

# A CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE DICTATOR ISAIAS AFEWERKI

TUESDAY, 12 APRIL 2011



To:

- All male and female Eritrean youth in the Diasporas
- All Eritrean mothers and fathers in the Diasporas
- All civil organizations advocating human rights and justice
- All Eritrean political organizations working for democratic system
- All Eritrean information media in the web and radio currently serving as the voice of the oppressed
- All Eritreans in North America, Europe, Middle East, Australia and Africa – people of all ages, gender, tribal and religious backgrounds

Greeting! We hope that, wherever you are, peace and prosperity surrounds you. Until the day comes when all of us will return from exile and live in our homeland in peace, we are working to put together a seemingly simple but historically significant event, and we call upon every one of you to do your part in making this day a success.

Dear all, we have recently been witnessing youth from our neighboring countries telling the authorities that have oppressed them for decades to step down and hand the power to the people. Our people, on the other hand, despite enduring far worse atrocities than what the citizens of these countries

faced, could not take a similar measure. We believe that the reason behind this is the fear of persecution that the Isaias' regime has created through the brutal killing and incarceration of disabled veterans who asked for their rights, expatriots who protested against the regime, high level politicians and military officers who demanded changes on governing procedures. To lift this veil of terror from our people's head, those of us who live in the Diasporas have an important role to play. Therefore, we plead to everyone, in the name of those who have sacrificed their lives for the beloved nation, to participate in making this day that is hoped to make an impact in shortening the days of dictatorship a success.

If we, Eritrean in all corners of the world, set our differences in opinion, religion, origin, language, etc., aside and march together in streets of the world demonstrating the rule of Isaias Aferwerki, we have no doubt that people inside Eritrea will be empowered to finish the rest of work. We feel that people inside Eritrea may be looking for a unified support from Eritreans in the Diasporas to accomplish this common purpose. Because of one individual in power, our people's civil and human rights have been violated for years, but we won't tolerate it anymore. On this day, let's insist on him to step down and hand the power to the people who deserve the freedom and liberty.

May 27, 2011 was chosen to be the historic day of international demonstration for two reasons: 1. During the month of May, as Isaias' regime gets ready to broadcast its usual propaganda on the occasion of Independence Day, we would like to use this month to expose the atrocities and paint the real situation in Eritrea to the world. 2. For those who are traveling to their nearest cities to join the demonstrations, we chose a Friday to minimize the conflict with school and work schedules. However, we urge organizers to pick a day during the May 24 week that would be more effective for their location. For a complete success of this day, we ask all Eritrean from east to west, north to south, in all parts of the world to dedicate this day for this very purpose.

We sense centralizing the organizing efforts would not be very efficient, so we encourage all cities or locations to assemble as they see it fit, and we invite everyone, specially the youth to do all they can to prove the triumph of this event. We, members of the Eritrean Youth for Change, have been working on this for a long time, and we would like to inform everyone that we have planned to hold a huge demonstration along with other special events in San Francisco, California. We are finalizing our plans for the San Francisco demonstration to include all Eritreans who live in the western part of the US. The San Francisco demonstration will represent western cities such as Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Rosa, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Orange County,

*San Diego, Las Vegas (NV), Seattle, Portland, Houston, Dallas and others. We have confidence that this special day will hold a special place in our history.*

*For more information, please email [eycbayarea@gmail.com](mailto:eycbayarea@gmail.com) , or call at 510 395 2043 or 408 603 7040.*

*The time for youth's march to end dictatorship is now!*

*Success to the international demonstration against dictatorship!*

*May the memory of our martyrs live forever!*

*Board members of Eritrean Youth for Change*

*March 26, 2011.*