

Devastating Loss

Dearest Semainesh and children,

On behalf of Aysha and myself, I share with you, as well as all the members of the Salvation Front, the deep sorrow for the devastating loss of a caring father and committed comrade. Despite our attempt in vain not to believe the brutal truth called death, the power of inevitability compels us to give in to the our beloved Eyob has indeed left us for eternity.

Dear Semainesh, I know it is heavier for you, the children and his waiting mother than the rest of us. But rest assured that Eyob has left many of us as pitiable orphans. He was a towering giant among us with his noble humane nature, determination and broad vision of pragmatism. As a comrade for 34 uninterrupted relentless years of struggle, I always looked to him in times of political adversity for counselling and wisdom. Since I first met him just before sunset in early or late May in 1975 at Martyr Talodi ELF training camp in Ribda, Eyob through those long years was to me, and for sure lots of many others, a man whose thoughtfulness and sober rationalization would never let us down.

His spirit and rich legacy shall remain among us. Above all else, his dream, and the dream of us all, for united, sovereign and free Eritrea that shall have no place for all sorts of bigotry, chauvinism and greed shall be carried on. As loyal comrades, therefore, we say to him as one united voice:

Eyob Beserat, rest in peace assured that the torch you had carried for life shall never be extinguished before it illuminates all corners of a nation for which you done so much.

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