



## ASPER - As Bold as a Lion

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It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centres of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and injustice. Robert F Kennedy

Every so often people rise with a vision that they would live and die for. With a passion to inspire people, through their bravery to stand up for justice and integrity... Often such people stand alone, in the face of tyranny that maintains its grip onto power by invisible and visible intimidation... a thread so flimsy it would disintegrate if challenged....

We all know that the only way to deal with a bully is by standing up to them! And by keeping standing up to them every time for as long as it takes! We must be willing and prepared to stand alone if necessary for as long as necessary to express our outrage at being pushed a notch too far!

Asper and Co have once again demonstrated to us that we are indeed a people with a voice and a lion's roar of a voice at that... a roar that comes from knowing ours is a call for justice and righteousness that can't be wrong footed... a confidence that comes from the realisation that sooner or later every Eritrean worth his salt would be rising to these same rally calls... Justice for all! And if it means that for now few stand alone and keep the fire burning that can only mean a calling for the most courageous among us... to stand alone if necessary is what courage is!

People of courage never look to the side for sustenance and reassurance theirs is sourced from within... they do not need the comfort of cheering crowds to pave their way... knowing the right thing and standing up to be counted is all the compass they require... a calling so deep... a determination so steadfast... a commitment so unwavering... a passion unrelenting... such people need to be recognised for their heroism...

Folks my only regret is the fact that I am not going to be there physically but you know that I am standing with you every inch of the way...and with every one of your rally calls....JUSTICE FOR ALL!!!... see you all when you get back... I hope we will get to catch up at NECS...

In the mean time remember;  
The righteous are as bold as a lion  
Proverbs 28:1  
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