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EPRP HAILS THE PEOPLES OF EGYPT AND TUNISIA!

EPRP joins the peoples of Tunisia and Egypt to express its sincere joy in the success of the first stage of their popular revolutions. The ouster of Ben Ali and Hosni Mubarak is reverberating all over the Middle East, in the Sudan and Djibouti as well, and heralds a wind of change and revolution in the whole of Africa too. Mabruk indeed! Inkuan des Alachihu!

The popular revolutions are, like the February Revolution of 1974, the fruits of years of organized and spontaneous struggles. Ben Ali and Mubarak and their wives and families fleeced Tunisia and Egypt respectively and relied on their security apparatus and the army to crush all dissidence. Both regimes were, like the existing repressive regime in Ethiopia, backed to the hilt by the USA, France and the West. The peoples' aspiration for democracy and justice were ignored or, even worse, countered with brutal repression. However, no amount of repression can forever stifle the yearning for democracy and liberation on the part of the people. Now that the tyrants have been removed the peoples of Tunisia and Egypt are obliged to be vigilant and to continue the struggle to final victory (the establishment of genuine people's democracy) by avoiding the theft of their victory by any local or foreign force. The Mubarak and Ben Ali systems should be dismantled. In Ethiopia, the revolution of February 1974 was short circuited by a populist military regime that stayed in power for 17 bloody years of terror against the people. The EPRP is certain that the peoples of Tunisia and Egypt will block such an outcome and frustrate the maneuvers of foreign puppets suddenly turned democrats.

As the EPRP struggles to bring a decisive revolution on the head of the Meles Zenawi regime it hails with joy the victories of the peoples of Tunisia and Egypt and calls on the peoples of the Middle East and Africa to rise up for their rights and to establish democratic systems.

Victory to the oppressed peoples of the World

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