



Restoring the Dignity of the Red Sea Afar People Democratically

"Qasabadih Qafarih Konnabna Demokraasil Daabisenno"

New Eritrean-Afar political organization to unveil blueprint for Afar self-government in Eritrea

Jan 3, 2014 Ottawa, ON -- The Eritrea Afar people, the political and traditional Afar leaders, the leadership of Afar women and youth groups, the Red Sea Afar diaspora and Eritrean-Afar refugees are pleased to announce the **Eritrean-Afar State in Exile (EASE)**, a new international organization committed to self-determination, self-government and autonomy for the Afar people.

EASE aspires to return Dankalia, the homeland of Eritrean Afar (Red Sea Afar) in Eritrea, back to its rightful owners, the indigenous Afar.

Eritrean Afar have consolidated their resources and visions under EASE in an effort to end the suffering of Eritrean Afar people under the current Eritrean regime, which is systemically destroying the Red Sea Afar people's identity in Eritrea.

EASE is dedicated to Eritrea's unity and sovereignty, while promoting for the rights for the Afar inside the country, and believes all people – regardless of ethnic or tribal affiliations – can live together in peace and security.

As part of its new policy paper, EASE calls for:

- a reformed Eritrea founded on the principles of democracy and the rule of law, where the freedoms of religion, conscience, political opinion, expression, assembly, equality, mobility, association and liberty are respected and guaranteed;
- the engagement of various Eritrean democratic opposition groups by increasing awareness amongst regional and international policy makers, non-governmental organizations and the United Nations to prepare for regime change in Eritrea; and
- a power sharing constitution that respects the rights of each nationality to self-govern through a federal system comprised of autonomous regions, a constitution that reflects a pluralistic and diverse nation, a constitution that guarantees and respects the principle of equality for all Eritreans.

EASE invites fellow Eritreans and those who uphold the values and respect for human rights, democracy, pluralism and peaceful coexistence, regional development and security, to join us for the unveiling of our new policy during a press conference on Saturday, January 11th from 14:00 – 17:00 pm at:

The Ottawa Conference and Event Centre

200 Coventry Road, Ottawa, Canada

Following the presentation a Q&A session will be held.

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