

## Seattle - PM Meles memoriam event

Ethiopian at home and all over the world are shocked and disheartened by the sudden and untimely death of Ethiopia's beloved Prime Minister Meles Zenawi on August 20, 2012.

Ethiopians and Ethiopian origin residents of Seattle, WA held a memoriam for Prime Minister Meles Zenawi on Aug 26, 2012. Attendants consoled each other and offered their condolences to Ethiopians and to the family of the late Prime Minister. They expressed their gratitude for the late Prime Minister's exceptional leadership and tremendous sacrifices he paid to help improve the lives of Ethiopians.

Unprecedented number of youth and elderly from all walks of lives and regions of Ethiopia attended the memoriam. They promised to participate and contribute their share towards completing the projects started under his leadership and realize the Ethiopia he envisioned and gave his life serving.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEGe7Z\\_8IJg&feature=channel&list=UL](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEGe7Z_8IJg&feature=channel&list=UL)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=boRkmFXOZVo&feature=channel&list=UL>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5b8jnsZ5Wc&feature=channel&list=UL>

Eulogy for the late Prime Minister was delivered by many including his comrade in arms and admirers. Many life stories were told, poems were read, songs were sung, and pledges were made to immortalize him by fulfilling his vision. A young Ethiopian woman born during the freedom fighting days recalled how at times Meles bottle-fed her and cared for when she was a baby girl. An Ethiopian Somali community leader admired Meles and pledged, "Mother Ethiopia is sad today, but organized and united as before, we should and will pay all the sacrifices needed to realize his vision and move the country forward on the development path paved by PM Meles." Highlighting the efforts and accomplishments of the late Prime Minister in securing peace, development, and regional integration in the Horn, an Eritrean said that PM Meles will be missed greatly well beyond the borders of Ethiopia. A former Eritrean refugee appreciated Meles for offering hospitality and opportunity to Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia.

The twenty-one member memoriam organizing committee would like to thank all people who came out and paid their respect to our Prime Minister Meles.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of the late PM Meles Zenawi and the people of Ethiopia.

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