

Statement for the 26th Anniversary of the Birth of Democratic Movement for the Liberation of Eritrean Kunama, DMLEK

Today is April 1, 2021. It is a unique day for the minority Ethnic Kunama people in Eritrea. The vanguard political organization of Eritrean Kunama; the Democratic Movement for the Liberation of Eritrean Kunama, DMLEK had commenced its struggle against the dictator Esaias Afewerki's regime on April 1, 1995. Today is the 26th anniversary of the birth of DMLEK. That is why it's a unique day for the Kunama people.

The Eritrean Kunama people had suffered a lot by the Shabia/PFDJ regime mainly after the brutal Esaias regime came to power in Eritrea. The Kunama people were neglected their right to have political power as if they are not citizens of Eritrea. Their ancestral land was snatched and its properties were confiscated to the worst. Ethnic Kunama people were arbitrarily arrested and killed. Ethnic cleansing crimes were committed by this regime. For these reasons, DMLEK had launched its struggle against the PFDJ regime, in order to save the oppressed neglected and suffered Kunama people. The main objective of DMLEK is to save from ethnic cleansing and realize the continuity of Kunama ethnic group and get the peoples right of self determination up to cessation.

Today is the 26th anniversary of the birth of Democratic Movement for the Liberation of Eritrean Kunama, DMLEK. This anniversary is cheerfully celebrating in all parts of the world, like Africa, North America, Europe, Asia and Australia where Kunama people reside. In the name of this anniversary, DMLEK has dispatched an organizational statement.

The statement of DMLEK elaborates that the 26th anniversary of DMLEK is celebrating at a crucial period of time. Because of the atrocities committed against the Kunama society, the Eritrean Kunama people believed that the PFDJ regime is not their own government. However, the regime extends its brutality beyond border and attacked the Ethiopian Tigrians and committed another ethnic cleansing crime. As a result, not only the peace of Ethiopian and Eritrean people, but also the peace of the horn of Africa and the world too, bringing into a dangerous position. The aim of this regime was to eradicate ethnic based politics and curb the ethnic questions, in which it believes the TPLF led government and the people of Tigray are responsible. As a consequence, Tigray people were massacred, refugee camps were destroyed, our people were assassinated, killed, looted, and dispersed. Therefore DMLEK is celebrating its birth day by renewing its promise to get rid of this barbaric Esaias Afewerki's PFDJ regime.

Democratic Movement for the Liberation of Eritrean Kunama, DMLEK has also pointed out that, Eritrean people should understand that, the Esaias regime is waging unjust war against our neighbours committing ethnic cleansing crime. At the same time, our brothers and sisters are also dying in this unjust war. Therefore, Eritrean peoples should condemn this unjust war to its strongest sense and stand by the side of Tigrayan people and unite to struggle against this barbaric regime.

DMLEK has also warned the Eritrean Defence Forces (EDF) not to involve in this unjust war. You have to know that peace cannot be secured in your country by endangering peace in neighbouring country. EDF should understand that PFDJ and its cheiuvunist partners could not represent the Eritrean people. Therefore, EDF should stop serving the regime and side with your people.

The statement of DMLEK also addressed to the Eritrean opposition political organizations. It suggests that, now it's time to unite and stand for our common goals to struggle against PFDJ regime. This totalitarian government is acting irresponsibly and liquidates our country as well as eradicates our people and brought horrible destructions to our neighbouring peoples. Therefore, DMLEK is calling to Eritrean people and its opposition forces to struggle in unison in order to save our people and beloved country, Eritrea.

In its address to the people of Tigray, DMLEK wrote that, you know it obviously that the one who struggles for his identity and for his survival will appear triumphantly when struggles with unity and determination. We can assure that atrocities committed by Esaias Afewerki regime upon Tigray people cannot represent the oppressed mass of Eritrean people. Therefore, peace loving Tigray people, 'stand on your principles to the end of the obvious victory.' We are always in your side to dismantle the enemies of people.

Finally, the Democratic Movement for the Liberation of Eritrean Kunama, DMLEK extends its gratitude to the Sudanese government and the UNHCR for their acceptance and hospitality they gave to refugees.

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