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HAIL THE MEMORY OF EPRP HERO SAMUEL ALEMAYEHU

Samuel Alemayehu Asfaw, a senior member of EPRP with over 34 years of party membership and exemplary activism, suddenly passed away from a heart attack on December 29, 2006 in Washington DC.

Samuel was born on Sene 5, 1934 Eth. calendar (June 1942) in Dembi Dolo , Wollega, Ethiopia. He completed his primary and secondary education in Arbegnoch and commercial schools respectfully and then interrupted his studies to be employed in the Besse Company and to raise his brothers and sisters in the place of his father who had passed away. He was an active member of the labour union activity at the time and did his share in the struggle to make the Confederation of Ethiopian Labor Unions truly representative of the workers. He came to the US in the 60s and obtained his Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Economics and Labor Relations at Cornell University in New York. While in the US, Samuel cut his political teeth by participating fully in the Ethiopian students' movement. When the process of forming and establishing the EPRP started he was a member of one of the first few cells and he contributed considerably to the historic process of founding the EPRP. He returned to Ethiopia at the start of Yekatit (February 1974) Revolution and he rejoined the labour movement to struggle against the totalitarian military regime of the time. The EPRP assigned him to be a member of the Interzone Committee and to do the organization's overall work in Addis Ababa , Harar and Wello. In addition, Samuel Alemayehu served his party and his people by working in the Confederation of Ethiopian labor Union( CELU) and tasking part in the changes that were necessary to make the union a genuine instrument of the workers.

Samuel was jailed by the military regime for six months. Upon his release, he became a clandestine and continued to struggle along with his EPRP comrades. He stayed in Addis Ababa till the winding up of the terrible Red Terror years. Samuel was elected to the party leadership first as an alternate central committee member and subsequently as a full Central Committee member.

Samuel has done extensive professional party works not only in urban centers , but also in rural Tigray, Gondar and Gojjam where the EPRP was waging its armed struggle against the military regime. He was responsible for the first launching of the EPRP radio, Finote Democracy, from the liberated areas of Quara. A fighter who endured and overcome very many hardships, Samuel was a jovial and ever optimistic person who inspired many of his comrades to continue the struggle. He was an intellectual of a highest caliber and with a high sense of fairness and balance. Forever modest and tolerant, Samuel epitomized the EPRP spirit of steadfastness, dedication, professionalism and serving to the people. He was exiled to the Sudan when the present anti people regime took power and narrowly escaped a deportation measure that victimized many. Moving to Denmark, Europe, he continued to struggle for the cause of the EPRP, everdiscreet but forever professional and able. His comrades recall his untiring work, patience, love and discreet professionalism. For his dedicated services, the EPRP III Congress recognized his leadership skills and awarded him a certificate.

Samuel Alemayehu passed away suddenly interrupting his busy schedule. He is survived by his mother, two brothers and two sisters and very many grieving comrades. He lived a full life, dedicated to his cause and to the Ethiopian people he loved and served to the final minutes of his noble life.

The EPRP Leadership Committee which is deeply affected and saddened by the loss of Samuel Alemayehu takes this opportunity to pay tribute to this Ethiopian hero who dedicated all his life to Ethiopia and its people. The struggle continues and in this way all his comrades pay their tribute to the memory of Samuel, the exemplary EPRP fighter.

The Struggle Continues!

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