

EPDP Delegation Meets With PM Meles Zenawi

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A high-level delegation of the newly formed Eritrean People's Democratic Party (EPDP) was received in audience on Saturday, 6 March 2010, by H.E. Mr. Meles Zenawi, the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and discussed in great length a number of issues of mutual interest for the welfare of fraternal peoples of the two countries.

The EPDP delegation, headed by Ambassador Adhanom Ghebremariam, responsible for the Department of Foreign Relations, thanked for the opportunity of meeting with His Excellency Prime Minister Meles and submitted to him a letter from the EPDP Chairman, Mr. Woldeyesus Ammar.

The delegation, which included Mr. Mesfin Hagos, Executive Committee member in the Department for Internal Affairs, and Mr. Tesfai Woldemichael (Degiga), Director of the EPDP Chair Office, further expounded the contents of the letter. Besides explaining the situation in Eritrea and of Eritrean refugees, the delegation raised issues related with the Eritrean Democratic Alliance, and the expectations for an all-round support from Ethiopia to EPDP and the rest of the opposition camp.

On his part, Prime Minister Meles Zenawi analyzed in depth the prevailing international and regional situation as well as the distressing condition of Eritrea and its people under the PFDJ regime. Regarding the Eritrean opposition forces, the Prime Minister reiterated his government's commitment to continue supporting the struggle for a democratic change in Eritrea through an enhanced manner.

Responding to demands submitted by EPDP, Prime Minister Meles Zenawi reassured the delegation that the queries will be seriously reviewed within the framework of a given strategy and responded in an effective manner.

Ambassador Adhanom later stated that the discussions between the Prime Minister and his delegation were cordial, very constructive and envisioned the future advancement of the Eritrean opposition camp and the post-dictatorship Eritrea.