

Ethiopia crisis rooted in history

Tigray's conflict with Ethiopia isn't about regional autonomy. Instead, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) is intent on recapturing the economic power and natural resources it held until 2018



1991: TPLF captures Addis Ababa, ousting military government of President **Mengistu Hailemariam**.



TPLF leader **Meles Zenawi** (above) takes over as interim president – country partitioned along ethnic lines

1994: New constitution allows only public ownership of land. TPLF-led government grants long-term leases to foreign investors, amassing billions of dollars

Government debt (Billions of Ethiopian birr, US\$)

