

Nine Ethiopian soldiers defect to Eritrea

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Asmara, 25 January: A soldier of the TPLF [Tigray People's Liberation Front, dominant party with Ethiopian ruling coalition] regime, who arrived in Eritrea along with eight others fleeing the war during Somalia's invasion, has exposed the direct involvement of the US mechanized force on top of providing information and advice to the invaders.

He stated that the mechanized force had stayed for 9 months in Somalia since April 2006. Besides, the invading Ethiopian forces came across a garrison of US army officers in the border area named Gojiland, the soldier added. He further pointed out that US soldiers took direct participation in the tank and heavy armaments units at the time the invasion was launched.

Moreover, the Ethiopian soldier also revealed that clandestine meetings were held in which directives were passed by one of the TPLF regime's senior officers, Gen Seyoum Hagos, to kill Somali soldiers resembling Eritreans in a bid to justify the regime's false accusation alleging Eritrean involvement in the Somali war and present this concocted information to the Americans posted in Somalia.