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National Council
of Eritrean Americans

NCEA Statement on the Ill-informed US House Foreign Affairs Bill

The National Council of Eritrean Americans (NCEA) strongly deplores the House Foreign Affairs Committee bill introduced by Representatives Tom Malinowski (D-NJ) and Young Kim (R-CA) concerning the war in Ethiopia.

The bill, "*The Ethiopia Stabilization, Peace, and Democracy Act*," instead of bringing peace and stability, will only encourage the party that has been obstructing peace in the Horn of Africa for three decades to continue with its reckless and destructive adventures. It rewards the belligerent group, the Tigray People's Liberation Front, for dragging the region into mayhem.

The TPLF, designated a terrorist group by the Ethiopian Parliament, has time and again made its intentions for Eritrea very clear. It was harboring and training Al-Qaeda affiliated jihadist elements to destabilize Eritrea. In fact, the late TPLF leader, Meles, openly told Karl Wycoff, President Obama's Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, that the TPLF had intentions of sending terrorist units into Eritrea, groups "*that you [USA] don't like.*"

TPLF military as well as civilian leaders are also on the record stating that they don't accept Eritrea's internationally recognized borders and they want to build their Greater Republic of Tigray at the expense of the Red Sea territory. To this extent, TPLF had illegally occupied sovereign Eritrean territory for nearly two decades.

When the TPLF attacked the Ethiopian Northern Command early in November 2020, Eritrea was on the receiving end of numerous missile attack launched by the group in what was widely condemned, including the previous US administration as an act of aggression designed to internationalize the conflict.

Eritrea, according to Article 51 of the UN Charter, is within its rights to defend itself. However, the Malinowski-Kim bill intends to deny the young African nation its fundamental right to self-defense.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Government of Ethiopia made it clear on November 13, 2021, when it denounced the Biden Administration's actions as interference in its internal affairs and amounted to infringing on its sovereign rights and had "*never lodged any grievances to the international community regarding the initial presence of Eritrean forces on its soil in defense of their territorial integrity,*" and "*the Government of Ethiopia doesn't believe that the State of Eritrea is an impediment to sustainable peace in Ethiopia.*"

At the same time the Heads of State and Government of the African Union that were assembled on 6 February 2022 for their 35th Ordinary Session passed this resolution:

- "*Reaffirming the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, which states, inter alia, that no State may use or encourage the use of unilateral economic, political or any other type of measures to coerce another State in order to obtain from it the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights;*

- *"Stressing that unilateral coercive measures and legislation are contrary to international law, international humanitarian law, the United Nations Charter and the norms and principles governing peaceful relations among States;*
- *"Expressing our grave concern at the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the right to development, international relations, trade, investment, cooperation, and peace and stability;*
- *"Urges the European Union and the United States of America to lift the unilateral coercive sanctions imposed on the State of Eritrea."*

Again, we strongly condemn this unjust, malicious bill designed to harm Eritrea's promising economy to the extent that it will compound the existing pull factors on migration, compromise Eritrea's ability to address social and humanitarian needs of its population. These punitive actions undermine all the efforts being made by all the peoples and nations of the Horn of Africa to ensure peace and stability in their region and beyond.

We express our profound disappointment with the House Foreign Affairs committee for adopting a resolution pertinent to the Horn of Africa in general and the State of Eritrea in particular lacking in basic facts and on the basis of distorted ones. As a legislative body, we expect committee to scrutinize rather than accept blindly what the executive units have been reporting. Moreover, we hope to see a hearing in which the views and testimonies of all stakeholders, including civic organizations such as ours, would and should be featured.

We thus call upon all the members of the US House of Representatives concerned about peace and stability to reject this malicious, coercive bill pushed by the TPLF lobby and its enablers within the Biden Administration.

Finally, we would like to remind them that African problems cry for African solutions; not lobbyist-driven and misinformation-laden ones from Washington.

The National Council of Eritrean-Americans (NCEA)
February 11, 2022



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News

- The third issue of Eritrean American Harmony Magazine - our quarterly online magazine – is out. [NCEA Public Diplomacy Group Magazine by NCEA... - Flipsnack](#)



UCLA African Studies Center (ASC) is pleased to announce that fellowships to travel, study, and work in Africa for Summer and Fall 2022 are now open!



The Judith Boyajian Travel Fellowship (priority: Morocco) and **Dr. Elizabeth Woldemussie Centennial Global Health Fellowship** (priority: Eritrea and/or Ethiopia) are now accepting applications. Applications for **African Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships** are also now open.

The deadline to submit applications for all three fellowships is 5pm PST, April 15, 2022.

Please circulate widely to undergraduate and graduate students in masters, doctoral, and professional schools!

For more information and links to apply online, please visit our website:

<https://www.international.ucla.edu/asc/forstudents>

- The Dr. Elizabeth Woldemussie Centennial Global Health Fund was made possible by a \$250,000. gift from the estate of Elizabeth Woldemussie, an Ethiopian American pharmacologist. This is the largest gift to UCLA's Center for African Studies. This fund is for prioritizing work in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

<https://newsroom.ucla.edu/dept/faculty/elizabeth-woldemussie-centennial-global-health-fund>

News

- On Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022, the 91 Eritrean Lounge & Restaurant, located within Washington DC's Eritrean Cultural & Civic Center (ECCC), welcomed Mayor Muriel Bowser. Mayor Bowser was elected in 2015 and continues to serve this politically uniquely complex city to this day. ECCC was delighted to be a stop on the mayor's current campaign journey for re-election.

Members from the Eritrean-American community were on-hand to welcome the mayor with ululation and the warm hospitality signature to the Eritrean culture. Mayor Bowser highlighted recorded achievements in areas of housing, education, public safety, job creation, access to opportunities, etc. Guests from diverse cultures, professions, and socio-economic backgrounds engaged the Mayor with questions and comments as they sipped on traditionally prepared coffee. Mayor Bowser shared her unrelenting vision of making Washington DC more prosperous with inclusive opportunities and concluded her visit once all requests for pictures were graciously satisfied.

ECCC, with its welcoming and inclusive environment, is a place where people gather, old friends reconnect, new friendships are forged. It allows space to foster responsible and robust citizenry development, not just for the Eritrean-American community but also for all. ECCC contributes to and enhances the city's vibrant and diverse fabric, the quintessence of Washington DC, and looks forward to more visiting dignitaries.







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National Public Diplomacy Group's (NPDG) Activities/ DALLAS, TX.

- On March 2, 2022, Abel Mulugheta, running for Texas' 30th Congressional District, put out the following statement. We thank our Public Diplomacy Group /DFW area members, who had worked tirelessly to support Abel Mulugheta's campaign.



ABEL MULUGHETA PROVIDES STATEMENT ON CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 30 DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY RESULTS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 2, 2022

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DALLAS, TX — Following the announcement of the results in the Democratic Primary for Texas' 30th Congressional District, Abel Mulugheta released the following statement:

"While I hoped for a different result, my neighbors in District 30 have spoken and I respect their decision. I congratulate both Rep. Jasmine Crockett and Jane Hope Hamilton on advancing to a runoff election, and I wish both the best of luck.

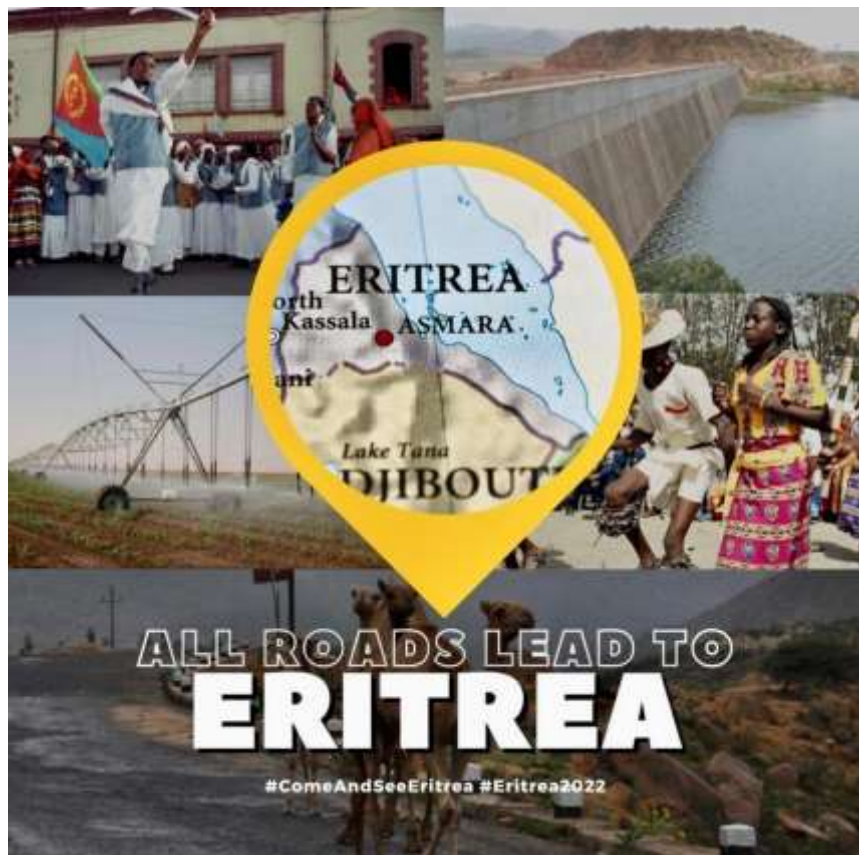
"I want to thank my family, friends, and everyone who supported our campaign by investing their time, energy, and resources into something that was bigger than any one person. Your encouragement is what sustained me over the past five months and provided me the confidence to step into the arena and launch this campaign.

"Although our campaign may have ended, I'll never stop fighting to increase opportunities and create better outcomes for everyone in Dallas County. I've committed my entire adult life to a community that gave me so much. I love Dallas and have a deep passion to serve—nothing will ever change that."

National Public Diplomacy Group's (NPDG) Activities/Philadelphia, PA

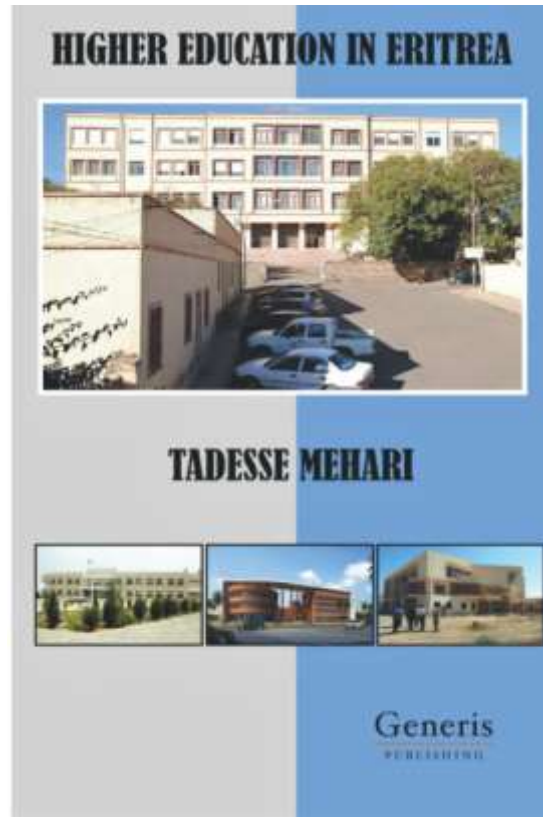
- The National Council of Eritrean Americans (NCEA) in Pennsylvania organizes Eritreans and other African diaspora communities in voter registration and fundraising for candidates in the U.S. Senate and Governor races for Pennsylvania. These public diplomacy activities include arranging weekly virtual campaign meet and greets between candidates and Pennsylvania constituents. In addition, our activities include but are not limited to campaign volunteering, calling registered voters, and distributing campaign literature. The primary race in Pennsylvania is May 17, 2022.
- In the U.S. Senate, Harrisburg and Philadelphia Public Diplomacy Group have met with Republican Candidate Kathy Barnette. She is currently among the top candidates in the Republican Party endorsement polls. In addition, the National Council of Eritrean Americans in Pennsylvania introduced Eritrean American constituency concerns regarding current foreign policy toward the Horn of Africa. Finally, our public diplomacy team and her foreign policy team are meeting weekly on how to improve U.S. and Eritrea bilateral relations with future mutual commitments.





Books

- Higher Education in Eritrea - a new four hundred twenty-six (426) pgs. book - is published on February 11, 2022, by Dr. Tadesse Mehari.



As far as I am aware, the book is the first of its kind in Eritrea. It lays a good base to literary works on the subject. It is a "must read" for any person interested in education, its Eritrean, its development (economic, social, cultural, etc.), and its history. The author has been one of the main actors in the field, particularly during recent times, and has witnessed how things were going. In this respect, it may be stated that the book is highly authoritative and is of very high reference value on the subject (Alphaghi, 2019).



Professor Tadesse got his BSc degree, in Biology, from Hailu Selassie I University and University of Addis Ababa (UoAA); his Master's degree, in Microbiology, from Addis Ababa University and his PhD, in Biotechnology, from Wageningen University and Research, The Netherlands. He started his employment career as a high school teacher in Hailu Selassie First Secondary school (the current Red Sea Comprehensive Secondary School), in Asmara. He then joined the University of Addis Ababa as a lecturer in 1988 after completing his MSc degree. He has been serving as a department head and later as a Dean at the UoAA before he went for his PhD study to the Netherlands, in 1996. Then he joined the UoA in 2000 after completing his PhD study and served the university in different positions. Immediately after his return, he was appointed to serve as the Director of Academic Affairs of the University in 2001 and served in this capacity up to 2004. He then served as the Acting President of the university from 2004 to 2006. With the advent of the new institutions of higher education, he served as a member of the Provisional Committee for the Coordination of Higher Education (PCHCE), which was established in October 2006. Then in January 2009, he was appointed as the Executive Director of the National Board for Higher Education (NBHE), which was later upgraded to the National Commission for Higher Education (NCHE) and served in this capacity up to 2017. Currently he is a Professor of Biotechnology in the Department of Horticulture at RAC.



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