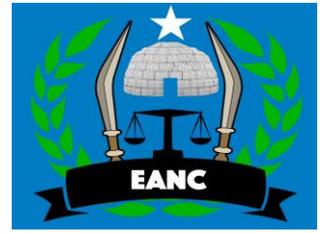




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*Restoring the Self Determination of the Eritrean Afar Nation
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Statement on Afar Unity Congress in Uppsala, Sweden, June 30-July 1, 2018

July 5, 2018 | Over 200 delegates from Afar and other Eritrean opposition groups gathered in Uppsala, Sweden to create a new, unified Eritrean Afar opposition organization, the Eritrean Afar National Congress (EANC). Delegates elected **Mr. Ahmed Youssouf Mohamed** President of EANC, **Mr. Abdurhman Ahmed Mahmud** Vice-President, 35 members to its Legislative Council and 15 members to its Executive Committee.

Citing United Nations findings, EANC condemned the Eritrean government's ongoing crimes against humanity against the Afar people, ethnic cleansing of indigenous Afar people from their traditional lands, uncompensated expropriations and exploitations of Afar traditional resources, and other widespread human rights violations against Afar people by Eritrea and Eritrean officials.

EANC was mandated to lead Eritrean Afar struggle for internal self-determination and self-rule in Dankalia, Eritrea and work towards establishing a liberal democratic regime that respects the rule of law, democracy, human rights and equality of all Eritrean nationalities while safeguarding Eritrea's sovereignty and integrity. (See the [EANC Uppsala Declaration](#) for more details.)

EANC delegates pledged their support for normalization of relations between Ethiopia and Eritrea, for resolving border conflicts, for peaceful co-existence of nations and nationalities in the region and for economic collaboration and socio-economic integration of the Ethiopia/Eritrea/Djibouti triangle in the Horn of Africa.

The Unity Congress noted that Ethiopia is not now involved in crimes against humanity or ethnic cleansing in Eritrea, but expressed concern that Ethiopia's use of traditional Eritrean Afar lands and resources without Eritrean Afar consent could raise issues about after the fact complicity. EANC called on **Dr. Abiy Ahmed**, the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, to consult with EANC and Afar leadership over ways and means to respect Afar rights in accordance with international law concerning the use of Afar indigenous territories including the strategic port of Assab.

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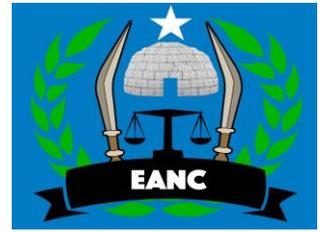
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The Uppsala Declaration: <http://dankalia.org/uppsala-declaration-july-1-2018/>

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DW Radio interview with EANC Congress: [DW Interview](#)

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