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Statement by YFPDJ Europe on our Victories

Hail the People of Eritrea!

After two decades of continuous hostilities, bloodshed, unjustified US orchestrated UN imposed sanctions and countless other conspiracies against the State of Eritrea, the people of Eritrea have triumphed and, in the process, exposing all kinds of machinations and shenanigans. The resilience, defiance and unwavering determination of our people has finally borne peace and has ushered an era of hope and stability in the Horn of Africa. It is with pride and honor that we pay tribute to the courageous, resilient, determined, principled and heroic people of Eritrea. Congratulations to the resolute people of Eritrea; congratulations to the gallant members of the Eritrean defense forces; congratulations to the Government of Eritrea for its unwavering and principled stand in safeguarding our national interest.

Heavy Sacrifice

This victory has come at a heavy price. Above all, it has claimed precious lives of our young and veteran members of our defense forces. It robbed the opportunities of a generation. It created unbearable living conditions on families and it drained of our youth potentials. We were subjected to relentless psychological warfare, the denigration of our values, the falsification and demeaning of our history, contempt of our sacred symbols and martyrs. The futile and increased attempts to create doubt and hopelessness, and treason and treachery have been evident during our arduous road to this victory. In our determination to ensure a sovereign, viable and durable nation, the trying time we were forced to endure had limited the spiritual and material need of our people, and impeded the progress of our political programs.

One of the notable tragic conspiracy employed by the enemies of Eritrea was to annihilate the nation by engineering the exodus of its youth so as to drain its skilled and educated work force. In addition to those lives we lost in the two-year open warfare, the number of lives lost in the Sahara Desert and the Mediterranean Sea was the calamitous and heavy toll paid by the people of Eritrea.

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Moreover, the Eritrean Diaspora has been another target for an all-out attack to destroy its pride, to stop the unique attachment it has with its homeland and to hinder the enormous contribution it makes in the efforts of rebuilding of Eritrea. The stealth war against the fabrics of the Eritrean community in the Diaspora took insidious and cruel forms which included physical attack against women, children and the elderly, arson in its community centers, mob attack of Eritrean Embassies to name but a few.

Resilience

The resilience, fortitude, determination and steadfastness of the Eritrean people has once again proven to be its main arsenal in fighting the immoral and lopsided war waged against the nation. The unbreakable determination and resilience shown during the struggle for independent Eritrea, has been surpassed if not matched by the grit and indomitable tenacity displayed in the past two decades.

What Eritrea had to go through and endure could have broken the backbone of any other nation. This national perseverance and persistence will be the cornerstone of building a viable nation and a bright future that will serve generations of Eritreans. It is a testimony that Eritreans can solve colossal obstacles with great courage and valour on the ongoing effort of nation building.

Gratitude

At this juncture of historic significance, YPFDJ Europe would like to express its gratitude

- To the people of Eritrea inside and in the diaspora, the government of Eritrea, the PFDJ, the Eritrean Defense forces and our National Security team for an unparalleled sacrifices and unprecedented resilience shown to reach this triumphant chapter.
- The Eritrean youth: who stepped-up and shouldered their historical responsibility and paid dearly with their sweat, blood and tears to protect Eritrea's sovereignty. For dedicating their efforts towards the numerous development programs as well as for exposing and defeating all forms of conspiracies against Eritrea. For advocating and championing Eritrea's cause in all parts of world and international fora.

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- To the governments, organizations and individuals who stood on the right side of justice and spoke-up for Eritrea during the darkest hours, when it really mattered. We are grateful.

Fulfilling the Promise

After two decades of David vs. Goliath match, we have confronted and vanquished a formidable enemy and unimaginable adversity and came out victorious. Our victory now presents us with an even greater responsibility and sacrifice to fulfil our promise and pledge to our fallen heroes by consolidating the existing peace initiatives, building a viable nation with strong institutions and grooming and empowering a generation that will ensure a safe, peaceful, prosperous and sovereign Eritrea.

Eternal glory to our Martyrs

Victory to the Masses

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