

## **ERITREAN MARTYRS' DAY OBSERVED IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

More than 250 Eritrean Americans residing in and around Los Angeles, California (USA) attended a special ceremony held on Saturday, June 19, 2010 at Rogers Park in Inglewood to honor Eritrean martyrs. The three-hour memorial ceremony began with the traditional observation of a minute of silence in honor of the martyrs and the singing of Eritrea's national anthem.

This was followed by a procession around the park by the candle carrying participants led by Eritrean elders.

Afterwards, a written message sent by the Embassy of the State of Eritrea in Washington DC on the occasion of the holiday was read to the gathering. Poems and messages reflecting the profound respect, love and admiration we have towards our martyred heroes and heroines were read by several participants.

Moreover, the Mekete committee chairperson urged the gathering to step up their participation in the ongoing mekete campaign while at the same time expressing gratitude for their past deeds. Furthermore, calls were made to sponsor the Martyrs' families individually and to contribute collectively towards the Martyrs' Trust Fund by hosting monthly events. Sixteen individuals and/or couples have expressed their readiness to host such events. Previous events had netted about \$8,000.

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