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EPRDF-SF Condemns Terrorist Action in Addis Ababa

It is with profound sadness we hear the news that a coordinated bomb blast planted by terrorist groups at two privately owned gas stations has killed three and wounded dozens of innocent civilians in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

EPRDF-SF members would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to families who lost their loved ones. We also wish a quick recovery to the wounded victims.

We are told by the Ethiopian government that early investigation has led them to believe terrorist groups trained and armed by the regional menace of the Eritrean government are the perpetrators of this vicious and cruel act. As it has apprehended successfully the terrorists who detonated a bomb in Humera, we are confident that the government of Ethiopia will conduct a full investigation and will find and bring all the responsible parties to justice.

We, members of EPRDF Support Forum, condemn this cowardly act in no uncertain terms. And we affirm our commitment to support the Ethiopian government on action it takes to bring the perpetrators to justice. We call on all nations to fully cooperate with the government of Ethiopia with its investigation and help bring terrorists to justice.

This terrorist action as it has occurred at the peaceful conclusion of the bi-election is premeditated and executed to interrupt the ongoing democratization in Ethiopia. It is also a calculated action to derail the excellent economic development currently undergoing in Ethiopia with the leadership of EPRDF.

At one time, members from these terrorist groups and agents from their sponsoring state have been apprehended while planning a similar act. At other occasions, these terrorists have succeeded, to a limited extent, and committed similar crimes. But their intention and action resulted in making Ethiopians and their government more vigilant to protect their security and firm in their commitment to follow through the democratization process. The development is uninterrupted and the economy continues to grow as expected. We like to reiterate that this current terrorist action will have a similar effect.

EPRDF-SF members would like to ask US law makers to recognize that Ethiopia is fighting terrorists and stop imposing undue burden. We also urge the US State Department to take a action against Eritrea and designate it a terrorist sponsoring state.

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