



## Joint Communiqué by EADM, DYMCE and EASE

Eritrean Afar opposition and civic society groups formed alliance to bring about democratic reform in Eritrea.

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Eritrean Afar Democratic Movement (EADM), Dankalian Youth Movement for Change in Eritrea (DYMCE) and Eritrean Afar State in Exile (EASE) has formed new umbrella organization to struggle against dictatorship and tyranny in Eritrea.

The new umbrella organization will be tasked to bring together and unite various factions of Eritrean Afar political, civic organizations and humanitarian groups under one umbrella to strengthen the fight for Afar rights to self-determination and self-rule in Eritrea.

Guided on the principles of the [Samara Declaration](#), the new organization will be called Eritrean Afar Coalition for Democracy (EACD).

Currently the Eritrean regime is removing our people (the Eritrean Afar) from very strategic and resources rich coastal towns and villages of Dankalia (Afar Ancestral homeland) and colonizing the area with others. To remove the Afar, Eritrea is using mass murder, terror, intimidation and other forms of systematic violence; and is destroying the basis of the Afar economy and threatens Afar ethnic identity.

On June 8, 2015, The United Nation's Commission of Inquiry on Eritrea (COIE) released a 484 pages document detailing the gross Human rights violations including that of Afar Eritreans in the country. The UN Human Rights Council extended the work of COIE to find out whether or not these violations amount to crimes against humanity. [COI June 8 2015 Full report](#)

The communiqué was released on Jan 10, 2016, in Cairo and Ottawa

### Call to international community:

1. Eritrean government is committing cultural genocide of indigenous Afar people. EACD calls on the international community the UN, EU, AU, AL, USA and others to condemn Eritrea for the treatment of Afar indigenous group and intervene to protect the Eritrean Afar people.

2. EACD calls on UNHCR to afford special attention to the Eritrean Afar Refugees in neighbouring Yemen, Djibouti, Sudan and Ethiopia.
3. The land, resources and strategic properties of Dankalia belongs to indigenous Afar people, EACD calls on the Gulf States Coalition and multinational corporations to directly engage the Afar leadership on the resources and strategic interests in Danaklia, Eritrea.
4. EACD calls on EU, USA and the United Nations to revisit their recommendations regarding the implementation of Eritrean 1997 constitution.

**Call to Eritreans:**

1. EACD extend a call of unity and cooperation to all Eritreans to join hands with us against the dictatorship and repressions in Eritrea.
2. EACD extend a call of unity and solidarity between all Afar political organizations, Diaspora activists and civic organizations to join hand with us to democratically reform Eritrea.

The new coalition (EACD) will be led by EASE Chairman Ahmed Youssouf Mohamed and EADM Chairman Sayid Abdurahman Ahmed as Deputy Leader and Hussein Mohamed Ali Deputy Leader of DYMCE as secretary.

Thank You,

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