



ERITREAN COALITION FOR DEMOCRATIC CHANGE

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Eritrean United National Front

JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ON REGIONAL STABILITY, SOVEREIGNTY, AND PEACE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

We, the united pro-democracy coalition comprising the Eritrean Coalition for Democratic Change and the Eritrean United National Forces, reaffirm our commitment to state sovereignty, territorial integrity, regional security, and lasting peace in the Horn of Africa.

We believe that sustainable peace requires respect for international law, non-interference in the internal affairs of sovereign states, constructive diplomatic dialogue, and regional economic cooperation.

We are deeply concerned by escalating tensions and hostilities in the region, which continue to threaten lives, displace communities, and undermine regional stability. For more than five decades, the peoples of the Horn of Africa have endured immense human and material suffering caused by recurrent wars, authoritarian governance, and the failure to resolve disputes peacefully. Our peoples deserve a future of peace, democracy, and shared prosperity.

In light of these concerns, we call for the following measures:

1. Cessation of Hostilities and Respect for Sovereignty

We urge the governments of Eritrea and Ethiopia to exercise restraint, refrain from provocative actions, and resolve their differences through peaceful negotiations and diplomatic dialogue.

We call upon the Government of Ethiopia to refrain from making claims, explicit or implied, to Eritrean sovereign territory, including the Port of Assab and its coastline. Respect for internationally recognized borders and territorial integrity is essential to regional peace and security. Such unsubstantiated claim risk eroding the trust between the peoples.

2. Non-Interference in Internal Affairs

We urge Eritrea to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of Ethiopia and Sudan, and Ethiopia to respect Eritrea's sovereignty and refrain from interference in its internal affairs.

The use of Eritrean territory, resources, or military capabilities to arm, finance, or support armed actors engaged in conflict within Ethiopia is unacceptable. We equally reject any Ethiopian interference in Eritrea's internal affairs. All regional governments must refrain from supporting armed proxies and pursue their differences through peaceful means.

3. Call for International Action

We call upon the African Union and the United Nations to:

- Intensify diplomatic efforts to bring Eritrea and Ethiopia to the negotiating table.

Apply appropriate diplomatic pressure to prevent military escalation and promote peaceful conflict resolution.

- Strengthen accountability mechanisms, consistent with international law, against those who finance, arm, instigate facilitate armed conflicts.

Support African-led initiatives for conflict prevention, reconciliation, and lasting peace.

We call upon international donors and development partners to:

- Expand humanitarian assistance to refugees, internally displaced persons, and conflict-affected communities.
- Support democratic governance, inclusive political dialogue, human rights, and long-term peacebuilding throughout the region.

The Horn of Africa must move beyond cycles of conflict, external interference, and proxy warfare toward a regional order founded on mutual respect, sovereignty, peaceful coexistence, democratic governance, and economic cooperation.

We urge all governments in the region to place the well-being of their peoples above narrow political interests and to pursue a future of peace, stability, and shared prosperity.

As a united pro-democracy coalition, we reaffirm our commitment to a peaceful and democratic Horn of Africa where the sovereignty of every state is respected, and the rights and aspirations of all peoples are upheld.

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