

Rally at Ralph J. Bunche Park in New York City

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As we all are aware of, from May 15 - May 18 Ethiopians in the Diaspora are showing solidarity with their people and reach out to each other and move on the spirit of May 15, 2005 where Ethiopians on their vote back home shook the foundation of tyranny beyond repair forever.

On this spirit, Ethiopians in New York Metropolitan area and from New Jersey have organized a rally on May 15, 2008 on the third anniversary of our people victory over TPLF tyranny.

Since then many lives have been lost and many jailed including Teddy Afro loved by many Ethiopians for his pro-Ethiopian songs. Moreover, the killing has been exported to neighboring Somalia since December 2006 and to our Ogaden for a diversionary plot without success in the name of war on terror financed by Bush administration.

The victims of TPLF are all nationalities and we need to come together to defeat this regime and the separate ways we go to defeat the regime though has weakened the regime there should be a united assault to give a final blow and take our liberty from the hands of homegrown fascists.

I call all Ethiopians to come on May 15, 2008 to famous site here in New York City where people of the world gather to show their denunciation of terror and tyranny.

All Ethiopians are invited to come to the Ralph J. Bunche Park in front of Peace Form One obelisk at First Avenue 42nd Street across the U.N headquarters and celebrate our people victory three years ago over tyranny.

The rally from 9 am to 2:30 pm is also a call for political parties to form a united front against TPLF and narrow differences among ourselves. As you know the great obstacle of peace, TPLF, currently is busy in giving away Ethiopia's land for Sudan in exchange of denying oppositions safe heaven to conduct their struggle.

Our struggle against TPLF can not be won while some fight and die and others look on sideline and it is critical to hold each others hand and remove the regime who is killing and abusing our people each day.

We are also condemning the illegal occupation of Somalia and the killing of elderly, women and children and show solidarity with fellow Somalis who are now fighting to liberate their land from TPLF forces.

Come and participate on this rally at a critical time our region and Ethiopia has been forced to after Ethiopians rejected the brutal regime of Melese Zenawi exactly three years ago.