

ERITREAN DIASPORA DUTY/ ግብቡእ ናይ እታ ኣሪትራዊት ድያስፖራ (ስድደት/ ምግግዝ)

It is a Duty of Eritrean Diaspora to Organize a Political Movement that Opposes a Dictatorship at Home

Eritrea Today and Tomorrow

"Divide and Conquer": No

"Unite and Serve": Yes

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In Isaias Afewerki's dictatorial regime, organizing a political movement, whether within the country or as a refugee abroad, is both challenging and crucial. It is a national duty to undertake this effort. Here's a guide to help you understand the steps and reasons behind this process:

Why Organize a Political Movement?

1. **Build a Core Team:** Start with a small group of dedicated individuals who share your vision. This team will be the backbone of your movement.
2. **Define Your Goals:** Clearly outline what you want to achieve. This could include raising awareness, lobbying for international support, or preparing for eventual return and rebuilding.
3. **Research and Educate:** Understand the political landscape of both your home country and your host country. Educate your team and supporters about the issues at hand.
4. **Network and Collaborate:** Connect with other refugee groups, NGOs, and human rights organizations. Collaboration can amplify your efforts.
5. **Use Social Media:** Social media is a powerful tool for organizing and spreading your message. Create accounts on major platforms and regularly update them with your activities and goals.
6. **Peaceful Protests and Campaigns:** Organize peaceful protests, petitions, and awareness campaigns. Ensure that all activities are legal and non-violent.
7. **Engage with Media:** Reach out to journalists and media outlets to cover your story. Media coverage can bring significant attention to your cause.
8. **Seek Legal Advice:** Ensure that your activities comply with the laws of your host country. Legal advice can help you navigate complex regulations.
9. **Fundraising:** Secure funding for your activities. This could be through donations, grants, or crowdfunding campaigns.
10. **Stay Resilient/ተረፈ ብርቱዕ/ጽኑዕ:** Organizing a political movement is a long-term commitment. Stay resilient and adaptable to overcome challenges. (resilient = ረሲሊንት/ ብርቱዕ/ ጽኑዕ/ ሓይያል/ ቅልጡፍ ናብ ሓዊየ)

In summary/ ኣብ ቍጽል (ቁንጸለ):

"10 reasons why the Eritrean diaspora organizes a political movement:

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2. Define goals / ደንገገ/ወስነነ እቶም ኣተንናታት/ዕልላማት
3. Research & educate / ጉርጉረ እውን መሀረ/ዕልላመ
4. Network & collaborate / ገበረ መርቡብ እውን ኮልላቡራረ/ሰርሐ ብሓደ
5. Use social media / ለመደ ሶፕያል መድያ
6. Organize peaceful protests / ኣርጋኒዝዛረ/ሰርዐ ሰለማዊ ስምምዕታ (ስምዐ)/ወይ ፕሮተስተ
7. Engage with media / ተሳተፊ ምስ እቶም መድያ
8. Seek legal advice / ጠይቕ/ለምመነ ሕግጋዊ ምኽሪ/ምዕዶ/ዘተ
9. Fundraise / ምእንቲ ኣክከበ ሶልዲ/ገንዘብ
10. Stay resilient / ተረፈ ብርቱዕ/ ጽኑዕ/ ሓይያል #Eritrea #Diaspora #Activism"

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- 1. Establish a Clear Vision and Goals:** ተከክ/ወስሰነ ሐንቲ ግልጹ ራዕይ እውን አተንና/ዕልላም
 - Define the core objectives of the movement.
 - Create a mission statement that outlines your aims and values.
 - Ensure that your vision is inclusive and resonates with the broader Eritrean community.
- 2. Build a Strong Network:** ነደቕ ሐንቲ ዓብባይ መርብብ
 - Connect with fellow refugees and sympathizers.
 - Use social media and other communication tools to stay in touch and organize.
 - Foster a sense of community and mutual support among members.
- 3. Create an Organizational Structure:** ፈጠረ ሐንቲ ኦርጋኒዛሽን ለመሸከብ/ስትራቴጂ
 - Form committees or working groups to handle different aspects of the movement (e.g., communications, strategy, fundraising).
 - Establish roles and responsibilities to ensure efficient operation.
 - Encourage transparency and accountability within the organization.
- 4. Develop a Communication Strategy:** ሰላዕበለ/ማዕበለ ሐንቲ ስትራቴጂ ናይ ኮሙኒካሽን
 - Use encrypted messaging apps for secure communication. (to encrypt = to convert (information or data) into a code)
 - Maintain a strong online presence through social media, blogs, and websites to share your message and updates.
 - Regularly update supporters and keep them engaged with the cause.
 - Focus on clear, coherent, and grammatically correct communication to rebuild trust and effectiveness. Overcoming the habit of poor communication instilled by the dictatorship is essential for the movement's success.
- 5. Raise Awareness:** በዝሐ/ሰሰነ/ወሰሰኽ እታ ፍልጠት/አፍልጦ/ሌላ
 - Organize peaceful protests, rallies, and events to draw attention to your cause, emphasizing that violence has no place in the democratic world.
 - Work with international human rights organizations to highlight the issues in your home country.
 - Use storytelling and personal testimonies to humanize the struggle and garner empathy.
- 6. Engage in Advocacy and Lobbying:** አሸልለ/ተሸልለ ኣብ እታ ነገረ/ገለጸ እውን ኣብ እቲ ሎብ-ባይኢንግ
 - Contact foreign governments, NGOs, and international bodies to gain their support.
 - Provide evidence and testimonies of human rights abuses to international courts and organizations.
 - Build coalitions with other movements and groups fighting for similar causes.
- 7. Fundraising and Resource Management:** አክብ ካፒታል እውን ዐድደለ ካፒታል
 - Raise funds through donations, crowdfunding, and grants. Effective fundraising is crucial as it supports all activities of the movement. It also helps in overcoming the financial constraints that the dictatorship imposes.
 - Ensure transparency and accountability in managing financial resources. Dictatorial regimes often breed corruption and mistrust, making it essential for the movement to maintain high ethical standards to gain and keep supporters' trust.
 - Allocate resources effectively to support both immediate needs and long-term goals. Prioritize spending on critical areas such as communication, advocacy, and support for refugees, while also investing in the sustainable growth of the movement.
 - Rebuild trust and community by fostering habits of accountability and mutual support. The dictatorship has instilled divisive and corrupt practices; the movement must counteract this by modeling integrity and solidarity.
- 8. Fight Against Illiteracy and Promote Education:** ቃልሲ ኮንትሮ ድንቅርንፍ እውን ውሕሰንነት ናይ እታ ምህሮ
 - **Combat the Negative Impact of Dictatorship on Education:** The dictatorship has led to widespread illiteracy and educational neglect. The movement must emphasize the importance of education as a cornerstone for progress.
 - **Promote Literacy and Education Initiatives:** Organize programs and workshops to educate both young and old. Literacy is fundamental to empowerment and effective participation in the political process.
 - **Encourage Continuous Learning:** Advocate for the importance of ongoing education and skill development. Knowledge is power, and an educated population is essential for the nation's future.

9. **Provide Support to Refugees: ሐልለነ ደግገፍ ናብ እቶም ስድደተይናታት**
 - Offer legal assistance, education, and other support to fellow refugees.
 - Create networks to help refugees integrate into new communities while staying connected to the movement.
 - Empower refugees with skills and knowledge to contribute to the movement.
 - **Prepare for the Future:** Encourage refugees to acquire education and skills that will be invaluable upon returning to Eritrea. The country is waiting for us to return with the education and skills gained from the Western world, ready to rebuild and lead.
10. **Stay Resilient and Adaptable: ተረፈ/ቀረየ ረሲሌንተ/ብርቱዕ እውን ዝ ይሰማማዕ**
 - Be prepared to face challenges, including surveillance, infiltration, and internal conflicts.
 - Adapt your strategies as the political situation evolves.
 - Celebrate successes, no matter how small, to maintain morale and motivation.

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Example: International Committee of Refugees (ICR)

The International Committee of Refugees (ICR) is an example of a successful refugee-led political movement. It started with a participatory art project and grew into a network of refugee and citizen activists working together to create a representative body for refugees¹. This movement highlights the importance of refugees driving their own initiatives and the power of collaboration and representation.

By organizing a political movement, you can play a crucial role in advocating for change and justice, both for yourself and for others facing similar struggles. Stay strong and focused on your goals, and remember that every step you take is a step towards a better future.

Conclusion

Organizing a political movement under a dictatorship is fraught with difficulties, but it is essential for the pursuit of freedom and democracy. By uniting efforts, both at home and abroad, and leveraging international support, the movement can create significant pressure for change. The Eritrean diaspora has a unique and powerful role to play in this struggle. Together, we can overcome division and oppression, rebuild effective communication, and build a future based on unity and service. Our country is waiting for us to return with education and skills from the Western world, ready to lead and transform Eritrea into a prosperous and free nation.

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Ten realities/ሐቕቂታት that help to understand the nature of Eritrean dictator Isaias Afewerki (a toddler/ሐደ ዕንዱ: born 1946): ① 1. Relies on historical CIA ties but often speaks against the West. ② 2. Once vowed to "erase Israel," yet now hosts an Israeli military base in Emba Soria. ③ 3. Faced Soviet-aided Derg forces in 1978, now hosts a Russian base in Massawa. ④ 4. Promised "Victory to the Eritrean people", but now Eritrea has turned into a large container prison. ⑤ 5. Allied with TPLF to defeat ELF, now at war with TPLF. ⑥ 6. Praised PM Abiy Ahmed as a new leader, now on the brink of war with Ethiopia. ⑦ 7. Secretly supported Al-Shabaab, now appears against them. ⑧ 8. In 2009, linked to arms smuggling for the Tamil Tigers, now silent. ⑨ 9. Welcomed UAE military base in Assab in 2015, dismantled in

2019, now on bad terms. 10. "He still needs to learn the eight parts of Tigrinya speech, so he speaks, writes, and teaches without proper grammar. For example, the term ኩፍጉ, a concrete noun meaning 'spear' in Ge'ez, Tigre, and Tigrinya, means 'war' to him, an abstract noun. Despite this, he claims to be a world order fixer." [Tweeted 27.06.2024](#)

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