

In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.

Eritrean Democratic Homeland Party

Final Statement of the Sixth General Conference

In a hopeful atmosphere and a high sense of responsibility, the sixth General Conference of the Eritrean Islamic Party for Justice and Development was held under the slogan "Everything for the homeland and the citizen is everything " held in October 2019, and attended by the party leaders and members representing the party branches in all regions. The conference discussed the final report of the session and the papers presented by the preparatory commission, and the recommendations of the sub-conferences; and after extensive deliberations and discussions, the conference praised the achievements made and the understanding of the shortcomings caused by subjective and objective reasons. And the political conditions experienced by Eritrea and the region.

At a remarkable historic moment, the congress took a serious stand on the party's more than three-decade march. In-depth dialogue and extensive discussions took place on the new vision contained in the preliminary proceedings. It also insured on the comprehensive reviews of the Party's intellectual, political, organizational and administrative system, which took place in the past period through seminars and workshops in which the Party's membership in the various regions, sub-conferences and the resulting decisions and recommendations established the concept of institutionalization of the Party. At the same time, the Conference adopted other steps and measures that will enhance the process of democratic change in Eritrea and inspire the high hopes and aspirations of the Eritrean people and their homeland. Hence, a number of decisions were taken, most notably:

1. Becoming a political party open to all and open to all Eritreans according to eligibility.
2. The Party shall adopt peaceful means in achieving its objectives.
3. The party operates only in the political sphere. Individuals or civil society organizations are free to work in other areas.
4. Naming the new party as (Eritrean Democratic Homeland Party).

The conference dealt with a number of national issues and concerns, in which it reiterated the party's firm positions and its adherence to them, such as the issue of national unity, freedoms, joint political action, the land issue and others.

The conference has long stood in the way of the current situation in our homeland, and the horrific violations against our people by the totalitarian regime, including arbitrary arrests, enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, forced labor and national service, interference in the affairs of religious institutions and confiscation of institutes, schools, health centers, the destruction of the national economy and impoverishment of the people, stressing its rejection and condemnation of all these actions.

The conference commends the collective effort that helped the Eritrean National Council for Democratic Change to hold its second conference recently, and the results of which contributed to activate it and exercise its role as an umbrella for the opposition, stressing the importance of

the continuation of the Council and its march until the achievement of its national goals, and saluted all political forces and Eritrean civil society organizations as well as the general popular movement at home and abroad to escalate the struggle against the dictatorship in Eritrea. At the same time, it stressed the need to unify efforts, cooperation and coordination to push forward the process of the sought democratic change.

The conference appreciated the positive transformation achieved in the Horn of Africa, especially the peace between Eritrea and Ethiopia, hoping that the two countries will complete the steps of demarcating the borders and building confidence between the two peoples to achieve common interests and sustain peace and stability.

The conference praised the peaceful revolution of the Sudanese people, the awareness of the people and their political and civic forces, the positive changes and careful treatments of the various files and the preservation of the Sudanese social fabric, a truly pioneering experience that inspires the peoples of the region to change.

In conclusion, the Conference called upon the regional powers and the international community, which is concerned with the security and stability of the region, to push their countries and peoples to conduct a dialogue aimed at ending the conflicts and tensions between them.

The conference also calls on the international community to commit Israel to respect international resolutions, and to recognize the legitimate and inalienable right of the Palestinian people to establish their state on their land and the right of return for refugees, as a guarantee for security and stability in the whole region.

At the end of its work, the Conference chose a new leadership to assume the tasks of the next phase by electing Dr. Ahmed Saleh as head of the party wishing him success.

Glory and eternity to our martyrs

Victory and triumph for our steadfast people

Sixth General Conference

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