

Press statement

July 2022 will go down in the annals of Eritrean history as the month in which Eritreans across the World came together in droves to celebrate their culture, history, and harmony in a series of Eritrean Festivals held in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, North America, and other regions.

These vibrant colourful festivals showcased the indomitable Eritrean spirit and presented to the World the rich cultural heritage and glorious history of Eritrea. All of the festivals were well attended, with the largest festival which was held in Stockholm, Sweden attracting over thirteen thousand people.

Despite the considerable number of attendees, there was not a single instance in which police intervention was required to maintain law and order. This was no accident, and the absence of violence at the Eritrean Festivals was because Eritreans by their very nature are peaceful law-abiding people, whose only wish is to celebrate their Eritreaness and the achievements of their young nation in peace and harmony.

While Eritreans basked in the success of their festivals, to the enemies of Eritrea the sheer magnitude, brilliance and significance of the Eritrean Festivals was a very bitter pill to swallow: as the Eritrean Festivals proved to be an antidote to the poisonous venom, they had been spewing out for decades in a futile bid to destroy Eritrea.

Enraged at their failure to sow discord, mistrust and strife within the Eritrean Diaspora, these enemies of Eritrea and everything Eritrean, in what can only be seen to be a last gasp bid to achieve their unholy ambition, have unleashed a horde of unruly, cowardly, knife wielding mobs of mostly non-Eritrean hooligans to disrupt Eritrean Cultural concerts across Europe.

On Sunday 4th September 2022, as Eritreans gathered outside the Eritrean Embassy in London to mark the 61st anniversary of the start of the Eritrean Armed Liberation struggle, a group of mindless hooligans armed with knives



and other assorted weapons had attempted to disrupt the event that had been organised to mark the key historic milestone in Eritrean history.

Just as how sixty-one years ago Eritreans had drawn the line and had stood up for themselves, on Sunday 4th September 2022, Eritreans demonstrated their unwavering and unflinching support for their country and government, by standing firm and holding their ground to successfully thwart the onslaught of the mercenary mob.

The defiance demonstrated by those Eritreans who wish to embrace and celebrate their culture, has sent a strong unequivocal message to the lawless hooligans and their cowardly handlers to remind them that just as in the past, Eritreans will not be intimidated and are ready as ever to protect and safeguard their country and the values, they hold dear.

Victory to the Masses

Embassy of the State of Eritrea to the UK and Ireland.

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