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Message of Congratulations to Ethiomedia

Dear Ato Abraha Belai,
Ethiomedia Editor

United Ethiopian Democratic Forces (UEDF) would like to enthusiastically congratulate the Editor and staff of Ethiomedia on your outstandingly devoted contribution to the cause of justice and freedom of expression in Ethiopia. Ethiomedia since its inception, and more particularly leading up to and since the historic May 15, 2005 general elections, has stood steadfastly with the people of Ethiopia. Its accurate and reliable reporting of events has been a trusted source to turn to.

When the Meles regime trampled upon and wrecked the fledgling free press and citizens were denied their fundamental civic and human rights, Ethiopians were in dire need of knowing the truth and making their voices heard. Ethiomedia was and continues to be one of the vanguards in being the voice for the voiceless millions.

Ethiomedia's timely reportage on and postings about events surrounding the consequential May 15 elections, the misery and suffering of our people at the hands of EPRDF terrorist dictators, the condition of the prisoners of conscience including our elected leaders, the struggle for justice, human rights and democracy by Ethiopians both inside the country and in the Diaspora, the plight of Ethiopians, be it in Lebanon or elsewhere, etc.. along with scores of enlightening articles by scholars captivated and energized Ethiopians everywhere.

We, in UEDF, take pride in seeing an Ethiopian news outlet of the Ethiomedia caliber and stature come of age with such high standards. Ethiomedia's popularity is based not only on your journalistic professionalism but also your unflinching patriotism and your courageous stance against tyranny that has gripped our people for so long. We believe that your devotion to Ethiopia and its long suffering people, your consistency and your professionalism will stay the course and be an inspiration and a positive role model to others.

No wonder that Ethiomedia has been a thorn in the throat of dictators, for what they fear and hate more than anything else is the free press.

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UEDF thanks the organizers of the August 13 Ethiomedia Day in Seattle for their commitment and creativity. Ethiomedia deserves to be thanked and encouraged. We wish all a resounding success.

Thank you for your valuable service to our country and its people and please keep up with your dependable and committed reporting for years to come.

The struggle for justice, equality and unity continues!
We shall overcome!
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