



*United Australian Harari council*

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OPEN LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRIME MINISTER OF ETHIOPIA

Honorable Prime Minister Dr., Abiy Ahmed  
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Dear Dr. Abiy Ahmed,

On behalf of the Harari Australian Community, we would like to congratulate you for accepting to lead this great country of ours as prime minister for all.

Your excellency, we believe you have the wisdom and courage to lead our country Ethiopia with conviction and devotion to bring the elusive stability we all aspire to have.

Similarly, we would also like to express our heart-felt appreciation to every and each person who, have played a pivotal role in the transfer of state-power smoothly, without a hitch and any spill of blood. Congratulations to you all and this by itself is historic and first for our nation that, can set a precedent to many African countries.

Dear Prime Minister,

We acknowledge your recent effort in trying to bring about the stabilities and reconciliation among different regional states across the country as prime minister who cares, we hope to see you in Harar and other regional states to convey the same message of peace and stability in person.

From day one, we the Harari Australian Community have fully supported the Federal Government of Ethiopia and its constitution and worked hand in hand with all peace-loving Ethiopians and the Ethiopian Embassy together, promoting a new democratic Ethiopia.

Our close relationship with the Ethiopian Embassy here in Australia provided us an opportunity to discuss a range of issues including the current situation in our country.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Ambassador Tirfu Kidanemariam Gebrehiwet and Ambassador Siraj Rashid for their time to meet with us on the 12th of June 2018 in Melbourne and listen to our concerns regarding the recent incident in and around the city of Harar and hopefully as promised, communicate our message to authorities in charge.

Dear Prime Minister,

We Hararis have opened our hearts and our homes to many who came to our region and settled. Particularly with the people of Oromo and Somali we have a long -lasting blood relations where, we fought side by side, have Intermarriage with each other, share our social fabrics, trade with each other and many more. This is the fact that cannot be denied or changed and we hope this remains the same and encouraged.

Dear Prime Minister,

Despite such exemplary coexistence and to our dismay, the news that is coming from Harar conspicuously depict that Hararis are being marginalized and treated as a second class citizens in their homeland, their language is undermined , their properties are destroyed, burnt or looted, they are threatened to be or are evicted from their homes , they are made to feel ashamed of their culture, and this, we believe does sound like systemic ethnic cleansing .

No nation or nationalities of any ethnic, big or small should be pushed to the wall and made to compromise on their identity, religion, language nor forced and dislodged from their land.

Prime Minister, we trust in you and hope this is not going to take place under your watch.

Your excellency,

we kindly request of you that,

- The Harari people must feel safe and fully protected in pursuing their daily life to run errands.
- The indigenous rights of the Hararis in Harar must be respected
- The constitution must be upheld
- Investment and properties of Hararis must not be singled out and attacked.
- Those criminals who attacks and create chaos and tension must be controlled and brought to justice

Dear Dr.Abiy

As history shows, Hararis are not only peace loving people with open heart , but also courageous people who have fought and resisted oppression and suppression in all its forms for very longtime. The region that we have and inhibited today is not a gift of good will but it is a result of many sacrifices and devotion. Hence, recognition in the constitution of Ethiopia.

Dear Prime Minister

We the Harari community in Australia are with you and support you in full in your journey towards peace, stability, democracy, good governance, prosperity, reconciliation. Justice for all and upholding the constitution.

Finally,

We thank you and pray for you that Allah give you the courage and devotion who rules with justice, loved and respected Prime Minister for all.



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