacancy Announcement

Bisha Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position for Bisha site project;

1. Zinc Project Manager (01)

Major Duties and responsibilities.

- Work as part of an EPCM project team representing the lead for BMSC (ie: Owner’s representative) to produce high quality deliverables that meet the needs of BMSC;
- Respond to engineering inquiries from the field as they arise;
- Responsible for review, scrutiny and if required modification of scheduling EPCM Project activities and setting work priorities;
- Responsible for a wide range of quality reviews on all forms of EPCM Project documentation and work related packages;
- Ensure work that is prepared under your supervision is in strict compliance with all applicable local, state and federal legislation and codes, best practice professional engineering standards and detailed engineering calculations, and BMSC policies, safety codes and codes of conduct;
- Provide input to proposals, quotations, studies, design criteria, reports, preliminary design and engineering specifications;
- Make decisions and recommendations around the EPCM Project, standards, and engineering methods;
- Report engineering compliance issues within the technical specification, best practice engineering standards and prevailing legislation requirements, and make recommendations to appropriate site management for correction;
- Review, investigate and develop recommendations for the planned engineering of the EPCM Project. Will be the lead technical expert for process plant engineering matters for the BMSC team;
- Supervise and monitor designated engineering practices for the site;
- Evaluate vendors’ bids and administer contracts with vendors for the provision of services and equipment;
- Provide guidance and counsel to site management on applicable programs, practices and existing/proposed local, state and federal regulations;
- Contribute to site strategic planning and budgeting efforts for designated engineering areas as related to the Phase III Zinc Project;
- Ensure BMSC’s SHE objectives are embodied in project design and construction activities;
- Support the implementation of BMSC-wide processes, systems and practices, specifically relating to safety and construction management;
- Ensure systems are being applied in construction management to control and accurately monitor scope, cost and schedule;
- Ensure appropriate and qualified personnel are in place and organized in an efficient and effective manner to execute construction activities;
- Ensure broad or “out-of-the-box” thinking and a culture of continuous improvement is allowed to occur with respect to project execution to maximize value;
- Ensure work product quality meets required standards through direct review and/or third-party review;
- Ensure accurate and timely progress information is provided to senior management and the BMSC Board in the form of a monthly report;
- Act in a project sponsor capacity on construction management and EPCM agreement;
- Take the lead on the development and review of EPCM Project execution plans and capital estimates; and
- Integrate new processing equipment into existing processing equipment without adversely affecting productivity.

Knowledge and skills

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bachelor’s university degree or diploma in mechanical or metallurgical engineering or closely related area.
Working Experience – Nature & Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum 15 years relevant experience in an area or areas relevant to the assignment. This includes operational supervisory/lead experience as well as project management experience.• Must have relevant international work experience, specifically desired is African and remote site experience• Strong experience in engineering & design of equipment for metallurgy.
Leadership Experience – Nature & length of time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous leadership experience including experience in managing EPCM type contractors.• Strong understanding of construction safety and project execution
Other skills and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strong understanding of project development and execution process flow within the mining industry.• Strong knowledge of standard industry approach to construction, construction management and EPCM.

2. Expediting Supervisor

Major Duties and responsibilities.

- Be responsible for the purchase order expediting process and outcomes for Bisha.
- Provide leadership to the expediting team to ensure KPI’s and other departmental and company targets are met and to assist direct reports in achieving their full potential by gaining new skills through effective mentoring.
- Actively participate in and provide leadership in safety meetings and discussion.
- Ensure that all orders are tracked from the placement of purchase order to delivery and receipt.
- Monitor employee performance to ensure optimum performance and initiate appropriate action to remedy any substandard employee performance or behaviour.
- Train subordinate staff in expediting practices and procedures. Assist in reviewing and updating training material as required.

- Work in accordance with the Bisha core values at all times.
- Develops robust systems that ensure that goods arrive on site at the correct time in accordance with requirements.
- Ensure expediting policies, processes and procedures are maintained and new processes are implemented and monitored to ensure compliance.
- Ensure that all expeditors are working with vendors in their allotted category to ensure clarity over responsibilities.
- Ensure that expeditors are providing a high level of service by answering queries on the delivery of goods, and also ensuring that expeditors are providing feedback on a proactive basis in relation to any issues or delays being faced.
- To take an active lead in the introduction, development and implementation of E-Business solutions within the company focusing on efficiency and business process improvement.
- Ensure that all order and shipment related information is properly updated within the Company’s ERP system.
- Manage Service Level Agreements for Major Site End Users to ensure required service levels are maintained or exceeded.
- Obtain materials and consumption forecasts from end user departments and manage expediting accordingly. This will include consumables, spare parts and major shut down requirements.
- Establish effective methods of managing the expediting of highly critical and shut down items to ensure that supply chain related risks are minimized.
- Confers with department supervisors to determine critical materials and parts and ensures that status updates are provided on a regular basis.
- Ensure that pre-booking and planning of vessels and aircraft for highly critical items.
- Develop and manage the relationship with freight forwarders and consolidators used by the Company
- Prepare detailed status reports for management and end users confirming delivery commitments and advising of any significant potential delinquent items.
- Identify problem suppliers and determine what methods should be deployed to improve or manage them.
- Identify those orders that need to be cancelled due to age and or the suppliers inability to supply.
- Ensure that pre-delivery inspection of goods is undertaken when are where required.
- Work in conjunction with inventory supervisor and warehouse supervisor to ensure there are no stock outs or any financial loss to the company due to quality or supply problems.
- Work with warehouse to ensure that items on the OSD report are investigated and closed out.
- Liaise with port staff at Massawa via the Asmara logistics superintendent to prioritize urgently required containers to be transported to Bisha
- Ensure that invoices are processed in accordance with procedure.
- Partner with Finance to resolve invoice issues with suppliers.
- To participate in internal and external meetings, promoting expediting best practise.
- Ensure that all expediting related paperwork is filed in accordance with supply policy.
- Daily and month end reporting to the supply superintendent or supply manager.

Knowledge and Skills

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appropriate tertiary qualifications.
Working Experience – Nature & Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum of 4 years Supply Chain experience.
Leadership Experience – Nature & length of time	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High level of interpersonal skills.
Other skills and abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrated skills in planning, analysis and problem solving.• Good interpersonal skills together with effective communication skills.• Demonstrated skill in the use of supply computing software.• Knowledge of freight forwarding would be an asset.• Strong influencing Skills.• Ability to speak to a larger group of people.

▪ Place of Work: Bisha.

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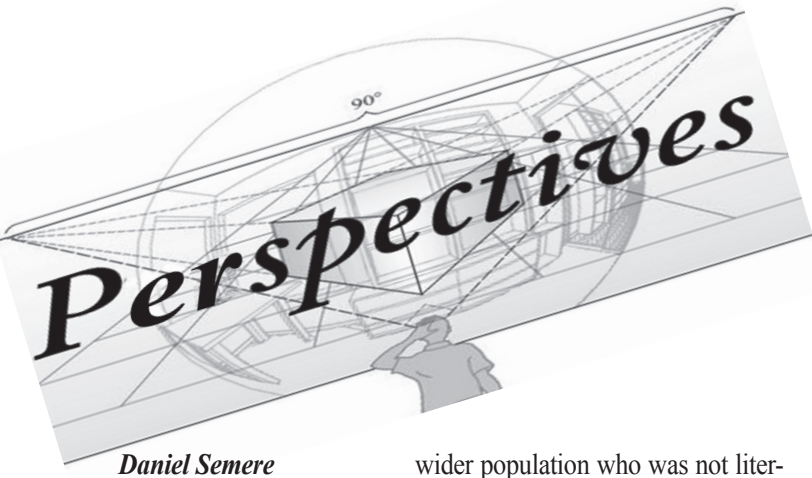
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- Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligation and provide evidence of release paper from the Ministry of Defense.
- Present clearance paper from current/last employer.
- Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, a copy of your National Identity Card etc.).
- Only shortlisted applicants would be considered as potential candidates for an interview.
- Application documents will not be returned to sender.
- All applications should be sent through the post office.
- Deadline for application: 10 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.

▪ Address: Please mail your applications to;
Bisha Mining Share Company,
P. O. Box 4276 Asmara, Eritrea

▪ Note to Eritrean applicants:
Please send a copy of your application to
Aliens Employment permit Affairs,
P. O. Box 7940 Asmara, Eritrea.

Some Observation On Writing And Books In Eritrea



Daniel Semere

Writing as a profession is not well developed in many of the developing world in a sense that writers cannot lead their life with the income they could generate from their writings. There can be many reasons for this. To begin with the level of education development in a given country that in turn relies heavily on its economic status, influences greatly whether reading as an activity is well practiced. Although it is true that some of the best books in the world are written by people with low economic status and in poor countries, it can be argued that some level of economic stability can contribute to the production of written material. The logic is simple if a writer is economically stable he or she can devote much time to the writing and also can afford to publish the book with relative ease. On the other hand readers can spare some of their income to buy books and other written materials. It should be noted however, that economic well being doesn't necessarily guarantee the flourishing of books and readers. There has to be the support of a culture. Reading as an activity or the level of value a society gives to education and knowledge can be affected by the culture of the society. If a culture promotes education and knowledge then it can provide a fertile ground for reading to flourish.

In Eritrea reading as an activity has a very long way to develop. It can be observed that in its remote history books in Eritrea were limited to the ecclesiastical books that are found in various monasteries and mosques. Although there is a claim that many of these books not only are religious but also of scientific nature like astrology and mathematics, they are however accessible to very limited people in -

wider population who was not literate anyways. In its modern history education was a privilege available only to young people in major cities during the colonial times. And even that it was very limited, only to grade 4 during the Italian period for instance. All in all there were no of strong foundations for reading in Eritrean history. As a result the culture was not well developed.

It is true that in recent times the production of books and other written materials are showing signs of growth. But still the activity is still plagued by many shortcomings. The first major reason is again the economic problems associated with writing and books. Writers simply cannot live off their writings. In many instances they cannot afford to publish a book that will not return the expenses incurred. This is

partly because the culture of reading is not well developed in the country that books are not readily bought by readers.

These resulted in major shift on the kinds of books that are being

produced. A lot of the books that are being produced now are very similar in nature and subject area.

Many writers are now engaged in producing supplementary exercises and matriculation question for middle schools and high schools. This is most probably because passing the grades and the matriculation exam is of urgent need for many students

and parents and hence books of that nature are sold better. The other kinds of books focus on children. Most of such books still have academic nature touching on English grammar or basic mathematics. And

many of those books are also stories. Such kinds of books sell mainly because children tend



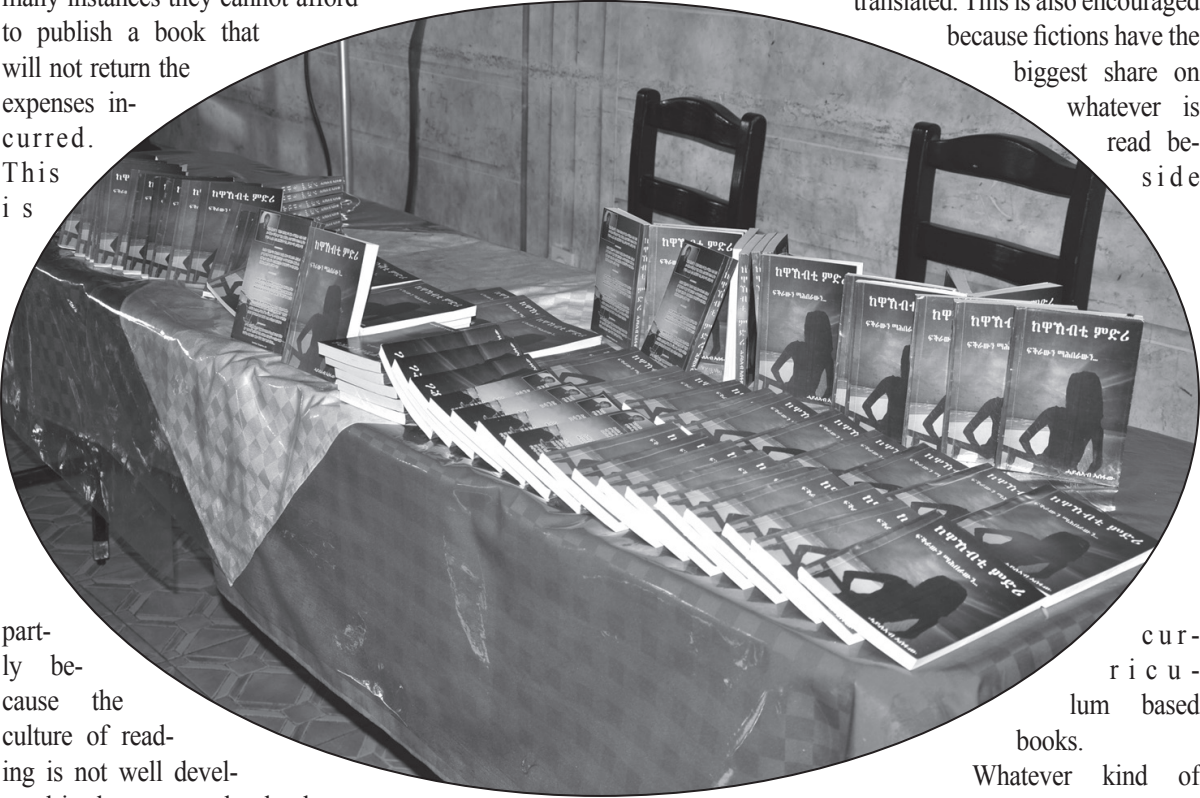
it such books are not, in general, best sellers that they cannot compensate the writers accordingly.

Moreover, there is a critical shortage of writers who are trained or have the capacity to carry out such a big task.

Scholars are not being rigorously trained in their undergraduate study to write such a serious topic. Especially the socio-economic area of the society is also one of the understudied topics due to such reasons.

In the field of natural science, it could be fair to say that no work of major importance has been attempted. Though most of the reasons has already been stated above, the field in general has been neglected so much so that there hasn't even been few attempts made. It is however worth noting that the country really needs to get very serious in the field. We should go as far as suggesting that government bodies should allocate budgets just to cover the expenses of producing books in natural sciences. Unless researches are not encouraged and funded in this areas our development as a country will not have a solid foundation. And it is one of the areas that hasn't gotten due attention it deserves.

On a final note, one of the remedy for such shortcomings could be acknowledging the fact that our economic reality has a very long way to go before a conducive environment could actually be created for writers and books. Till then however writes are bound to pay the price and keep the wheel going. Almost every country has writers that have paid this price. Writers need to take writing a serious, albeit secondary profession, and should do it for the love of knowledge. There should be a desire to contribute a work that will last for ages even though writers are not remunerated for their effort. They should, I guess, settle for moral and intellectual satisfaction for the moment. Our effort, as a country, to promote writing and books, however, should never stop. It should always be a step ahead whenever we raise the issue in the future. At last book fairs should be encouraged as they are occasions designated in nurturing the reading habit of citizens.

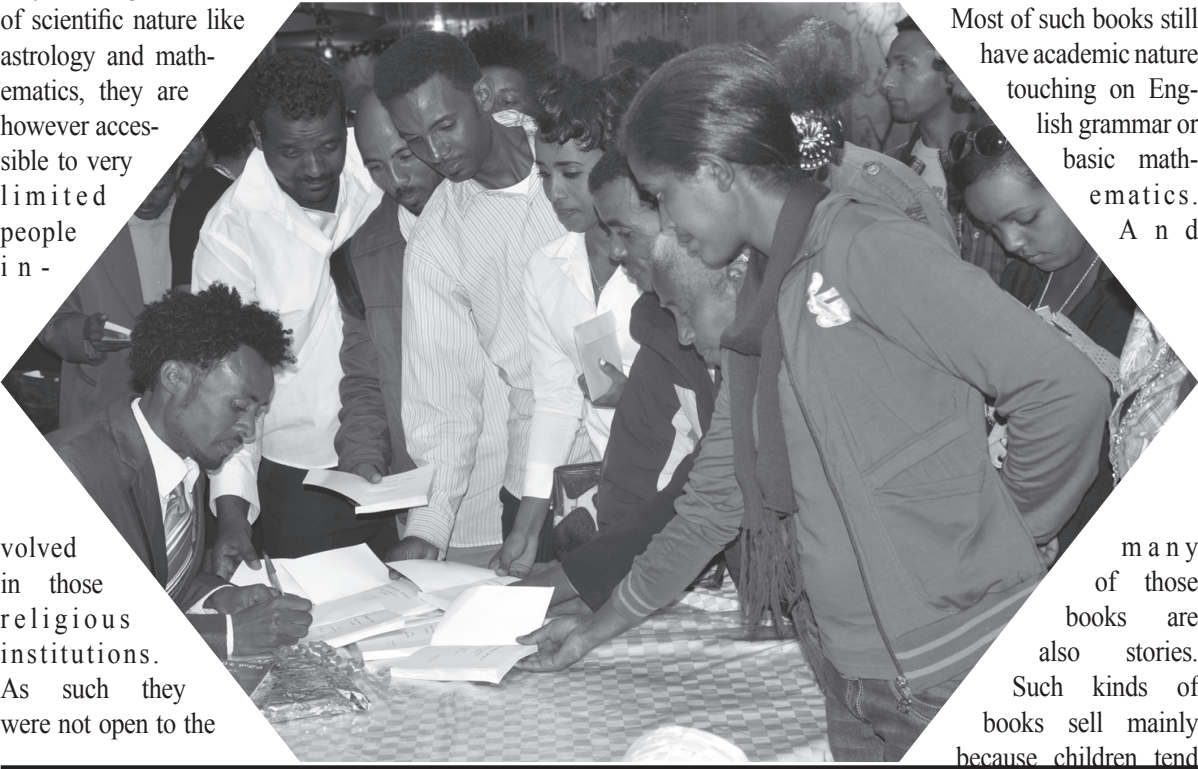


to want whatever they see and of course the propensity of parents to spend money on their young children more. Another kind of books is fiction and novels many of which are translated. This is also encouraged because fictions have the biggest share on whatever is read beside

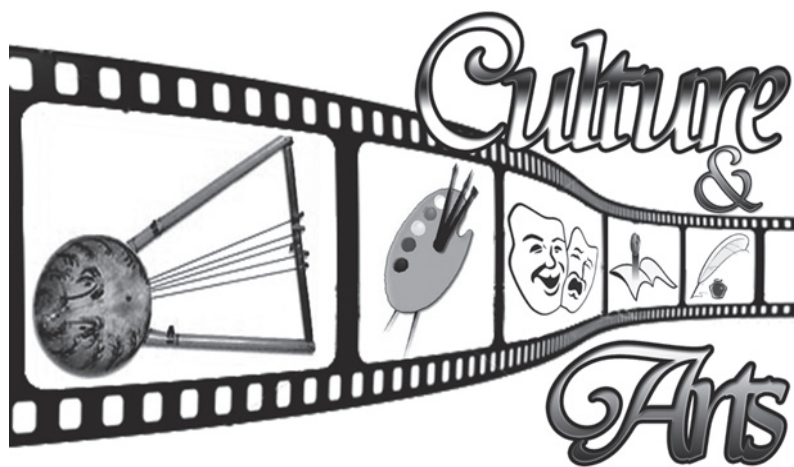
curriculum based books.

Whatever kind of books are produced it cannot be a bad thing. Hence the production of such books should be encouraged even more if it means we are promoting reading in the country. However we should be critical about what is not being produced.

One of the areas where critical intervention is needed as far as writing is concerned is the social and natural sciences. It is true that some attempts are being carried out in trying to write about the history of the country. However, most of the time the books turn out to be anecdotes from the memory of the writers and some singled out events. On its own these deserve some credit and are indeed very important, especially in the future that it can be valuable resources to make analysis. However the history, in its totality and with its analysis and evaluation, is not being addressed. One reason for this can be the fact that it is a very tiresome and expensive endeavor. On top of



involved in those religious institutions. As such they were not open to the



Deny it as you may; however all of you girls have the so called, man of your dreams. I myself have such an idol for the person who I want to end up with. It's kind of a list that we all carry around in our mind and it pops up whenever we are considering a guy for a relationship.

What most girls put in their lists are; he must be handsome, he must be rich and must definitely drive a nice car, he must bring chocolates, flowers and presents now and then, he must be tall and must work out, he has to...the list actually goes on and on. Due to such expectations some girls let go of their soul mate just because he couldn't fit their list

I have never told this to any one because I have been trying

talking and you go like, "Hmm I think I like him." Later you decide to consider him as a suitable companion but you find him not suitable for your list so you just let the list fade away. You start to make excuses for him if he doesn't fulfill your requirements; then one thing leads to another and the next thing you know you are in a relationship.

That has happened to me. He is cute, but not very tall; he has got a nice smile, but it doesn't make me sigh every time I see it; and he only speaks two languages. Nevertheless, I am deeply and incredibly in love with this guy. When he does something that goes against a principle in my list I would stop using that particular

he's not the only guy
in the universe,
but he's the only
one that matters.

to prove not only to people but to myself as well, that I am not like every other girl. I have always said that I don't have any standards set for my husband-to-be; the truth is I do have a list and it is a very long one. Up until a few months ago, I used to care about all the things that every girl wants in a guy. I wanted him to be cute, tall, and fluent in at least four languages and to be someone who has a nice smile that just makes you sigh every time you see it!

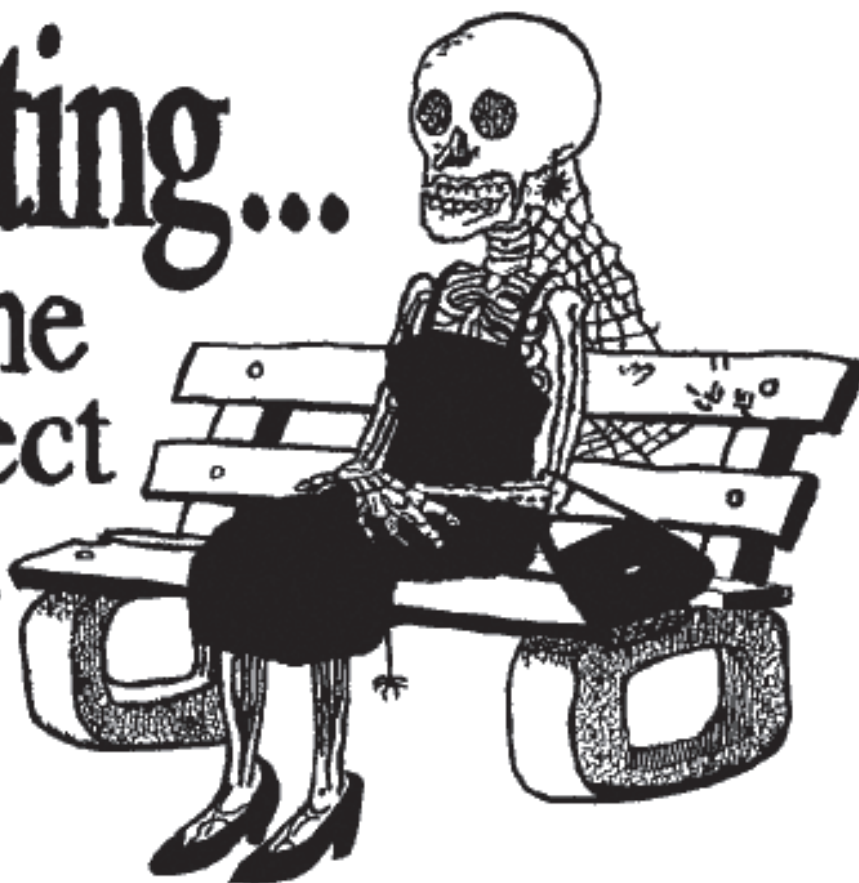
I have always denied that those things don't matter to me as long as the guy is hard-working and wise, well I don't want to anymore. I met a guy a few days ago and he told me that he was sure that I have a list and he told me not to deny it coz it's a fact. It was then that it hit me, and I said to myself. "Oh it's no secret and it's not something to be ashamed of; I'm a girl after all."

However, although my list is long (mostly because I used to add a new thing every now and then) I don't use it anymore. You know when you meet someone out of nowhere, then you just start

thing as a standard and accept his way as the better choice.

When you are making your list, you should do it in the hope of finding someone who can provide

Waiting...
for the
perfect
man.



you with care, respect, appreciation and love. What devastates me the most is that not many ladies emphasize on demanding to be loved. You really don't find it listed in number one or even number two of their irritatingly long list. Money, attractiveness..... then love. Seriously??? You better realize that getting in a relationship is to finally find the right person to live your life with. But I guess money and fame have taken the upper hand in our lives.

The guy you have on your list is someone you may call 'the

perfect guy'. I hate to break it to you but there is no such thing as perfect in this world. A wise man once said, "Even the best ground has weed."

The one for you might have half of the qualities in your list; however, he surely lacks the other half. Nevertheless, his lack of meeting all the standards you have set doesn't make him less perfect. Forget about the list for a second and look at the guy who has won your heart by loving, appreciating and respecting you. It is then that you can clearly see how perfect

your man is.

Besides love is about taming each other; it is about meeting each other halfway. One doesn't keep on behaving as before, once he or she is in love. Attitudes are changed, expectations are lowered and eventually sacrifices are made. One would call it compromising.

If I could show you my list, you would think that the man of my dreams would exist only if he was manufactured according to my list; because no man ever born can match it all.

You can never find the perfect guy; however, love makes you both perfect for each other. I guess that is why they say, "Love is blind." It surveys with the eyes but looks with the heart. My mind disregards my choice of a companion but the lover in me is more than content.

You should not ignore the fact that the word 'perfect' only exists in the dictionary. Perfection occurs in the way we see things. We should always be open minded and we shall try to create perfection instead of look for it.

Make a list, hope for the man of your dreams; I mean you are a girl so be one. However, don't ever try to change your man into the man of your dreams. Accept him for who he is and make him The Man of Your Dreams!

WHY YOUR IDEA OF THE
Perfect Man
MIGHT NOT BE PERFECT FOR
YOU



Many a time important events in the global arena are not presented in their entirety in mainstream media as there is lack of context in most of the information they cover. In response, this column sets out to question this trend by presenting diverse perspectives from as many sources as possible with the underlying aim of bringing to fore context that is culturally, historically, politically and economically relevant to any given topic.

War Porn: hollywood And War From World War II To American Sniper

In the age of the all-volunteer military and an endless stream of war zone losses and ties, it can be hard to keep Homeland enthusiasm up for perpetual war. After all, you don't get a 9/11 every year to refresh those images of the barbarians at the airport departure gates. In the meantime, Americans are clearly finding it difficult to remain emotionally roiled up about our confusing wars in Syria and Iraq, the sputtering one in Afghanistan, and various raids, drone attacks, and minor conflicts elsewhere.

Fortunately, we have just the ticket, one that has been punched again and again for close to a century: Hollywood war movies (to which the Pentagon is always eager to lend a helping hand). American Sniper, which started out with the celebratory tagline "the most lethal sniper in U.S. history" and now has the tagline "the most successful war movie of all time," is just the latest in a long line of films that have kept Americans on their war game. Think of them as war porn, meant to leave us perpetually hyped up. Now, grab some popcorn and settle back to enjoy the show.

There's Only One War Movie

Wandering around YouTube recently, I stumbled across some good old government-issue propaganda. It was a video clearly meant to stir American emotions and prepare us for a long struggle against a determined, brutal, and barbaric enemy whose way of life is a challenge to the most basic American values. Here's some of what I learned: our enemy is engaged in a crusade against the West; wants to establish a world government and make all of us bow down before it; fights fanatically, beheads prisoners, and is willing to sacrifice the lives of its followers in inhuman suicide attacks. Though its weapons are modern, its thinking and beliefs are 2,000 years out of date and inscrutable to us.

Of course, you knew there was a trick coming, right? This little U.S. government-produced film wasn't about the militants of the Islamic State. Made by the U.S. Navy in 1943, its subject was "Our Enemy the Japanese." Substitute "radical Islam" for "emperor worship," though, and it still makes a certain propagandistic sense. While the basics may be largely the same (us versus them, good versus evil), modern times do demand something slicker than the video equivalent of an old newsreel. The age of the Internet, with its short attention spans and heightened expectations of cheap thrills, calls for a higher class of war porn, but as with that 1943 film, it remains remarkable how familiar what's being produced remains.

Like propaganda films and sexual pornography, Hollywood movies about America at war have changed remarkably little over the years. Here's the basic formula, from John Wayne in the World War II-era Sands of Iwo Jima to today's American Sniper:

*American soldiers are good, the enemy bad. Nearly every war movie is going to have a scene in which Americans label the enemy as "savages," "barbarians," or "bloodthirsty fanatics," typically following a "sneak attack" or a suicide bombing. Our country's goal is to liberate; the enemy's, to conquer. Such a framework prepares us to accept things that wouldn't otherwise pass muster. Racism naturally gets a bye; as they once were "Japs" (not Japanese), they are now "hajjis" and "ragheads" (not Muslims or Iraqis). It's beyond question that the ends justify just about any means we might use, from the nuclear obliteration of two cities of almost no military significance to the grimmest sort of torture. In this way, the war film long ago became a moral free-fire zone for its American characters.

*American soldiers believe in God and Country, in "something bigger than themselves," in something "worth dying for," but without ever becoming blindly attached to it. The enemy, on the other hand, is blindly devoted to a religion, political faith, or dictator, and it goes without saying (though it's said) that his God -- whether an emperor, Communism, or Allah -- is evil. As one critic put it back in 2007 with just a tad of hyperbole, "In every movie Hollywood makes, every time an Arab utters the word Allah... something blows up."

*War films spend no significant time on why those savages might be so intent on going after us. The purpose of American killing, however, is nearly always clearly defined. It's to "save American lives," those over there and those who won't die because we don't have to fight them over here. Saving such lives explains American war: in Kathryn Bigelow's The Hurt Locker, for example, the main character defuses roadside bombs to make Iraq safer for other American soldiers. In the recent World War II-themed Fury, Brad Pitt similarly mows down ranks of Germans to save his comrades. Even torture is justified, as in Zero Dark Thirty, in the cause of saving our lives from their nightmarish schemes. In American Sniper, shooter Chris Kyle focuses on the many American lives he's saved by shooting Iraqis; his PTSD is, in fact, caused by his having "failed" to have saved even more. Hey, when an American kills in war, he's the one who suf-

fers the most, not that mutilated kid or his grieving mother -- I got nightmares, man! I still see their faces!

*Our soldiers are human beings with emotionally engaging backstories, sweet gals waiting at home, and promising lives ahead of them that might be cut tragically short by an enemy from the gates of hell. The bad guys lack such backstories. They are anonymous fanatics with neither a past worth mentioning nor a future worth imagining. This is usually pretty blunt stuff. Kyle's nemesis in American Sniper, for instance, wears all black. Thanks to that, you know he's an insta-villain without the need for further information. And speaking of lack of a backstory, he improbably appears in the film both in the Sunni city of Fallujah and in Sadr City, a Shia neighborhood in Baghdad, apparently so super-bad that his desire to kill Americans overcomes even Iraq's mad sectarianism.

*It is fashionable for our soldiers, having a kind of depth the enemy lacks, to express some regrets, a dollop of introspection, before (or after) they kill. In American Sniper, while back in the U.S. on leave, the protagonist expresses doubts about what he calls his "work." (No such thoughts are in the book on which the film is based.) Of course, he then goes back to Iraq for three more tours and over two more hours of screen time to amass his 160 "confirmed kills."

*Another staple of such films is the training montage. Can a young recruit make it? Often he is the Fat Kid who trims down to his killing weight, or the Skinny Kid who muscles up, or the Quiet Kid who emerges bloodthirsty. (This has been a trope of sexual porn films, too: the geeky looking guy, mocked by beautiful women, who turns out to be a superstar in bed.) The link, up front or implied, between sexuality, manhood, and war is a staple of the form. As part of the curious PTSD recovery plan he develops, for example, Kyle volunteers to teach a paraplegic vet in a wheelchair to snipe. After his first decent shot rings home, the man shouts, "I feel like I got my balls back!"

*Our soldiers, anguished souls that they are, have no responsibility for what they do once they've been thrown into our wars. No baby-killers need apply in support of America's post-Vietnam, guilt-free mantra, "Hate the war, love the warrior." In the film First Blood, for example, John Rambo is a Vietnam veteran who returns home a broken man. He finds his war buddy dead from Agent Orange-induced cancer and is persecuted by the very Amer-

icans whose freedom he believed he had fought for. Because he was screwed over in The 'Nam, the film gives him a free pass for his homicidal acts, including a two-hour murderous rampage through a Washington State town. The audience is meant to see Rambo as a noble, sympathetic character. He returns for more personal redemption in later films to rescue American prisoners of war left behind in Southeast Asia.

*For war films, ambiguity is a dirty word. Americans always win, even when they lose in an era in which, out in the world, the losses are piling up. And a win is a win, even when its essence is one-sided bullying as in Heartbreak Ridge, the only movie to come out of the ludicrous invasion of Grenada. And a loss is still a win in Black Hawk Down, set amid the disaster of Somalia, which ends with scenes of tired warriors who did the right thing. Argo -- consider it honorary war porn -- reduces the debacle of years of U.S. meddling in Iran to a high-fiving hostage rescue. All it takes these days to turn a loss into a win is to zoom in tight enough to ignore defeat. In American Sniper, the disastrous occupation of Iraq is shoved offstage so that more Iraqis can die in Kyle's sniper scope. In Lone Survivor, a small American "victory" is somehow dredged out of hopeless Afghanistan because an Afghan man takes a break from being droned to save the life of a SEAL.

In sum: gritty, brave, selfless men, stoic women waiting at home, noble wounded warriors, just causes, and the necessity of saving American lives. Against such a lineup, the savage enemy is a crew of sitting ducks who deserve to die. Everything else is just music, narration, and special effects. War pornos, like their oversexed cousins, are all the same movie.

A Fantasy That Can Change Reality

But it's just a movie, right? Your favorite shoot-em-up makes no claims to being a documentary. We all know one American can't gun down 50 bad guys and walk away unscathed, in the same way he can't bed 50 partners without getting an STD. It's just entertainment. So what?

So what do you, or the typical 18-year-old considering military service, actually know about war on entering that movie theater? Don't underestimate the degree to which such films can help create broad perceptions of what war's all about and what kind of people fight it. Those lurid on-screen images, updated and reused so repetitively for so many decades, do help create a self-reinforcing, common understanding of

what happens "over there," particularly since what we are shown mirrors what most of us want to believe anyway.

No form of porn is about reality, of course, but that doesn't mean it can't create realities all its own. War films have the ability to bring home emotionally a glorious fantasy of America at war, no matter how grim or gritty any of these films may look. War porn can make a young man willing to die before he's 20. Take my word for it: as a diplomat in Iraq I met young people in uniform suffering from the effects of all this. Such films also make it easier for politicians to sweet talk the public into supporting conflict after conflict, even as sons and daughters continue to return home damaged or dead and despite the country's near-complete record of geopolitical failure since September 2001. Funny thing: American Sniper was nominated for an Academy Award for best picture as Washington went back to war in Iraq in what you'd have thought would be an unpopular struggle.

Learning From the Exceptions

You can see a lot of war porn and stop with just your toes in the water, thinking you've gone swimming. But eventually you should go into the deep water of the "exceptions," because only there can you confront the real monsters.

There are indeed exceptions to war porn, but don't fool yourself, size matters. How many people have seen American Sniper, The Hurt Locker, or Zero Dark Thirty? By comparison, how many saw the anti-war Iraq War film-Battle for Haditha, a lightly fictionalized, deeply unsettling drama about an American massacre of innocent men, women, and children in retaliation for a roadside bomb blast?

Timing matters, too, when it comes to the few mainstream exceptions. John Wayne's The Green Berets, a pro-Vietnam War film, came out in 1968 as that conflict was nearing its bloody peak and resistance at home was growing. (The Green Berets gets a porn bonus star, as the grizzled Wayne persuades a lefty journalist to alter his negative views on the war.) Platoon, with its message of waste and absurdity, had to wait until 1986, more than a decade after the war ended.

In propaganda terms, think of this as controlling the narrative. One version of events dominates all others and creates a reality others can only scramble to refute. The exceptions do, however, reveal much about what we don't normally see of the true nature of American war. They are uncomfortable for any of

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