

## CONCLUDING STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC FRONT OF ERITREAN NATIONALITIES (DFEN)

**Introduction:**- the executive organ of the Democratic Front of the Eritrean Nationalities (DFEN) has convened its first regular meeting from 3-5/09/2010. In this event, some of the glaring national issues were raised and discussed and due value is given to reach on a concrete evaluation. The over all summary of the evaluation envisages a glimpse of hope while posing great challenges ahead, though the prospect is bright as stated. In the three days discussion, the decisive organ has sketched a plan of action expected to be implemented with in the time scale given.

**The contemporary situation of Eritrea and the pfdj regime:-** After the realization of the Eritrean independence, the PFDJ regime had failed to heed for the national issues to be addressed and redressed on the right time and place. This has led to instability and disruption of the well being and peaceful coexistence of our people and the nation. Hence, the request for a government change is a sine que non step, while becoming intolerant for any political reform. DFEN as well as the Eritrean people are all for the radical and sensible changes while the regime too is evaluated as irrecoverable and irreparable what so ever efforts it attempts. Getting rid the regime of is the sole option left for the Eritrean people and the executive organ of DFEN has called out for immediate lively cooperation of genuine nationals to do the regime away and to have a sigh of relief.

**Current situation of DFEN and Nationality organizations:-** Since its founding congress, the leading nationality front, DFEN had organized various political conferences and forums where it has made maximum efforts to elevate national issues that need a thorough redress. In June, 2010, it has conducted a successful conference of nationality-based organizations with the self-determination platform. Here, research papers on different and out spoken issues were presented. The mentioned conference has endorsed the actual disparity and

oppression brought by the regime among the nine Eritrean nationalities. The existed gap between the multinational and nationality organizations while dealing with the issue of equality and right of nationalities was also narrowed and agreed to work closely. Nationality or ethnic based organizations have agreed to switch to a single and united principle of self determination right of nations and nationalities including and up to secession. These nationality organizations have also agreed to enter into the national conference for democratic change with common vision and stand. They also extended their readiness to promote and help other national movements to conduct respective organizational congresses. The executive body also underscored the importance of the Tigrinya nationality to organize and stand along similar organizations to do the regime away and realize stable, united and democratic Eritrea. The leadership has also evaluated the daily activities of nationality organizations and came to the conclusion that, this pattern of organizing scheme is not like some multinational organizations and leaders have used to describe but based on political fairness and equality for all. Such pattern is not allowed to this or that organization or nationality alone but for all citizens and nationalities. The executive body of DFEN portrays such misconception and perceptions as pertinent with what has been said and sang for the last fifty years and it has failed to benefit Eritrea and Eritreans in what so ever side. Thus far, this pattern of such organizing is not limited and endorsed only for known and few nationalities. This is a way of manipulating others not to organize themselves so as to resist the oppressions, subjugations and supremacist attitudes and it has to be condemned as an obsolete approach. The nationality based form of organization is, there fore, based on the principle of equality and the question of equality and justices is a concern of all Eritrean nationalities and citizens and have full right to be organized in what ever pattern they opt. As such the executive body has called up on all Eritrean nationals and nationalities to conduct their respective organizational congresses in a place and time that suits to them, and has expressed its readiness to support.

**The National Conference and its outcome:-** The role of DFEN's representatives and member organizations of EDA and civic societies in preparing the venue of the conference was tremendous and effective and reflected in the flexibility and endurance they have shown to resist all the smears and mudslinging. As a green and newly born, the nationality front as a collective body has strived its level best to promote the issue of nationalities in the respective work shops conducted. To derail and distort this right, some political organizations and individuals have declared their discomfort against the concluding statement or declaration of the national conference for the democratic change. The executive body expressed its dissatisfaction over this sudden betrayal of the organizations on the declaration but strongly asserts the people of Eritrea that DFEN will always respect and abide by the decisions of people. While the concluding statement is devoid of the phrase-secession and knowing that the declaration is the sole decision of the participants of the conference, and has nothing to do with the existence of the nationality organizations, it is a malevolent intention and an insult for the wisdom of the participants that doesn't conform to the struggle against dictatorship. As such and as mentioned earlier, DFEN will respect and abide the resolutions of the people with their full contents and form now and for ever. Our nationality front, DFEN has also called up on those forces that are bent with the declaration to revise their stands, read and refrain from reading what has not been written. Hence, DFEN declares its willingness to move forward and work in harmony with the forces that have respected and fully accept the entire concept and content of the concluding statement of the Eritrean national conference for the democratic change.

**National Congress and its preparation:-** DFEN, as a participant of the conference and member of the Eritrean Democratic Alliance, once again, recognizes the commission for democratic change and avails its readiness to accomplish what so ever mission assigned. As we all know, the sole mission of the commission is to prepare a mature environment

to realize the anticipated national congress. The serious of conducting national conferences on the level of individual member organizations of EDA or others, from the view of DFEN, is utterly wrong and is seen as devaluating the previously conducted national conference of the democratic change. Therefore, DFEN calls up on the national opposition forces to rally with the commission and to elevate their efforts of finalizing the mission on the scaled time frame. At last, the executive body of DFEN prepared three months action plan, resolved relevant political decisions, and meanwhile, rounded off its meeting and decided the meeting schedule of the first central committee of DFEN.

Nationality based pattern of organizing is a guarantee for our rights and continuity!!

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