



Ethiopian-Tigray Community, Inc in Minnesota received with chewed up sadness, the news of the death of His Excellency Prime Minister Meles Zenawi of Ethiopia. This sad and shocking event occurred on Monday, August 20, 2012.

We join millions of Ethiopians everywhere in paying our respects to late PM Meles, as well as expressing our sympathy to Ethiopian people at this very sad time. No words of mouth will ever describe our sense of loss and sadness as we bid Prime Minister Meles Zenawi far well. Once in a while, history provides a people, with a leader who is truly outstanding, and undoubtedly Prime Minister was such a leader. What places him high above others was that special ability to understand the central contradiction of the times, to grasp the most critical question of the day and able to articulate them in a simple and understandable way. He was able, thus, to inspire and lead the masses into struggle. Prime Minister Meles Zenawi has repeatedly demonstrated this quality and it was this, among other that endeared him to the people of Ethiopia and Africa, and sustained his popularity among the masses for 21 years as President and Prime Minister of Ethiopia. The late Prime Minister will be missed dearly forever.

We at the Ethiopian-Tegray Community, Inc in MN consider the achievements of this noble son of Ethiopia, and of Africa, as a great legacy, which is worthy of honor.

Even as we mourn our late Prime Minister, we wish Acting PM, His Excellency Hailemariam Dessalegn well as he takes over the leadership of our nation. We trust that the Ethiopian people will rally behind Acting PM Hailemariam in this difficult time in the history of our nation. We solemnly ask for God's guidance and much more for his leadership of this great nation.

Again, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Prime Minister's immediate family, colleagues of our late PM Meles Zenawi as well as to Ethiopian people as a whole. God bless our homeland Ethiopia in these trying times of our unprecedented loss.

Board Members of Ethiopian-Tigray Community, Inc Minnesota

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