



Global Eritrean Advocacy Network

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Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen

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Dear Mr. Chiekh Ahmed

In solidarity with our Eritrean Afar brothers and sisters displaced in Yemen and caught between hostile fires, we at Global Eritrean Advocacy Network request your immediate attention to the dire situation that our people are forced to face in Yemen.

As the mandate holder for peace and stability and the special envoy in charge of Yemen, we kindly urge you take the following steps:

- Intervene on behalf of the Eritrean Afar refugees to allow access for UNHCR to visit Khokha camp to assess the dire situation
- Include in your dialogues with coalition and rebel forces a request to avoid targeting which could collaterally damage the refugee camp and Afar civilian population
- Provide a safe corridor and passage to allow for the safe removal of Eritrean refugees from conflict areas
- Provide steps to temporarily re-settle the 957 Eritrean Afar refugees, either in a coalition controlled safe zone within Yemen or resettlement in neighbouring Djibouti on a temporary basis

We hope and trust this urgent situation would call for an urgent action to alleviate the suffering of innocent human beings caught in the line of fire, a situation to which they have neither the say nor are they contributory to its making.

Respectfully yours,

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