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Eritrean Birged Nhamedu Warns Authorities to Stop Melbourne Festival of Hate

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MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA - 2 JANUARY 2024 - Eritrean Australian youth movement known by “Birged Nhamedu” warns Australian authorities to cancel a politically motivated militaristic show Melbourne festival with full of hate speeches aiming at promoting the brutal Eritrean dictatorial regime that caused grave human rights violations of the Eritrean people.



Eritrean Birged Nhamedu from all over Australia will be gathered and make peaceful demonstration in front of the Polish Club (19 Carrington Drive, Albion) where this event occurred between 11-14 January 2024 if authorities don't stop the event. In the last eight months members of Birged Nhamedu and Eritrean justice seekers were trying to engage several Australian authorities and government officials including police and had written various letters explaining the

intent of the festival and urging them to cancel the festival.

This taxpayer funded non-inclusive militaristic festival is organised by the longarm members of the Eritrean dictator Isaias Afewerki under the *Eritrean National Communities Council Inc* in Melbourne. The festival organisers invite high-ranking People's Front for Democracy and Justice (only political party in Eritrea) officials that give politically motivated speeches and seminars. Since 2001, these officials incite hate messages and compromise the safety and unity of the Eritrean community in Australia by disseminating the government's unrealistic propaganda about Eritrea to create “illusion” into the Eritrean community by empowering the oppressive dictatorial regime of Afewerki.

Eritrea is a nation located in the horn of African on the Red Sea coast that won its independence from Ethiopia in 1991. For the last 32 years, the country has been ruled with an iron fist by the Eritrean dictator Isaias Afewerki without constitution, free and fair election and any form of rule of law. Since 1995, the Eritrean youth have been forced to serve in an indefinite military service akin to slavery. These Eritrean youth are horrendously abused under such practice, with no viable option to fulfil their personal aspirations of education and professional growth, family lives and forced to leave the country illegally.

About Birged Nhamedu – Australia

Eritrean Birged Nhamedu is a decentralised Eritrean pro-democracy youth movement in diaspora first initiated in 2022 in Europe and fast spreading all over the world including Australia, struggling for democracy, justice, rule of law and freedom of speech in Eritrea and is not dictated by any form of religious or ethnic divisions.

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