

## Garasuu Dhukii



Garasuu Dhukii goota Oromoo waraana Xaaliyaanii waraanun beekkamu yoo ta'u irra caala naannoo Walisoo fi Jimmatti Xaaliyaanii wajjin waraana geggeessaa ture. Boodarras bulchaa konyaa 'Caboo fi Guraagee' ta'ee hojjateera.

Garasuu Dhukii abbaa isaa Dhukii Gulummaa fi haadha isaa Warqee Elemoorraa Caamsaa 1905 dhalate. Bakki dhaloota isaa karaa Finfinneeraa gara magaalaa Walisootti geessu cinaatti kan argamu iddoo Maaruu jedhamutti ture. Umuriin isaa barumsaaf akka ga'een, maatiin isaa waldaa amantii Orotodoksii Maaruu Mikaa'el jedhamurraa barsiisaa mindeessuun obbolaa isaa wajjin barumsa mana amantichaa akka hordofu taasisan.

Tapha Garasuun jaalatu keessaa inni guddaan fardaan gulufuu ture. Akkuma ijoollee abbaa lafaa naannoo Maaruu, fardaan gulufuu, gaachana qolachuu, eeboo darbachuu fi adamoo shaakalaa ture. Abbaa isa duukaa waltajjii addaa addaarratti argamuun akkaataa dubbii barachaa hojiirra oolchuun hunda durse. Ija jabinaa fi ciminaa isaa kanarraa kan ka'e, bifa farda inni yeroo hundaa gulufsiisuu jaalatuun umurii waggaa kudhanitti maqaan masoo 'Abbaa Booraa' jedhu kennameef. Yeroo dirree waraanaa ture farda adii yaabbatullee, maqaadhuma kanaan hamma lubbuun isaa darbuutti waammamaa ture.

Yeroo tokko mootii Hayilasillaasee fi haatii warraa isaa bishaan hoo'aa lafa keessaa burqu kan Walisoo daawwachuuf yeroo deemanitti, Garasuun farda isaatiin fuuldura gulufuun karaa agarsiisaa ture. Sana malees, fuulduratti ba'uun waa'ee naannichaa haasawa namaa hawwatuu fi ogummaan guutame uummataa fi mootichaf taasise. Martuu itti gammadee, 'Ijarraa hafi; guddadhu' jedheen. Ogummaa fi ciminni akkasumas, ija jabinni isaa qalbii mootii fi giiftii seenee ija gaarin akka isa ilaalan taasise. Odeeffannoo Gabramaaram Gaarii irraa argamee fi waan guyyicha hubatanirraa ka'uun guyyuma sana Finfinneetti waamsisuun Ministeera Ittisaa keessatti ajaja mootitiin akka mindeeffamu ta'e. Loltummaan is waggoota torbaaf erga tajaajile booda jabinaa fi amanamummaa isaatiin filatamee itti dhiyeenyaan mooticha akka tajaajilu taasifame. Waggoota muraasaaf mootii erga tajaajilee booda, eeyyama mootiitiin loltoota ilma isaa Asfaawasanitti makame.

Garasuun loltoota Asfaawasan waliin gara Walloo deemuun achirraas Ambaalaagee kan jiran loltoota Raas Kaasaatti dabalamuun Xaaliyaaniitti duulan. Lola Tambeenitti geggeeffamee fi kan Maayicawurratti geggeeffame keessatti loltuu diinaa madfii fi matarayasii, qilleensarraa ammoo, Xiyyaaraan gaasii summii facaasuun lolu jala dhaabachuu waan dadhabaniif kaan dhumanii kaan booji'amanii, kaan ammoo baqatanii lubbiin harkaa ba'anii gara Wallootti deebi'uun karaa Warra Iluu magaalaa Finfinnee galan. Haala kana keessatti cimina geggeessummaa isarraa kan ka'e loltoonni Garasuu dursaa turan.

Kumalaa Garasuun erga Finfinneetti deebi'ees, katannoo fi jaalala biyya isaatiif qaburraan kan ka'e, naannoo dhaloota isaa Maarutti deebi'uun qabsoo itti fufuuf murteesse. Yeroo kana mootii Hayilasillaaseen hoggantoota waraanaa hedduu wajjin biyya Ingilaanditti baqate. Kaan ammoo, Xaaliyaanitti harka kennan; gariisni ni booji'aman; kaan ammoo ni dhuman. Kun marti Garasuu fi gootota akka isaa jilbiinfachiisuu hin dandeenye. Waggoota shaniif yeroo Xaaliyaaniin biyyicha bulchaa turte keessatti loltuu isaa wajjin riphee loluun diina bahaa-gala dhowaa ture. Kallattiinis ba'uun diina humna lafoo fi qilleensaan lolu moo'achaa loltoota hedduu booji'aa, barbadeessaa, kanneen jalaa biiji'aman deebifachaa qabsoo hidhannoo fi hojii gootummaa itti fufe.

Geggeessitoonni Xaaliyaanii fi baandaan sodaatanii yeroo hedduu araaraaf jaarsa itti ergaa turan. Garasuun gargaarsa uummataa fi onnee waan qabuuf shiraa fi kiyyoo isaanitiin qabamuu hin dandeenye. Roorrisaan biyya abbaa qabu gabroomfate fi baandaan biyyaa isaa saamsisuun alagaa jala kaatu ramaca caalaa isa guba ture. Keesumaa uummanni Itoophiyaa Xaaliyaanotaan Finfinneerratti ajjeefame ijasaa duraa baduu dide. Guyyaa tokkollee osoo miila isarraa rasaasan rukutamee loltoonni harkaa dhumanii kanneen hafan ammoo isa gatanii deemanitti akkas jechuun yaadannoo isaa barreesse. "Ani Garasuudha; hojii koos xumureera; du'us giroo koo miti; kan na yaadessu garuu Finfinneen bakki uummanni koo irratti dhume bilisa baatee osoo hin argin du'uu kooti" jedhe.

Haa ta'u malee, yeroo marfame sanatti diina jalaa ba'uun madaan isaa fayyee loltoota abdi kutatanii facaan walitti qabuun lola itti fufe. Dhumni hojii gootummaa Garasuu lola Jimmarratti Xaaliyaanii wajjin geggeeffame. Garasuun loltoota diina kan Jimmarra buufatan marsuun yaadessesse. Loltoota Garasuun hoogganuun marfamuu cinaatti oduuun biyyatti deebi'uu mootii Hayilasillaasee fi gargaarsa Ingilaandi waan dhaga'ameef, odoo dhiigni hin dhangala'in loltoonni Xaaliyaanii warri naannicha akka

harka kennan taasise. Kumaalaa Garasuunis, Hayilasillaasee fi uummata Itoophiyaa biratti gootummaa fi tooftaa lola isaanitiin hundaa olitti dinqisiifame. Kanarraan kan ka'e, waamicha mootirraa taasifameen loltuu isaa Shawaa Lixaa kan qabsoo finiinsaa turee fi Jimmaan kan bilisa baase mara dhiisee Finfinnee deeme. Marti namaa ajajaa waraanaa biyyattii ta'a jedhee eegaa ture; innis akkanatti of beeka ture; hojjiin isaas kanaa gadi miti. Mootiin garuu biyya Oromoo fudhachuun olaantummaa na dhabsiisa jechuun waan shakkeef, bulchaa konyaa Caboo fi Guraagee taasisuun muude.

Mootummaa erga tajaajilaa turee booda soorama ba'e. Sana malees, Garasuun hin dhukkubsate. Dhukkuba isaa kana ogeeyyiin biyya keessaa waan dadhabaniif, qabeenyaan isaa hundi gurguramee ilmi isaa Kumalaa Tafarraa Garasuu biyya Ingilaanditti geesse akka yaalchisu ta'e. Achittis fayyuu akka hin dandeenye waan hubataniif, gara biyyaatti deebi'e. Dhukkubni isa qabes kaanserii ture. Dhibeen kun daran itti cimee waxabajjii, 1966 lubbuun isaa dabarte. Ulfinan jiraatti dhabe du'aatti hin barbaadu jechuun wayita lubbuun jiru bakka gootonni Itoophiyaa hundi itti awwaalaman Bataskaana Sillaasee odoo hin taane, kan ofii isaa ijaarsise Bataskaana Cafoo Mikaa'elitti akka awwalan waan firoota isaa kakachiiseef, sirni awwaala isa achuma Maaruuatti raawwatame.

Yaadannoo gootummaa Garasuu Dhukiitif, manni barumsaa sadarkaa lammaffaa kan Walisotti argamu maqaa isaatin moggaafamuun "Mana Barumsa Sadarkaa Lammaffaa Garasuu Dhukii" jedhama. Sana malees, wallee fi geerarsa keessatti maqaan isaa yeroo hedduu ka'a.

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Geresu Duki (Garasuu Dhukii) was born in Waliso, in the National Regional State of Oromia in Ethiopia, around 1905; his father was ObboDhukii Gulummaa, and his mother Aaddee Warqee Elemoo. Growing up in the Maru locality in Waliso, Geresu Duki was known by the nickname Abbaa Booraa.



By his early thirties, Fit. Geresu Duki became one of the army leaders of the resistance movement against the Italian Fascist colonial regime, which occupied all of Ethiopia, including Oromia, between 1936 and 1941. The Italian Fascist colonial regime converted all the people in Ethiopia to the class of subjects (i.e. second-class citizens) on their own country with the Fascist Italian colonial rulers as the first-class citizens, i.e. those citizens with real political and socio-economic power. All native farmers were subject to be evicted from their land at any time, and the land would then be given to Italian colonial plantation owners to grow coffee and other cash crops; other Italian colonial rulers went on to build factories, luxury homes and shops (such as the ones in areas known as Piazza and Kassanchis in Finfinne/Addis) on their newly acquired land. At the expense of the natives, they showed roads, luxury houses and factories, all owned by the Italian colonial rulers, as their contributions to drive darkness (i.e. poverty and backwardness) out of the dark continent.

During the five-year occupation of Ethiopia by the Fascist colonial regime, any Italian supporter of the colonial regime could go to any part of Oromia (and any other part of Ethiopia) and claim any land of the natives (who had been made subjects) for their own; any native (such as Oromo, Amhara, Sidama, etc.) who opposed the Italian colonial regime's eviction was shot dead or thrown to prison. Those who protested these unfair living conditions were taken to the streets and murdered summarily in public, or were taken to remote prisons to languish and die. Another Oromo hero Major Abdisa Aga was one of those protesters in Ethiopia who refused to accept the Italian colonial system, and later got caught – he was taken to Mogadishu (then under the Italian colonial rule) and then to Europe. His fight to get his freedom back from the colonial grip exemplifies valor for all mankind.

It was this Fascist colonial regime, that was armed to its teeth with the latest modern weapons of that era, that the ragtag Oromo army of Fit. Geresu Duki fought against in the trenches, on the hills and meadows of the Waliso-Jimma corridor in Oromia as well as in the Omo region in the Southern State in Ethiopia – in cooperation with the British/Allies' forces in East Africa. At the height of the war against the Fascist colonialism, Fit. Geresu Duki was able to mobilize an army of 55,000 Oromo men and women, including his own son, Tefera Geresu Duki (aged around 15 at the time), to liberate the region spanning from Waliso to Jimma in Oromia, and to the Omo region in Southern State in Ethiopia.

Soon after the completion of the war against the Fascist colonial regime in 1941; however, Dej. Geresu Duki's decorated and heroic war achievements were found to be threats to the political power of the then imperial regime of Ethiopia. Because of this, Dej. Geresu Duki was banished to remote corners of the country – he spent his years humiliated on the land he helped liberate from Fascist colonialism. He finally died of a suspected poisoning case while he was under house arrest in Adama in the mid 1960's. In those days, many heroes and heroines were denied recognition for their achievements during the war against the Fascist colonial rule due to the fear of their political influences against the then imperial rule; some like Dej. Geresu Duki were banished and lived the rest of their lives humiliated; others like Dej. Belai Zelleqe of Gojjam were executed summarily.

The following is an Afan Oromo biography of Dej. Geresu Duki.

Garasuu Dhukii (Abbaa Booraa)

Garasuu Dhukii abbaa isaa Obbo Dhukii Gulummaafi haadha isaa Aaddee Warqee Elemoorraa Caamsaa 27, 1905 dhalate. Bakki dhaloota isaas karaa Jimmaarraa magaalaa Walisoo cinaatti kan argamu naannoo Maaruu jedhamutti. Garasuun umrii isaa ijoollummaatti barumsa isaafi jireenya hawaasummaa

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Barri jireenya Garasuu gabaabbachaa deemte. Jabinaafi gootummaan kan harkaa ba’uu hindandeenyetu itti aggaame. Osuma itti gaafatamummaa isaa ba’aa jiruu soorama ba’uufi dhukubsachuun Garasuu firoottan isaafi uummata isaa yaadesse. Dhukkuba isaa kana ogeeyyiin biyya keessaa waan dadhabaniif, qabeenyaan isaa hundi gurguramee mucaan isaan Kumaalaa Tafarraa Garasuu biyya Ingiliziitti geessee akka yaalchisu ta’e. Achittiis fayyuu akka hindandeenye waan hubataniif gara biyyatti deebi’uun du’aan wal’aansoo qabuu eegale. Dhukkubni kaanseerii inni ittiin qabame daran itti cimee Waxabajjii 6, 1966 lubbuun isaa dabarte. Seenaan goota Oromoo Kumaalaa Garasuu Dhukii Gulummaa, Maaruutti jalqabee achumatti xumurame.

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