

Propaganda war is a variant of armed conflict. To use the American Civil War cliché (in our case is Dec 13, 2003’s event), it is often won by those who get to the battlefield the “fastest with the moistest”.

I have paid close attention to the spiteful discussion on Gambellatoday.com about the conversation which we, the Diaspora supporters of leading party in Gambella (GPUDM) had with Hon. Omot Obang Olum on Facebook in November 2011 and hate propaganda of the flimsy ARS; this radio propagates lies and hate specially, its recent interview “Tony” Ojulu Juor about condolence for the death of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi. I am so dismay with distortion of the topics, disinformation, and misinformation and misleading by the radio panel. ARS personnel desperately pretend to know who or which organization wrote the letter to Ethiopia government one more time. Its anti-development campaign with intention to degrade pro development group ended two months ago. Since it has been accused of bias for complicating extradition news of our fellows Anyuak, no doubt ARS has been in defensive mode and it has been sulking and seeking revenge to whiz its campaign for second time. Listen to [ARS_full_version.mp3](#)

Frankly, with the exclusion of Gambella Ethiopia Community, the condolence was written by Gambella Community. There is clear distinction between these organizations. So there was no reason to attack GPUDM’s supporters had political hatred not ingrained in the mind of adamant. It is apparent ARS incite our humiliation with confused surrogated Ojulu Jour, self-claimed leader of Gambella Ethiopia Community. He is garrulous and dubious whether Gambella Community means Gambella Ethiopia Community. I am not surprise with duplicity of ARS but seriously doubted my friend Ojulu Jour why not understood clandestine of his counterpart. Anyway, it was hilarious when these two stigmatized human being mumbles. Jour expressed his keenness connection with Omot Obang, Embassy of FDRE and Federal official in effort to engage Diaspora in development activities. Does Ojulu know this is what we were targeted for? However, interferingly this interview only depicts inconsistency and discrimination of radio team in pursuing organizational objectives.

Many of you might have been shocked about the news that flare-up whole community: when our facebook discussion with Omot Obang Olum was posted on gambelatoday.com and aired by ARS. Since then ARS have been harping on stereotyping. We know that genuine concerned people have anticipated gratifying our individual respond to vindicate the accusations. Our silence should not be taken as our weakness and needless to think we conceded this baseless accusation. Indeed, the accusations which they have systematically levelled against us are grave and deserve a far better response. By the way, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to my political party for its genuine response. Listen to [Dr Mang interview.mp3](#)

Those of you, who follow up with this internet radio in Anyuak language, it is explicit that this is where Gambella Democratic Movement (GDM) poses its rhetoric deadly propaganda, discrimination, hatred. From its

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inception we have been very much concerned and so critic on this unethical lethal conducts that would draw Anyuak back in conflict with its neighbouring ethnic groups and create mistrust gap between Anyuak people and Government of Ethiopia. Like any Gambellian we merely concern of infliction of this conducts that would exacerbate what already fragile not only because we are supporters of GPUDM butt also we compassionate the suffering of Gambellian particularly Anyuaks.

On one hand ARS team accused us for blocking Omot Obang from appearing on its ridiculous talk show and it denied working for GDM while Dr. Magn Nyang executive member of GDM claimed and justified the ownership of this radio on another hand. Dr. Magn spoke to Omot Obang as his best friend and asked him to appear on opposition talk show. Indeed, the request declined. We simply advised Omot that it's not worthy of anything to appear on this media since it always twist word to against him. Not too long after radio team proved its unethical behavior when it twisted interview of Omot Obang with VOA. The fact we pressed it hard on radio team, Omot Obang had already taken decision. Please listen to interviews bellow. [👉 Omot Obang Interview with VOA](#)

Though our conversation was remodeled to fit in propaganda tool of GDM, it is still quite clear that the discussion was particularly concentrated on lethal conduct of radio team and those behind. It was not about Anyuak people in general nor was it about event of Dec 13, 2003 or whatsoever as this mouthpiece team aired it. In our discussion, leave alone shutting down the radio; the option to push only reckless Agwa out of former radio group was even thing of the past. And our suggestion in that conversation was to have a media that would be inclusive and would report the development activities. It was not to assassinate Agwa or to go through his wife and ruin his family live as he asserted. This particular allegation neither found nor any reverence in our discussion. I am wondering why Agwa interpreted different words into such kind of meaning, if he loves his wife. Please read it again and prove how ignorance Agwa emboldened himself with this cheap lies. Honestly speaking; could Agwa be one of them if EPRDF or GPUDM on hunt for Diaspora dissenters? There are eminent oppositions out there. It's very funny. DR. Magn and Ojulu Jour himself went to Ethiopia; none of them was mistreated but given hospitality by Government instead.

There is ground for legitimate concern about some events within Gambella Region, about how development has been carried out in the region and the pace at which the development activities have been implemented but many issues discussed on this radio have been greatly exaggerated, sometimes grotesquely so. Their continuous anti-development engenders us to believe that this radio is promoting obscure opposition and objectives of few individuals. Most of these people are hypocrites, egocentric, and ethnocentric. They are hindering others to take investment prospect rendered by the government and they are trying to block Gambella citizens from participating in development activities while they are entrepreneurs and shareholders of multi-million dollars projects in Gambella.

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However, none of us could wean off ARS from nursing the sheep with lion milk. Its swift provocative messages and the devastating effect of its service on society had been witnessed in last six months. For those who follow up with this internet radio, its direct effective contribution to last few months' havoc on Anyuak people in Gambella, and its partnership with GDM is unquestionable. Hence for team to deny responsibility would be simply in vine. It can bark 24/7 on radio and paint us with any color but not enough to reshape itself.

One may pose question why radio team has to make up such accusations? Prior, there was an article written to distorted my interview with Alula Abanega Paltak as if I denied the event of December 13, 2003 in Gambella town; followed by another article with character threatening contents such as “wherever you go, we will make sure that each and every Anyuak knows about you. We will follow you wherever you go and weed you out” their obvious scheme to de-humanize us in order to gain grass-root support, sketched long time ago; and this Facebook discussion was just awaiting time bomb. These articles were written by those in full support of radio team and under influence of fear of losing Diaspora support induced by our assignment by Gambella Regional Government for Diaspora development awareness. Obviously, those obsolete individuals are known to work for Government departments in Gambella which encompass RRC, Education Bureau and many of them were disposed from their offices or charged for mismanagement, corruption and other delinquencies. Others were charged of robbery and plundering of banks and properties such as grain mills during transitional Government. Because they are not going back to Ethiopia, by any means they have to jeopardy development initiative by putting the entire region in chaos or risk the life Anyuak since they have nothing to lose anyway.

Therefore, while it is true that many questionable things have happened within Gambella in the last 20 year, the depiction by the radio panel of GPUDM supporter jars with reality. This is called “*the controlled dissemination of deliberately distorted notions in an effort to induce action favourable to predetermined ends of special interest groups*” but they don't realize that developing Gambella and the peaceful living of our people is our common interest.

To all Anyuak, we must realize that the Dec 13's atrocity committed by livid mop and hooligans has left us with no option but to choose peace living with clear understanding of the past experience. I have a deep compassion for the victims of December 13; widows, orphans, sister, bothers, and all Anyuak in general. It is not in my best interest that your torment would be used by the insurgent group as one way to vilify us in order to achieve their political objective which is to enervating GPUDM and to dehumanize its supporters. Dec 13, 2003 was the worst day of my life and the memory of that day still fresh in my mind. It's said that “if the nose is hit, the eyes will cry”. Instead of continuing to mourn, I have chosen to move forward and forgive as Desmond Tutu said “without forgiveness there is no freedom, no future...” We have to understand that “holding a grudge is like drinking poison and waiting for your enemy to die”. This is not the kind of forgiveness that you go to your offender and say I forgive you. It's when you say I can't change the past but I can change the future. “Forgiving

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is not forgetting; it's actually remembering and not using your right to hit back. It's a second chance for a new beginning. And the remembering part is particularly important especially if you don't want to repeat what happened.” I know that most people cannot do that, especially victims' relatives.

Dear reader, our facebook Discussion Group was an open discussion groups for anybody who embrace idea of development and poverty eradication. Overall, anybody was welcomed to join us. We know better the nature and insecurity of facebook. Accordingly, we would be so naïve to discuss any secrete on facebook. By its nature, facebook is social media where slangs and harsh languages commonly use, and it very rarely cited for publishing authentic documents unless for the above purpose.

Finally, though the intention of this article is to expose cynical and pathological lies of ARS and its crest GDM, I would like to leave you with these remarks. In due course it manifests itself as foe which left us with no option but to pay close attention to its activities now and then. What the team does conspiracy for imminent life-threatening to us and our families as it monotonously speak of it. History might repeated itself here as it successfully done to late leader of GPLM and others in era of EPRDF. Our motto is '**Peace and Development**'. But in persuade destitute Anyuak, it quite understood ARS and its associates who detest this motto use grievances to blackmail us hence it promote self-interest perhaps leadership. While we fight our common enemy [poverty] and development impediments, I warn our good friends to stay out of incursions; no one should expect mercy at venue. We should not be hated because of our leniency on what described as enemy and our prudent for future of our society. Our quest for peace and development, our determination and our future will never deter or reshape by the extremist acts. If the debacle GDM/ARS want reinvigorate itself has to address its supporters where about its Prisoners Of War (POW).

This is solely my personal view. It does not reflect the views of my political party and others at all. And don't think I use derogatory terms but those are the realities.

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