

Eritrean Peoples Mobilization for Justice

Eritreans in United States support the work of COI

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We, Eritrean Americans, are deeply grateful and supportive of the exceptional work done by the Commission of Inquiry Eritrea to determine the extent of human rights violations perpetrated against the Eritrean people by the totalitarian regime in Eritrea. We are particularly encouraged by the conclusion and recommendations made by the commission to have the International Criminal Court (ICC) involved in bringing the perpetrators of those heinous crimes to justice.

It must be recalled that the Eritrean people have never had their plight investigated and the perpetrators of those crimes brought to justice in a century of colonial occupation. None of those abusers have been investigated and tried in a court of law. We are now dealing with a quarter of century of brutal dictatorship by a totalitarian regime that is committing even more egregious violations of basic human right of the Eritrean people. It is long overdue to have the plight of the Eritrean people be brought to a court of law that is well equipped to render justice to the people.

We appeal to the UNCHR, the UN General Assembly, and the UN Security Council to heed the call of the COI-Eritrea to allow the ICC determine the extent and magnitude of the crimes against humanity being committed against the Eritrean people. The United Nations owes it to the Eritrean people to have their suffering heard in a court of law for the first time in their history and to put a stop to their ordeal under the most oppressive regime in the world today.

We thank the Commission of Inquiry for the diligent and objective documentation of the crimes that have been committed in the last quarter of century and are being committed today against the Eritrean people.

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