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Global Eritrean Festivals Celebrate Cultural Heritage, National Harmony

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The tradition of holding annual Festivals that bring together Eritrean Diaspora communities and friends of Eritrea goes back more than four decades.

The Festivals showcase and celebrate the Eritrean people's rich history, and diverse customs and traditions. They provide fora to pass to the new generation the cherished cultural values. The Festivals have an indispensable role in strengthening the ties of Diaspora communities with the homeland.

So far this summer, eight highly successful Eritrean Festivals have been held in European and North American countries with the participation of tens of thousands of Eritreans and friends of Eritrea.

1. Eritrean Festival in Italy, 1-3 July, Rome
2. Eritrean Festival in Germany, 7-9 July, Giessen
3. Eritrean Festival in Holland, 14-16 July, Rijswijk
4. Eritrean Festival in UK, 22-23 July 2017, London
5. Eritrean Festival in Scandinavia, 27-30 July, Stockholm
6. Eritrean Festival in Eastern Canada, 5-7 August, Toronto
7. Eritrean Festival in US, 11-13 August, Seattle
8. Eritrean Festival in Western Canada, 12-13 August, Edmonton

Each of the Festivals featured a forum of discussion with Senior Eritrean Government officials and/or heads of Embassies and Consulates; Seminars on issues of concern to the homeland and the Diaspora Communities by academicians, professionals and community leaders; Children's programs and sport competitions; musical and artistic performances; photo and picture exhibitions; fashion shows featuring traditional attires of Eritrean ethnic groups; traditional food and drinks and so on.

The Eritrean Festival in Asmara will be held from 18-20 August. While Eritrean communities in other parts of the world organize their Festivals in other times of the year.

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Eritrea-Sudan Popular Friendship Group Visited Eritrea

The Eritrea-Sudan Popular Friendship Group visited Eritrea from 22 to 28 July 2017. The visit of the 18 member group - composed of academicians, business people, sports personalities and journalists - to Eritrea was aimed at enhancing popular relationship between the people of Eritrea and Sudan.

During a meeting with the Group, the Chairperson of the National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students (NUEYS), Mr. Saleh Ahmedin, said that the visit attests to the strong strategic, diplomatic and popular friendship that exists between Eritrea and Sudan.

Mentioning that Eritrea is a second home to the

Sudanese people, representative of the group asserted that they will work to further strengthen bilateral ties between the peoples of the two countries.

“This is my third visit to Eritrea, and just as in the previous visits, I have received a warm welcome. Our group aims to strengthen sisterly ties between the people of Eritrea and Sudan. It is based on the solid cohesion of the two countries; it has neither politically nor religiously based intents,” said the head of the delegation Mr. Abd-el-Kader Hammed.

The delegation visited historical sites in Asmara and Massawa.

Eritrea and Tanzania, Among Six Countries Ready to Face Global Pandemics

Only two African countries are fully prepared to face a global pandemic if one should break out. The two-Eritrea and Tanzania-are joined by Finland, United States, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan on the global list according to a recent World Bank sponsored report.

The report titled ‘ From Panic and Neglect to Investing in Health Security,’ said only six countries the world over had taken steps to evaluate their ability to adequately respond to pandemics.

The report notes that the external evaluation of readiness to face pandemics was two way-one for human diseases and the other for animal outbreaks. It added that as at April 2017, the six countries had undergone both evaluations and mapped out measures to rectify their weak points.

The evaluation exercises employed are done in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Organization for Animal Health.

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