



Press Release

## **37 PFDJ Casualties in RSADO Military Operation**

The armed forces of the Red Sea Afar Democratic Organization (RSADO) have carried out yet another successful military operation against the Eritrean regime's security forces that have been harassing and terrorizing the Afar people in Dankaliya region of Eritrea.

On Feb 15, 2010, at 5:00 a.m., the heroic fighters of RSADO executed a well coordinated attack on the regime's military base in Furi, Central-Dankaliya, killing 17 enemy soldiers and wounding 20 more. The gallant RSADO forces took control of the military base for several hours and captured a variety of military equipment including small arms and large quantities of ammunition before they retreated to their bases safely.

The commanding officers of the RSADO forces that carried out the attack have reported a noticeable drop in the moral and the will to fight of the so called Eritrean Defense Forces. The repeated and escalating attacks by RSADO and other Eritrean opposition organizations coupled with the regime's corrupt mismanagement and irresponsible adventures against neighboring countries in the Horn of Africa have exhausted its fighting forces and triggered an unprecedented rate of defection of Eritrean soldiers to neighboring countries.

During the PFDJ's 20 years in power, thousands of innocent and helpless sons and daughters of the Red Sea Afar have been subjected to heinous atrocities of ethnic cleansing through indiscriminate killings, everlasting disappearances, unwarranted detentions and mass expulsion into refugee camps in neighboring countries. The Red Sea Afar have patiently waited for a change of heart in Eritrea's ruling elite, while witnessing their livelihoods and ways of life being deliberately re-engineered by the PFDJ to fit the regime's narrow ethno-centric agenda.

The RSADO, in line with the legacy of Afar bravery and resilience against successive oppressive occupations of their land, is determined to bring an end to the PFDJ's war crimes and crimes against humanity committed against the Red Sea Afar in particular and the Eritrean people in general.

"We have increased our military campaign against the PFDJ regime to shorten it's lifespan by crippling its military capabilities across Dankaliya (Afar Region) and beyond" said Mr. Ibrahim Harun, Chairman of RSADO. "Just this new year's day, we along with our counterparts from the ENSF (Eritrean National Salvation Front) have carried out a massive military operation outside Dankaliya near Senafe in Akeleguzay. We will escalate our military campaign until the realization of Democratic Eritrea where every citizen and every Eritrean ethnic group such as ours, the Kunamas, the Saho and other disenfranchised ethnicities' rights to federal, regional and indigenous government are represented and protected in an all inclusive Eritrea" he added.

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