

## **About Eritrean Nahda Party (ENP)**

The Eritrean Nahda Party (ENP) is an Eritrean opposition party, which strives for the basic and inalienable human and national rights of the Eritrean people. It was formed in 2005 by concerned and learned Eritreans from the Jeberti ethnic group, an ethnic group which the regime has derecognized its legal and historical autonomy as an independent ethnic group in Eritrea. It is determined to fight the injustices perpetrated by the regime in Eritrea.

Currently, the Eritrean people are enduring profound oppression under the ruling regime, the People's Front for Democracy and Justice (PFDJ). The regime blocked all peaceful avenues of democratic and peaceful changes, put restrictions on freedom of speech, religion and belief, and exposed the country and its people to the worst political, socio-economic and cultural crisis. The system of indefinite, involuntary conscription imposed on Eritrean youth amounts to modern slavery and a violation of human rights. Because of the violations inherent in the framework of National service (NS), as well as the indefinite nature of conscription precluding other economic or educational opportunities, many Eritreans fleeing the country and seeking asylum in other countries. People have started to question the meaning of the hard won Eritrean independence. Economically, the regime is pursuing a command market policy that averts the participation of the private sector in the economy of Eritrea, exposing the people to poverty and debilitating dependency.

ENP has core values and objectives and a clear perspective on the specific needs and issues of the Eritrean people. It has developed comprehensive political, social, education and economic plan. Among other basic objectives, the party aims to alleviate an ongoing profound oppression and fear from the minds and lives of all Eritreans, establish a democratic system that respects all human rights, justice and equality, uproot poverty, racial discrimination and all socio-economic and political crises that exist in Eritrea due to the current repressive policies. Today, ENP is part of the Eritrean Democratic Alliance (EDA), an Eritrean opposition umbrella composed of several political organizations determined to resist the current regime in Eritrea.

## Values and Goals

- International recognition of Eritrea's sovereignty, its people and its geographical boundaries.
- To form a democratic parliamentary government through fair and peaceful elections, engaging all political parties.
- To form an independent parliamentary and judicial system.
- To form a referendum bound decentralized governance system
- To introduce freedom of speech and religion in Eritrea.
- Ethnic and language rights in Eritrea.
  - a. The right of all ethnic groups to use and enhance their languages and practice their culture.
  - b. To recognize the Jeberti ethnic group as an independent ethnic group.
  - c. Equal use of the two official languages (Arabic and Tigrinya) in all government administrations.
- To *ensure peace in the region by* establishing strong neighborly relations based on *mutual respect* and interest with all *neighboring countries*.
  
- To allow and respect unrestricted peoples right to organize, freedom of speech and the right to have a peaceful demonstrations and fair work rights.
  
- To prevent any arrest/capital punishment, house / office search without due process of law.
- To strive for equal participation of women in all aspects of life.
- To ensure and respect the rights of children
  
- To ensure the right of all citizens to support or oppose, to elect and be elected in the country's political system
  
- To support and encourage the establishment of civic societies, religious and welfare organizations.
  
- To ensure equal opportunity and participation of all ethnic groups in all government administrations.

## **Economic Policy**

- To develop an economic policy that gives priority to the nationals and encourages foreign direct investment
- To create a conducive economic atmosphere, which promotes regional and global economic ties based on mutual benefit and respect
- To ensure the establishment of modern scientific production system.
- To encourage and strengthen a dynamic small, medium and large agro industries, which includes farmers and herders, modern fishing as well as light industries.
- To revive and develop the private sector, support the establishment of private limited properties, share companies and cooperatives.
- To develop an economic strategy, which guarantees the existence of market economy and reject the monopoly of command economy by any party through national proclamations.
- To take affirmative action and encourage the development of livestock, agriculture and marine resources.
- Nationalize all illegal properties of the dictatorial regime; return all the properties and lands, which have been looted and confiscated from the citizens.
- Protect environmental degradation and pollution of the land, sea and air.
- To ensure that all national resources belong to the local people where the resources are located and to the people of Eritrea at large.

## **Social Aspects**

- Promote multiculturalism among the population, to develop an Eritrean culture which builds upon positive customs and rejects harmful norms.
- To develop a democratic culture which rejects all divisiveness, narrow sentiments and chauvinism.
- To ascertain equal opportunity and fair work for all workers; encourage the establishment of workers union that would advocate for the rights of workers; strive to reduce unemployment.
- To ascertain equal participation of women in the work force; introduce maternity leave and flexible work hours.
- To encourage the presence of human rights organizations as well as professional and civic organizations.
- To create conditions that encourage all Eritrean refugees living outside Eritrea to return to their country.
- To ensure fair and appropriate distribution of basic health services, including remote areas of Eritrea.
- To ensure that people receive water, shelter, sanitation and communication services

## **Education**

- To strive to eradicate illiteracy in Eritrea.
- To develop a blended education curriculum that aligns real world experience with academic theoretical concepts.

- To encourage the expansion higher and vocational skills education by governmental and non-governmental institutions.
- To encourage the establishment of private schools, which are abided by the national curriculum.

### **International Relations**

- To follow a foreign policy that is based on the respect of territorial integrity and national dignity, equality and mutual interest.
- To strive for the promotion of the people to people relations, to encourage free movement of goods services and capital between the people of the regional countries.
- Pursue a foreign policy that resolves conflicts through peaceful and international laws and pacts.
- To build and strength relationship with all regional and international organizations based on the pertinent pacts and global conventions.
- To strive to better Eritrea's international reputation
- To build a national army that is bound by and serves to the National constitution.
- To ensure that the doctrine of the national army is inclusive and non-partial.
- To make joining the National Army non-compulsory.
- All peace and war decrees are only to be declared by parliamentary resolutions.