# Part 2-ሸምባረዲ ደፍእድናዲ- Eulogy and Condolences

Hyab T. Yohannes:

#### EULOGY FOR TEKIE ALIBEKIT 1949 - 2023

It is with deep sorrow that I write to honour Tekie Alibekit for his significant contribution to the continuity of our community and to mourn his passing into the hands of God.

Tekie was born in 1949, to a family of subsistence farmers in a small village called Enchinaq in Eritrea. He attended primary school in Ashera from 1959 to 1965 and secondary education in Keren from 1965 until 1971. Upon completion, he worked for six years as a teacher and director at Lalmba School in Keren. Those who studied with him would say that Tekie was an exceptionally gifted student, mentoring many of his peers whilst also focussing on his own studies.

In 1961, when Tekie was twelve years old, the Eritrean War of Independence commenced against neighbouring Ethiopia, and would continue for thirty years. The ongoing state of war was accelerating the destruction of Eritrean people and their culture and ways of life. In 1977, Tekie left Eritrea, settling in Norway, where he would stay for the remainder of his life, continuing his community work and quest for freedom. He forged strong friendships with academics and linguists, becoming respected and admired in his work and fields of expertise.

Tekie Alibekit, writer, linguist, statesman, community leader and father, kept our languages alive, giving our own words back to us, by first helping to develop a written language, then standardising and teaching us how to use them. Language, the binding force of a community, gives us our unique perspective. The words we choose to define our culture are the same words we choose to define ourselves. Tekie knew that when a language dies, the culture quickly follows, leaving members of that cultural group bereft and rootless. Language binds us together, providing a means of communicating that was uniquely ours. The loss of that language would precipitate a catastrophic decline, with the populace losing its distinctive sense of self. Our rich legacy of customs and traditions, which relied upon spoken words being passed down through generations, eroded when the words were taken away, replaced by languages inflicted upon us by a succession of conquerors. Irreplaceable legacies, lost in translation. This loss is what Tekie tirelessly worked to prevent.

A humble man, Tekie became a beloved community leader 'in absentia', using his visionary genius to transform the Blin people and their linguistic and cultural identity throughout the world. Leading by example, his humility, compassion and empathy assured his position as beloved father-figure for the entire community. Tekie worked tirelessly for over four decades to safeguard the culture and rich heritage of the Blin people. He supported our community radio shows, where he regularly inspired us to mend the damage that many years of involuntary displacement and inter-generational trauma had inflicted upon us. He cofounded <a href="Daberi.org">Daberi.org</a> where he published messages of hope and stories of accomplishment and triumph, examples we could relate to and emulate. He had a highly developed social conscience and was regularly called upon to reconcile communities during community rifts. His quest for social justice was unmatched, as was his skill in achieving acceptable outcomes. In a life punctuated with conflict and forced displacement, Tekie invariably focussed on peace and community building.

I was merely one of the very many Eritreans in whom he took a personal interest. Over the last two years or so, Tekie mentored me from distance, encouraging me to fulfil the potential he saw in me, and providing me with options and alternatives I otherwise would have lacked. I cannot adequately express the gratitude I feel for the faith he expressed in me and the passion to achieve that he inspired in me.

Tekie stood tall, like a lighthouse, offering a beacon of hope for scattered war-torn people. He was the reference point where people would gather, providing a place of stability and sanctuary. The light he shone upon us allowed us to believe that we could rescue our culture, preserving the best and learning from the rest. It is a rare thing to find a man who genuinely desires goodness for all who cross his path, who treats the displaced and dispossessed with the same kindness and consideration as he treated himself. Tekie was such a man and the world is a lesser place today for his absence.

Hyab T. Yohannes

30 Jan 2023

#### Blina Shama UK: ሔቦ ክንሱራ ተኪኤ ዓልበኪት (1949-2023)

ሓይስዲ ሕሹምዲ ከንሱራ ተኪኤ ዓልበኪትር ፊዄድ፡ ገሪኹዲክ ጐሀይንኹንኽር ብሸትንኹንኽር። ይናኽርዲ ይናዳንዲ ሓይስ ተኪኤ፡ ገቢለት ብሊናዂድ ዳበርኒል ኒሽኊልድ ተርሰ ቂርዲ ገርክዲ ኒአምርዲ ኒጣልዲ ኒወክትዲ በቃቅኒ ተወሀትድ ኒ'ትልምሲ ፍሪል ገእሰ ብራ ክሰክ ሺባ ሓዳይስ ትልም ተለሙ ኒ'እርባና ለብድጊ ሀንበኩ ይኑንሲክ፡ ኒ'እሰውሊ ድንጋሕድ ሓመድግኒሉ ምል ይኖ ዋንትኑ ጃቢቱዂ። ከንሱራ ተኪኤ 50 ኣመራ ጃብ ኒ'ክኒት ድን ደንቢ፡ ከረንሊ ክንስነስ ተርሰንትልድ ኒ'ክሪ- ፈንክል ኣኽራሲክ ከንስኒልድ ካረምላ። ብሊንዲ ብሊናርዲ ይናዓዳትዲ ጋብዲት ዳበርድኒል ኒበሀርድኻ ይና አውንናር እዲኒ-ቀሓትድ አርእ'ስኒል፡ ኣሪ ገባይልዲ መጢትኖ ይናጋብድ ኣኽን ይናክቱብድ መደርኖኽር ሸፍሸፍኖኽር መታን ለምለም የግናኹ ለመለምዮ እና ናን ሀንብና ቀሓትሊ ገእ ይኖ ክንሱራ ተኪኤ እሰዥ ገርዳ በሀር ኮት ግን። ከንሱራ ተኪኤ ብሊንድ ገሪ ክቱብ ሽፍሸፎ ደፍተሩዂ። ወጨጣት እዲኒ-ቀሓትድ ኣክውሊ ብሊና ቲዃ ኣኾዲቢቱኹ፡ መሀርዱኹር መርሒኹር። ኒሰና ብሊና ህጃም፡ ጋብዲ ዓዳትዲት ናደርደርብድ እንኩራኹር ሓብረዲ አምርዲ እዋኹር ዳበሪ (Daberi.org) ይስታኹ ሓብረር ሰቀርዲ መገለይዲ ኒጨርዲክ ገበሮ፡ ዲጣ መንደርታኹ ፈላኻዲ ዳኻጋኹ ወረበዲ በለላኹ ሰሙይዲ ገበሮ ደኩኹ። ብሊና ገበኢለትሊ ክንሱራ ተኪኤር ዶር በሀር ኣኾ ይና ህጃምሊ ዲመክ እልብርሱ መንደርትሮ ግን።

ክንሱራ ተከኤር ክኺናርዲ እንጅብናርዲ ትክዲ ደገምሶ ድ첏ስተው ኣኽላ። ብሊን ላ'ናን እኽኖ፡ ላ'ሻሚል ሻሚትኖ ገረሰናዂ ደርብ የመሞ ስኩሱዂር ክንሲዅር መዀዅኽር። ሕሳንዲ እንከሊዲሲ መንደርትኖ ቂርዲ ገርክዲ ከደሙዅ። እምንድክ ግናይዲሻ ግናይ በሀርዲኻ በሀር ኣኾ ቂልስኹን ይጊ፡ ናትክሲ ዕባብድ ጇጝዲሱኽር ኮድኚሱኽር እርኍዅ። ኒቆልድ ኣኽን ኒግብርድ፡ ናትክሲ እንክሊዲ ተክልብዲሲ እኺርኺር ምኹርኖኽር ካቢኖኽር ተዓየቦ ደኩኹ።

እካ ወጨም ብሊና ሻማ *እንግ*ሊዝ ብሪዂ 03/02/2023

# **Zekarias Ginbot:**

My tributes and reflection on the death of a dear friend,

Mr Tekie Albekit, February 10, 2023

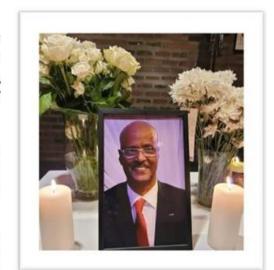
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ነበንታ ክራ 😥

ማርጋ 07.02.2023 መምህር ተከኤ ዓልበኪት-ቲ ስብድንዂን። ኒዕያልዲ፡ ኒሻንዲ፡ ኖርወይሊ መንደርትው ይናከውዲ፡ ወረቢቍርዲ፡ በለድቍርዲ፡ አሪ በለዳትልድ እንተው በላይንዲ፡ ተከኤር ተክሲ ደለይደውዲ፡ ኒዲ ከድመትድ አርእስትንው ኒማስዲ ማቀልዲ ኣኸኖ ስብድንዂንሉ።

ነበንታ ከራ© ህንቢለ፡ ደኲለ ይሮ ዋስጋዂ፡ ይና ድገር ገሻዂሲ፡ ኒድ ጀመርናዂሲ፡ ገሪውድ እኸርሲ፡ ኰድኚሰንተስ፡ አረከንተስ፡ ገውረንተስ፡ ይና መምሀርሲ አድሩዂ። ተከኤር ከራ፡ ሕረምዲ ጀገንዲት ስርሲዂ፡ ብሊናርሲ የተምዱዂ።

ተከኤር ክራ ዋስስቶሰና፡ ብሊና ኒህምባዂሊክ ባኻኸሩዂ። ክተብና ማርስ ሻዃ ክቱብድ ስሪዂ፡ አሪዂካ ዝን ይዂ፡ እስነውክ አርእንብስቲዂና። ላኪን ንቡር ኣኸነዲን፡ ደብቲዂ፡ ስብድንዂንሉ።



አርብል ሕበርሰው ከው፡ ዳስለ. ወንተርኖሰና፡ አማ ላዂ ላዂድ፡ ናድ ዋስስታዂሲ ኃቢድኖ ባኸት አርኖሰና ተከኤር ድማምዲ፡ ኒትክዲ፡ እርኃዂሉ ሕላንዲት ጇጝስቲኒዂ። ብሊና ኃብ ዳበርዶር መታን፡ ኒዲ ከደሙ አርነው፡ ይና ኣዀር ቀረጭሱዂ ይኖ ስሩኑ፡ ትልመስ ተለለይድድኖ ኣኸነት ቆል ቱኑዂ። ተከኤዲ ዲቢቱ እርነው፡ ኲት እንኃ ዲባ፡ ውራ ተኪሮ ግን ይኖ ስሪኒዂ። ኣንኸር ይስረነሲክ ስሪያ፡ ይዂሲክ-ያ፡ ባኸት አሮ ዋኑ፡ ባእባእ-ዮ ህንብዂን። ይማዳ መርሑም፡ ዓልበኪት ዓንዱ-ትር አልብድዂን፡ ኃብ ድድዂለ፡ ቆላት ሽኊዂለ። ናትክ ጃር ርሓምናት።

ተኬአ፡ ሳቡር ግር ጋ እንትግሪንሪ ይስታ ከወልድ እርግላ፡ ኒሂወትድ ዋኑኸር፡ ኒትከዲ፡ ኒግደራ በሀርኮትዲሲ፡ ሳብስተዂዲ አርእስታዅዲ እርጉዂ። ተከኤ ብሊናርድ እኸር ግን፡ ይና ብሊናርሊ፡ ለመድ-ዲ አምርዲሲ፡ ይና ፕሮፌሰር ግን። ብሊና- ኃብዲ፡ ድግምዲ ዳበሮ፡ ናው ገአይሮ ሻዂሊ ገእየን፡ ተከኤ ኒጨርዲ ኣኾ ተርሲነዲን ግን። ኤውርጳ ደገጊተል፡ ብሊና ሻናር ተበን፡ ከው ኣክነን፡ ተኬአ ኰድኚስነዲንና፡ ተርሲሲነዲንና ግን ዮ መስከሪያ ግን።

ይብሕቶሲ እንቲ ኡረለ ኲድንዲ፡ እንቲ ቋሊስራ ሻናርዲሲ ሓመዱ፡ ኲጪወዲ ፈራዕዲት ጃር አጣን እውናት፡ ኲትኻ ትክያዥሊ ከለብርንኲት የኲን።

Rest in Peace big Brother

ዘካርያስ ገ. ግንቦት

# Kbreab Tesfamichael

#### **ኦስሎ** 07/02- 2023

#### አጃ ሰኚ ተከኤ

ሳቡር ግር*ጋ እንትግሪንሪ የከ*ተ ይና ከው። ተከኤ ንኪ ኣኽላ ኵሳቡር ሰልፍ። ኵተርዷክ ሳብስትሪዥ። ኵክልዷ ኵመስዋትዷ ኵቍርዷ፣ ተኸትድ ኣኽን ቅብላድ አርአውካ ሳቡኑካ ድዩኒዥ። እናሓን ንኪ ተኸትዷ ሺራዥዷትልድ፣ በርዷ ባሓርዷት ካሮ ኵት ሳሪሕሮ እንቶ ህምበው ኵዷ ለገደው ኵዷ መሀርሰው ኵዷ ከደመው ድ**ዊ**ኒን።

ተር ይረንትልድ አምበታዅ ይሹሺ ይጃኸራድ ይማስድ ካያ ይላ። ይወረባድ ይገቢስትድ ይበለድድ ይሩ ኵናሓር፣ ኵአምር ላኽን ኵማል በቀቅላ። ጨገምታዅስክ አውኒኒ፣ አውድዅኒ ይግሪ ካበሪዥ፣ ጋር ኒና ይገቢስትሲ ዓውቲሳ ጋር ግን ይራዅልክ ሀከይስግሪኽር ሳժ ከብግሪኽር ግደል ይሩዥ። እኺርኺር ሻክነን ማልዷ አምርዷ ጨገመለና ያዅ ረአይ ትሩድሲ ሻኽሮ ከደምሩ እርግሩዥ።

ተከኤ ኖርወይትል፣ ክሱብንኻ ኦስሎትል፣ ይና *መ*ሱና*ዲ ይ*ና ኩድ*ሻንታዲ ይና መቅራሓንታዲ* ኣኽሮ እኺርኺር ሻኽኖ ሕሳንድ ፈርነሰና ሀብሪዥ። ተከኤ ኵት *እንጋ*ዥ ይና ዲባ ታምም ኣኽላ። ተከኤ ካምቢስርዅና።

ተከኤ ኵዅድ ኒትክ ይኖ ኣክነን ግርግ ተማምክር ኣቅትጊድና። ላሪ ነት ሀደጊያ ጀረበሪ ደኣም *ጋ*ብ ብሊንሲ ቋላዅድ እና ሁመት ኒል ኣኽራሲክ እና ፈለኻ ኩዅስኮት ባራዅ እላ።

ተከኤ ይዳን ይቅዳዥ ተከኤ ይመ*ጋ*ሲት ተከኤ ይጎማቱዥ ፈርዳዥልክ ዳሕና ተለይንኵት እንትራዥልካ *ጫዕዳ*ዥ ጎፍ ሲንኵት።

#### ደሓን ኩን ተከኤ

መዓልቲ ናእዳ ኣይትምጻእ ዝበሃል ምስላ ኣሎና። ተከኤ ሎሚ ኣይኮንካን ንመጀመርያ ጊዜ ትንኣድ ዘሎኘ። ኣቦታትካን መሳቱኻን ደቅኻን፣ ብኣካል ኮነ ብሸምካ ዝፈልጡኻ ካብ ቀደም ኣትሒዞም ክንእዱኻ ጸኒሖም። እዞም ሎሚ ከፋንዉኻ ካብ ርሑቅን ቀረባን መጺኦም ዘለዉ መተዓብይትኻ፣ መማህርትኻ፣ መሳርሕትኻ ይንገሩ።

ካብ መጀመርያ ኣትሒዝካ ንርእሰይ፣ ንስድራይ፣ ነዕሩኸይ ዋራሕ ኣይበልካን። ምእንቲ ህዝበይ ብምባል ክእለትካን ጉልበትካን ገንዘብካን ኣይነሓፍካን። ንዝተጸገመ መን ኢዩ፣ ካበይ ኢዩ ከይበልካ ሓጊዝካ። ንረብሓ ህዝበይ ኢዩ ኣብ ዝበልካዮ ጉዳይ ከይተሃከኻን ተስፋ ከይቀረጽካን ተቃሲስካ። ሓቢርና ክንሰርሕ እንተኽኢልና ንኩሉ ሽግር ክንፈትሕ ዘይንኽእል ሰባት ኣይኮናን ዝብል ጽኑዕ እምነት ነይሩካ።

ተከኤ፣ ኣብ ኖርወይ ብፍላይ ከኣ ኣብ ኦስሎ፣ ዓንድናን መኻሪናን ኩንካ ብምርድዳእን ልዝብን ከምንጕዓዝ ገርካ። ተከኤ ንስኻ ዘይብሉ ባይቶና ምልኣት የብሉን።

ተከኤ ብዝዕባኻ ክንዛረብ እንተኾና ምሉ*እ መዓ*ልቲ እውን ኣይምኣኸለናን፣ ሓንቲ ነገር ግን ክጠቀስ፣ ቋንቋ ብሊን ብዝምልከት ክሳብ እዚ ዘሎናዮ እዋን ካብ ናትካ ዝዓቢ ኣሰር ዝገደፈ የሎን።

ተከኤ ሓወይ ምዕባየይ ኮፍ መባህልተይ መማኽርተይ ብሰላም ዕረፍ፣ ኣብ ዠኽድካዮ ጻዕዳ ይጽናሕካ። ክብረአብ ተስፋሚካኤል

# **Mewes Gebre Adm**

# ተኪኤ ዓልበኪት

ጉሂዲ ክብርዲ ሓበርስኩማ ላዶንትል፣ ካይትለማ ይና ሞዳይ ኤከይ ሁጮትል፣ ኤርባትልማ ተማህለልንን እማ ኳራትል፣ ጃራ *ገ*ምና ጉሹኹ ዲማ ይና ክርጮትል፡ እና ክራ ነበታ፣ ለከምለማ ደናሽ ተኪኤትር።

ጀላ ጀላልካ ይና ደራ ሓዋን የላ ባቂዕር፡ RIP ኒትክ እክብረኩ በሀር ኣኽን ግናይር፡ ተኪኤታ ታሚትሮና፡ ኪድርድ ባርደኽር፡ ጨልሞትድሩኹ ንቢለትሲ ወሽ ይለና ኰድጛኽር፡ ኒሰና ያኹ ሞሀድቶ፡ ክሚታማ ሕላንሻር፡፡

ተኪኤ ጀማጀማ፡ 2004 ግን፡ ይ ሰልፋ ቋልነካ፡ ይና ዲበስ ወልዕሮ፡ ብሊና ዓዳት ሓበን ኣኾካ፡ ኩታዊና ባሪህ፡ ኩንሻ ፋሪሕ፡ ኒውክ ሰላም ዩካ፡ ድልቕልቕ ይንኹን ኩሻን ለንደንዱ ይና ለበኪል ኣድኖካ፡ እድንያ ካይኒ፡ ላኰራ ናኽረ ባርቶና ግን፡ ኣዊ ዮካ።

ብሊንድ ሸፍሸፍኖ ሶፍትወየር እንዳኸድ ኡሮና፡ ኲማዳ ዳንኤልዲ ኣኽሮ ኒትክ ቋሊስሮና፡ ኰድጛ ማ ይቶ፡ እማ አምር ኒትክ ሞጠይሮና፡ ጥላሕ ድኳ ይለና ኲታሚት፡ ብሊና ሰርሳ ኣኽሮና፡ ተምነትንኹን ይና ጃርሊ ዲማ ይና *ገ*ቡትል ኣኽቶና።

ኒውክ ኩደምቢ፡ ምርወት፡ ሓበን፡ እንከሊ ብሊናኹሲ፡ ጂኚስትሪዂ ድግምሲ፡ ጃብራ ሞርኪስሩ በስክዲሪዂ ዖኒዂሲ፡ ሺሽድሮኽር ባርድላ፡ ኒ ኢትዮቢልድ ኒ ቱርኪ-ግብጺሲ፡ ስርዲዂ ና ምጨትድ፡ ንሞልድሩኽር ጀንጀዱኽር ኲከውሲ፡ አወስክ ደንምኖ፡ ተኪኤ ጀኸና፡ እንቲ እስረውሲ።

ብሸትድሩዂ ብሊንሲ፡ ኩከውሲ፡ ይሻኒ መሓሪተትር፡ ውራ ይሰተው ዋነ፡ እክብ ሲማኩት ጀነትል፡ መሓሪተዲ ኲ ከውዲት አማን ኡውናት ሰብርር፡ **ኲ ሓሪትታ** *ን***ምል ማን፡ መዳርታዥ ማን ኲ ክብር፡፡** 





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<sup>1</sup> አሰር = ፈላኻ