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## ERITREAN DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE

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### What is the Eritrean Democratic Alliance?

The Eritrean Democratic Alliance (EDA) is the Eritrean opposition's political umbrella for democratic change in Eritrea.

### What is the EDA composed of?

The EDA is composed of:

- Thirteen Eritrean Political Organizations and Parties
- Several Eritrean Civil Societies and Media Associations
- Religious Leaders - Christians and Moslems
- Society Dignitaries
- Individual citizens, intellectuals and Research Centers

### Why and when the EDA umbrella was formed?

The genesis of the EDA goes back to the year 1999, when it became apparent to many Eritreans that the ruling regime is a totalitarian regime, which turned the newly independent country to a police state and a prison to the Eritrean people. However, after a long process of deliberations, successes and failures, it took its present form, shape and magnitude in its last congress in May 2008.

In its congress the EDA:

- Stipulated a common charter of democratic principles
- Agreed on a common course of action to bring about Democratic Change in Eritrea
- Approved a minimum program for wider mass movement against the totalitarian regime, and put in place an organizational structure.

## **Who are we in the EDA?**

We in the EDA are Eritrean nationalists who are dismayed by where our country ending up as a police state and as a renegade among the family of nations, after a long people's war for intendence. We are Eritrean citizens, journalists, civil society associations, political organizations, religious leaders, patriot independence fighters, ex-ambassadors and ex-ministers, who opted to stand with our people against the totalitarian dictatorship in our country. We are composed of various ethnic groups, religious faiths and political affiliations.

## **What the EDA stand for?**

### **The EDA stands for:**

- A Democratic Change in Eritrea
- Social Justice and the Rule of Law in Eritrea
- Defend and maintain Human Rights in Eritrea
- Arriving at democratic Eritrea that is first in peace with itself, then in peace with its neighbors and a constructive member of the international community.
- Realizing peace and stability in our country and the region
- Attaining social and economic development

### **The EDA confirms to all concerned, that it is:**

- Opposed to all forms of terrorism for any purposes and intents.
- It rebuffs any use of violence targeting civilians as means to achieve political objectives.
- It confirms further that neither EDA, nor any of its member-parties, have any association with any organizations, groups or individuals who use terror as means for their political activities.
- It adamantly condemns any ideology that instigates terror.

## **Appeal:**

The EDA appeals to the international community to condemn the Eritrean totalitarian Regime and stand by the Eritrean people and the EDA in its efforts to bring down the Eritrean Regime and its police government and bring about peace and democratic change in Eritrea.