

EPDP Reminds UN HR Commissioner to Talk About Eritrea with African Union

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In a memorandum sent to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, who is currently in Addis Ababa, the Eritrean People's Democratic Party asked him to kindly remind the African Union about the mandate given them by the UN Human Rights Council in regard to the grave human rights violations in Eritrea which went on unabated from the early 1990's to the present.



The urgent EPDP message of 26 April 2018, also copied to the African Union Commission Chairman, Mr. Moussa Fakai Mahamat, regretted that all relevant UN organs and the African Union have not acted on the findings of the UN Commission of Inquiry on Eritrea that required urgent action to stop those violations and to serve justice to past abuses.

On its part, the African Union was recommended to set up **"an appropriate accountability mechanism" in order to "hold perpetrators of crimes against humanity in Eritrea accountable to secure justice and truth."**

To this day, African Union has not acted on those annually repeated recommendations for action by the UN Human Rights Council.



Mr. Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein and Mr. M. Faki Mahamad on 24 April co-chaired in Addis Ababa the first AU and UN High Level Dialogue on Human Rights as part of the commitment to strengthen ongoing collaboration between both institutions. The Addis Ababa AU-UN Dialogue reportedly presented a platform to explore and develop joint approaches to preventing and addressing human rights abuses and violations and building mechanisms in defense of human and peoples' rights.