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Permanent Mission of the State of Eritrea to AU  
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Press Section**



## **Foreign Minister Delivered President Isaias' Message to the Sudanese President**



Eritrea's Foreign Minister, Mr. Osman Saleh, on 24 February delivered a message from President Isaias Afwerki to President Omar Hassan Al-Beshir of the Republic of Sudan.

The message focuses on strengthening bilateral relations and partnership, as well as regional and international developments of interest to both countries.

The Eritrean delegation which included Mr. Yemane Gebreab, Head of PFDJ Political Affairs, also met and held talks with Gen. Bakri Hassan Saleh, First Vice President of the Republic of Sudan.

## **Foreign Minister Addressed the UN Human Rights Council**

The Eritrean Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Osman Saleh, said that in order to ensure basic human rights, selective approaches and double-standards based upon political expediency should come to an end. He made the comments during the High-level segment of the 31<sup>st</sup> Session of the UN Human Rights Council (HRC), on March 1<sup>st</sup> in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Minister went on to say that Eritrea, a nation born in the struggle for freedom and for whom human dignity remains a top priority, has made rapid, remarkable progress in consolidating the civil, political, economic and social rights of its people despite a challenging external environment, and that many observers are now beginning to acknowledge this reality.

He deplored that Eritrea has been unfairly treated by the HRC for reasons that have nothing to do with human rights.

Mr. Osman also stressed that the current world situation, characterized by massive inequalities, gross injustices, wars, and violations of international law, is untenable and will only serve to increase irregular migration.

The Minister noted that Eritrea currently enjoys peace and security, and is focused on development and the consolidation of human dignity of citizens. He also pointed out that Eritrea welcomes genuine partnerships and cooperation with those who seek to engage in good faith for mutual benefit.

*Full text of the statement is available at:  
<http://goo.gl/bczZLS>*

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## Ministry of Information - Press Statement Repetitive Lies Cannot Bury the Truth

In the past few days, the TPLF regime's propaganda apparatus have resorted to the worn-out and cheap patterns of peddling wild accusations and smear campaigns against Eritrea. The purpose of these spurious accusations is to cover up the truth and externalize the spontaneous and growing protests of the Ethiopian people against the regime.



As it is well-known, the people and government of Eritrea are patiently pursuing and focused on their developmental objectives in spite of the occupation of their sovereign territory and relentless campaigns of subversion and demonization. In this context, they have no appetite to entertain and indulge in acrimonious agendas.

That the TPLF regime is in fact the real cause and architect of the ongoing spontaneous protests is also an indelible truth well known to all Eritreans and Ethiopians.

The TPLF regime has been pursuing misguided policies of "dividing the Ethiopian people in order to preserve its rule and to monopolize the economy".

Subservience to powerful allies and "victimization of Eritrea" constitute key pillars of this misguided policy. Furthermore, it has enshrined the "right to secession" in the Ethiopian Constitution as a residual or contingent option in the event that its efforts of political domination fail. The TPLF regime has marginalized the Ethiopian people in the past twenty five years to install an economy beset by endemic and unbridled corruption and that is controlled by embezzlers. It is this grim reality, at odds with a spurious and embellishing narrative, that has prompted and underpins the ongoing protests of the Ethiopian people. In the event, a hysterical campaign to externalize the cause and blame Eritrea or opposition movements cannot suppress the truth.

As stated above, the Government of Eritrea has no intention to dwell and waste time on fruitless acrimonious campaigns. Its current statement is designed to expose the underlying motivations behind the TPLF regime's repetitive and insidious lies.

*Ministry of Information of the State of Eritrea  
Asmara, 28 February 2016*

## Team Eritrea's Resounding Victory at the 2016 African Continental Championships

Eritrean cyclists cemented their dominance of African cycling at the 2016 African Continental Championships held in Morocco from 22-26 February 2016, by winning the Championships for a record five-time.

Team Eritrea won the men elite team time trial (TTT) for the sixth consecutive year. Eritrea's Tesfom Okubamariam won the road race, while his teammate Mekseb Debesay came in third, and Amanuel Gebreigzabhier was the winner of the under-23 classification. Daniel Teklehaimanot secured third place in the men elite individual time trial (ITT).

Team Eritrea also clinched third place at the women elite team time trial (TTT) of the Championships.



## Eritrea: Come and See



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Asmara's stunning architecture, it is  
as beautiful as everyone says [#Eritrea](#)



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[#Eritrea](#) where I am now



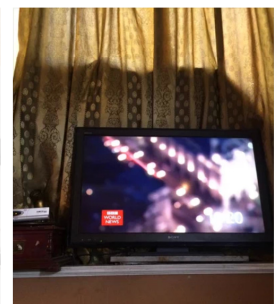
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Walking in Asmara [#Eritrea](#) I see  
many internet cafés & BBC, CNN  
constantly blaring in cafés



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Any #ornithologists able to tell me what these birds are that I saw in Eritrea? @Natures\_Voice @IBIS\_journal



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Cruising Through the Golden Coasts of the Dahlak Archipelago [goo.gl/hMwaLC](http://goo.gl/hMwaLC) #Eritrea #Tourism #Travel



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#AfricaEnvironmentDay- Over 11,047,583 km terracing by students since in #Eritrea's Summer Work Program



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