





Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee for

Coalition for Unity and Democracy (CUD)

Leadership Delegation Visit to the United States

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UPDATE

KINIJIT LEADERS TO ARRIVE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

The Ad Hoc Committee coordinating the Kinijit Leadership Delegation visit to the U.S. is pleased to announce that the Leadership Delegation will be arriving in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, September 9. The Delegation will include Kinijit Vice Chair Birtukan Midekssa, Dr. Hailu Araya (Spokesperson), Ato Brook Kebede and Ato Gizachew Shiferaw. Dr. Birhanu Nega, Mayor-elect of Addis Ababa, is already in the United States having left Ethiopia earlier on personal matter.

Kinijit Chairman Ato Hailu Shawul is not expected to arrive with the delegation. He has not received an entry visa from the U.S. Embassy as of the date of this press release. The Committee is informed and believes that even if Ato Hailu were to receive his visa at the present time, he will be unable to join the Delegation on a U.S. tour due to ongoing health care needs. The U.S.-bound Delegation fully supports Ato Hailu in his decision to attend to his immediate medical needs. The Delegation is hopeful that Ato Hailu will regain his health speedily and join them on the tour.

As indicated in a previous press release of the Ad Hoc Committee, the Leadership Delegation has specific objectives during its visit to the United States. The Delegation is eager to express its deep appreciation and gratitude to all Ethiopians who have worked and

prayed for the release of Kinijit leaders since November 2005. The Delegation looks forward to confer, consult and deliberate with its support group members, and dialogue with the broader Ethiopian community during North American itinerary.

The Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee has been working closely with Kinijit support groups that have been willing to cooperate with it on the basis of the Leadership's authorizing directive. The Committee encourages and welcomes the participation of all support groups and their members in ensuring a successful itinerary for the Leaders.

The Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee is grateful to the support groups and their members for providing financial and planning support the Delegation's visit. Support group members who wish to resume their cooperation with the Coordinating Committee are cordially invited to do so.

The Ad Hoc Committee will make further public announcements on the events and activities organized for the Delegation.

Ad Hoc Coordinating Committee

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የቅንጅት መሪዎች በመዌዉ እሁድ September 9 ቀን 2007 አሜሪካ ይገባሉ።

የቅንጅት ከፍተኛ መሪዎች የአሜሪካ የልዑካን ቡድን በመጭዉ እሁድ September 9, 2007 ዋሽንግተን ዲሲ የሚገቡ መሆኑን የጉብኝቱ አስተባባሪ ኮሚቴ በደስታ ይገልጻል#

የልዑካን ቡድኑ የቅንጅት ምክትል ሊቀመንበር ወ/ት ብርቱካን ሚደቅሳ ዶ/ር ኃይሉ አረአያ (ቃል አቀባይ) ፤አቶ ብሩክ ከበደ እና አቶ ግዛቸዉ ሽፌራዉ የሚገኙበት ሲሆን ቀደም ብለው በግል ጉዳይ አሜሪካ የገቡት የአዲስ አበባ ከተማ ከንቲባ ተመራጭ ዶ/ር ብርሀኑ ነጋም ከቡድኑ ጋር ይቀሳቀላሉ። የቅንጅት ሲቀመንበር አቶ ኃይሉ ሻዉል ከቡድኑ *ጋር* አይመጡም። ይህ ጋዜጣዊ መግለጫ እስከ ተሰጠበት ጊዜ ድረስ ከአሜሪካ ኤምባሲ የመግቢያ ፈቃድ/ቪዛ ያሳገኙ ሲሆን የመግቢያ ፈቃድ ቢያገኙም እንኳን በአሁኑ ጊዜ በጤንነት ችግር ምክንያት ቡድኑን ሲቀሳቀሉ አይችሉም።

ወደ አሜሪካ የሚጓዘው የልዑካን ቡድን አቶ ኃይሉ የጤንነታቸዉን ጉዳይ እንዲከታተሉ ሙሉ ድጋፍ ሰጥቷል። አቶ ኃይሉ አሁን ከገጠጣቸዉ የጤና ችግር በቅርብ አገግመዉ የልኡካን ቡድኑን ይቀላቀላሉ ተብሎ በተስፋ ይጠበቃል።

ቀደም ብለን በሰጠነዉ ጋዜጣዊ መግልጫ እንደገለጽነዉ የመሪዎቹ የአሜሪካ ጉብኝት የተወሰኑ አላማዎች ላይ ያተኩራል። ልዑካኑ ከጥቅምት 1997 ጀምሮ በእስር ላይ በነበሩበት ወቅት ከእስር እንዲፈቱ በሥራና በጸሎት ይተጉ ለነበሩ ኢትዮጵያዉያን በሙሉ ምስጋና ለማቅረብ ከፍተኛ ፍላጎት አላቸዉ።

አስተባባሪ ኮሜቴው ከቅንጅት ከፍተኛ አመራር በተሰጠዉ መመሪያ መሰረት ፈቃደኛ ከሆኑ የቅንጅት ድጋፍ ሰጭ ቡድኖች ጋር በመቀራረብ ሲሰራ ቆይቷል። እንደዚሁም የልዑካኑ ቡድን ተልእኮ የተሰካ እንዲሆን ሁሉም የቅንጅት ድጋፍ ሰጭ ወገኖች ተሳትፏቸውን እንዲቀጥሉ ያበረታታል ድጋፋቸዉንም በደስታ ይቀበላል። አስተባባሪ ኮሚቴዉ ለቅንጅት ድጋፍ ሰጭ ቡድኖችና አባሎቻቸው ሳደረጉት የገንዘብና ለዝግጅቱ ለሰጡት ድጋፍ ታላቅ ምስጋና ያቀርባል።

የድ*ጋ*ፍ ሰሙ ቡድኖች ከአሰተባባሪ ኮሚቴው *ጋር* አብረው ለመሥራት ለሚፈልጉ ሁሉ ይህንት አጠናክረዉ እንዲቀጥሉ ፍሳንቱ መሆኑን በትህትና ይገልጻል*።*

የአስተባባሪ ኮሚቴዉ *የጉብኝቱን ፕሮግራም፤ ተግባራትና እንቅ*ስቃሴዎች እየተከታተለ በየጊዜዉ ያሳውቃል*።*

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