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Press Release

Referring to the letter sent to the president of the United States of America Mr. Joe Biden on October 15 2021, by Four Eritrean opposition groups namely, Yiakel Movement, the Eritrean Research Institute for Policy and Strategy, the Eritrean Focus and the Sinit Eritrawyan, in which they are claiming that the Eritrean Military Force perpetrated war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide in the Tigray region, thus they applaud the Executive order of the president to impose sanction against Eritrea and Eritreans.

It's very saddening to see Four opposition groups accusing their country military force with genocide against neighbouring Tigrayan people.

Genocide defined as any number of acts committed with intent to destroy in whole or in part a national, ethnical, racial, or religious group. However, to claim a genocide has taken place in any part of the world, the claim must be properly investigated and confirmed by independent body. Since the war is still going on in different regions of Ethiopia namely, in Tigray, Amhara and Affar, consequently many civilians are displaced from their homes. Thus, it's hard to run an investigation to prove or disprove any claim by any part.

By the same token, we can say that the Tigrayan army committed atrocities in Affar region that can amount to a war crime as well as in Amhara region, however we can't be certain without investigation and confirmation by independent body.

Therefore, the Eritrean Renaissance Party for Justice calls for:

- 1- Immediate ceasefire and strive for a negotiated settlement of all sides
- 2- To stop harming innocent civilians of all sides, and to remember all the armed forces of all sides have the liability to protect innocent civilians, particularly women and children
- 3- To give unhindered access of all humanitarian aid to all areas affected by the ongoing war
- 4- The Eritrean forces to remain within our Eritrean borders, unless Eritrean sovereignty is challenged

Signed,

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For the Eritrean Renaissance Party for Justice

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