



Embassy of the State of Eritrea  
United Kingdom

To Ms Alex Mahon

Chief Executive of Channel4,

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Dear Ms Alex Mahon,

The Embassy of the State of Eritrea to the United Kingdom and Ireland, is dismayed to note that Channel4 News had chosen to broadcast a news item on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 entitled, *The Horrors of the Hidden War: Inside the Tigray conflict in Ethiopia*, in which it was claimed that Eritrean troops were operating in the Tigray region of Ethiopia and were committing rape against the women in the region.

The Embassy further notes that despite the claim made in the news item, evidence of the presence of Eritrean troops has not been presented. Neither had the journalist in the interest of fairness and accuracy, mention that the Eritrean government has made it quite clear that there are no Eritrean troops in Ethiopia.

Despite wide spread inherently false claims made by organisations like Channel4, evidence of the presence of Eritrean troops in Ethiopia is yet to be presented. It is to be noted that like Channel4, there are a number of International Media organisations that currently have a presence in the Tigray region of Ethiopia, none of whom have been able to produce any sort of reputable evidence of the presence of Eritrean troops in Ethiopia.

The reason for the lack of evidence regarding the presence of Eritrean troops in Ethiopia is not for the lack of effort by media organisations like yours, but because of the simple fact that there are no Eritrean troops in the region.

The Embassy of Eritrea therefore calls upon your organisation to adhere to its own editorial guideline lines which states, *1.1 Information or images that are materially misleading or distorted should not be published* and either provide proof to back your allegations, or amend your story to reflect the truth.

Yours Sincerely

Yared Tesfay

Head of Information & Communication Affairs

