



ERITREA RAISES CONCERNS AND FUNDS IN THE USA AMID SECURITY FEARS

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On November 18, 2007, the Eritrean Embassy to the US held a meeting with PFDJ members and sympathizers in Washington, DC to provide instructions for all individuals to contribute US\$500 each, to PFDJ. Reasons for the contribution given included concern about the security of the PFDJ and “defending the sovereignty of the country” in the face of perceived threat from outside forces, allegedly “Ethiopia and its allies.”

In addition, agents of the PFDJ have met with radical members of Somali communities in the US, also asking for contributions to be made particularly in return for Eritrea’s support of radical factions in Somalia. As part of the effort to secure support and funding by the Somalis, anti-US sentiments are being propagated by the PFDJ, in that the US was said to have supported the defeat of the Eritrean efforts in Somalia in 2006.

The fund raising campaign is said to continue in all parts of the US where PFDJ members and sympathizers are living.

In addition to raising funds, these actions appear to be geared to generating empathy for the PFDJ, and feelings against Ethiopia and the USA with respect to the future of the PFDJ.