



The Executive Body of the National Commission Organizes a Forum for Consultative Discussions

The Executive body of the Eritrean National Commission for Democratic Change has under the theme ‘We Will Solve our Problems through Consultative Discussions’ held a meeting in October 30/2011 in Addis Abeba. According to sources from the meeting, leadership members of 23 political organizations and 8 members of civic societies participated in the successful gathering.

Opening the meeting, Mr. Amha Domenico, chairperson of the ENCDC underlined that in solving rising problems and thereby making the National Congress successful, the best way is to exercise consultation and discussion, and noted that the forum for free discussion opened by the Commission should be regarded as a preparatory work for the Congress. He further stated that the aim of the forum is for the Congress’ stakeholders to explore the essential role they would play in seeing this solemn and historic National Congress project come to fruition. The meeting’s agendas included:

1. Probing the pre-National Congress atmosphere
2. Expectation from the Congress
3. The role of political organizations in the Congress’ success
4. Bodies to be empowered by the Conference
5. Opinions regarding the participation of individuals and civic societies
6. Post-Conference expectations and the role of the opposition camp
7. Relations between political organizations, civic societies and stakeholders



The participants commended the role of the Commission for holding such meetings and thanked the executive body which organized it. They furthermore noted that such meetings should be encouraged and continued in the future. The participants went on to stress that on top of such meetings, all forces for democratic change should prepare themselves morally and psychologically for the success of the National Congress. They stated that toppling of the PFDJ regime is a must for the salvation of the people and that this depends on the unity of the forces for democratic change. They, in conclusion stressed the fact that being at the crossroads and in order to succeed and fulfil the wishes of the people, taking the right direction and working with the utmost effort remains everybody’s historical obligation.



The participants were aware of the fact that political organizations and civic societies were hindered by the regime in Eritrean from realizing their aims and that therefore they should unite for the creation of a just and democratic Eritrea and for the success of the National Congress. Some participants have expressed their differing views regarding the Congress and considered it a success provided it:

1. Takes into consideration the present objective realities including the democratic wishes of the people and its unity.
2. Comes out with a clear and all-inclusive political charter
3. Comes out with important political resolutions and an all-abiding constitution
4. Comes out with a common leadership based on sufficient understanding, United Front/ Grand Alliance a sort of umbrella organization.

The meeting went on for almost eight hours. In the end and after considering the importance of consultative discussions for the success of the National Congress, the participants recommended that the committee for consultative discussions carry on its work and appointed four individuals who are entrusted with the responsibility and the vital task of ensuring the continuity of this consultative discussions among all stakeholders. The meetings concluded its session with success.

**Success to the National Congress!!
Eternal Glory to our Martyrs!!**

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