

Eritreans in the Washington DC Metropolitan Area held fourth round of hizbawi Mekhete

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On a beautiful Spring Saturday afternoon hundreds of Eritreans in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area held their 4th round hizbawi meKhete seminar at the Columbia Heights Educational Campus in the heart of Washington D.C.



The program opened with a moment of silence in memory of our martyrs followed by an opening statement by Ms. Freweini Tekeste, chairperson of the National Mekhete Task Force. Ms. Freweini Tekeste gave the group's report and outlined the future plans for all Eritreans in the DC metro and how they will be able to continue the task of defending Eritrea together.

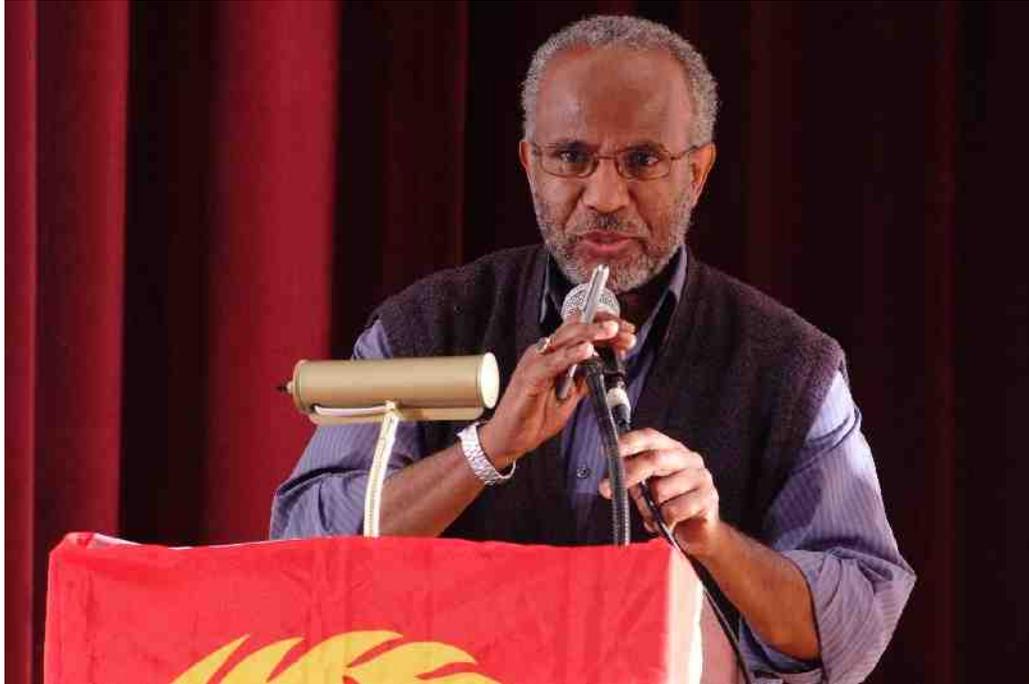
Mr. Berhane Gebrehiwet, Fist Secretary of the Embassy of Eritrea in Washington on his part briefed the attendees on current affairs in Eritrea. He spoke of the many challenges facing the motherland and how as Eritreans we must continue to be resilient. Mr. Berhane further expressed that while the state of the Eritrean nation is moving forward as planned, Eritreans in the Diaspora and at home will continue to stay alert from the many attacks coming from the enemies. He also spoke of the many intimidation tactics that are being used against law abiding Eritrean citizens in different communities throughout the USA.



One of the most important topics he elaborated on is the three different stages of what the enemies of Eritrea along with the minority regime in Ethiopia have been plotting and trying to intimidate the Eritrean people into submission. The three points focused heavily on Political, Economic and Psychological warfare in order to cover up the current internal crisis in Ethiopia. The attendees assured their steadfast support and readiness and vowed to continue to stand up with their government at all times.



Finally the invited guest, Professor Tesfay Aradom, explained that the resilience and determination of the Eritrean people over the past 20 years since independence has been unmatched. He went on to elaborate that it is in the psyche of Eritreans to remain vigilant at all times. Dr. Aradom who is a psychology professor further showed his studies and how it has had an impact in Eritrean's life. He went on to tell the already strong minded Eritreans that in order to remain strong they need to balance their life free from stress and continue to do what they enjoy most, which has been proven that it is a Passionate love for their homeland of Eritrea.



As always Ato Aya Kiflemariam recited a nationalistic poem that hit home hard.

Afterwards the floor was open for an answer and question session.



The event was moderated by YPFDJ members Mekonnen Gebremariam and Simone Marioti, while Amanuel Beidemariam also introduced the invited guest.

Awet n'Hafash!!

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