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Thank you for replying Mr. Ambassador...but your claim is in contradiction with what state media, the company and even three officials involved with the deal (Andargie Bekele, Mulugeta Seid Samuel Urkato) have said. Firstly...

> A recent report in Quartz Africa falsely claimed a \u201cVirginia-based energy firm, signed a $3.6 billion deal with Ethiopia\u2019s ministry of Mines and Petroleum on April 28 to construct an oil refinery in Ethiopia\u2019s oil-rich Somali region.\u201d https://t.co/uBAuDhoutE @ZekuZelalem
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> — Fitsum Arega (@fitsumaregaa) December 24, 2020

The study is but part of an agreement...which includes as detailed by @fanatelevision the construction, an effort involving Korean company Hyundai and costing 3.6 billion. The citing of Hyundai's involvement clearly indicates a settlement on a deal to push on with construction.

As was reported by Kaleyesus Bekele of @TheReporterET in 2018....Greencomm's proposal was not limited to a study....in fact they initially evaluated the project at 2 billion$. This reveals that the Ethiopian government was acquainted with the proposal and the company in 2018.

Mr. Ambassador...a government run oil corporate official claimed in 2018 that Greencomm Technologies was vetted & deemed worthy of accomodating. We now know this clearly was not the case. How did this official & the Ministry deem a company with no office, no experience "viable?"

In addition to what the company and government officials claimed to me both publicly and in interviews....local outlets also highlighted that the deal is an agreement that would see on the ground construction work of the oil refinery.

Mr. Ambassador...the easiest thing here would be to simply publish the legal document containing the signatures of Harlem jazz club owner Emmanuel Mekuria & former Minister of Mines and Petroleum @SAMUELURKATOKUR. This is definitely in the public interest!

Lastly Mr. Ambassador....an official at the state run biofuel corp stated that you are acquainted with Greencomm's leadership, something company exec Warren Negri also claims. Did it perhaps skew your ability to see that there was an attempt at defrauding the country here?

I'm not distorting anything when I say that Ethiopia signed a deal with a company that stole the image of an elderly Korean charity worker who can't write in English properly...and claimed he was an experienced CEO with 50 years in the oil industry.

[redacted] Merry Christmas Mr. Ambassador. Sorry if this disrupted your cycle...but in no way could I notice such glaring ridiculousness as this and not pursue the story. Two years of interaction with Greencomm...and nobody in government, flagged ANY of this.

PS....Greencomm Technologies explicitly declaring on their website....that they intend on completing a little more than just a study.