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130 Eritrean Refugees Will Be Relocated from Ethiopia to 3rd Countries on Monday, September 6th, 2010

The total number of Eritrean refugees who have crossed to Ethiopia through August 31, 2010 is 51,718 and those remaining in the country are now located in five refugee camps: three in Tigray and two in Afar Region. On average, 1,800 cross the border from Eritrea each month. About 45% have been ex-Eritrean soldiers.

The relocation of Eritrean refugees to 3rd countries is still continuing. According to the Ethiopian Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA), 5,822 Eritrean refugees were relocated to 3rd countries between 2006 and 2009.

The roll that the Ethiopian government has played in paving the way for relocation of the refugees is very significant. In 2010, thanks to these efforts, 1,458 including today's people, will have been resettled in a 3rd country.

ARRA prepared a big send-off celebration for today's group. Photos of the group are on the following page.

Peace and Respite to
the People of Eritrea



**Those Who Will Be Leaving Ethiopia on
Monday, September 6, 2010**