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As I mentioned on the occasion of the 19th anniversary of Independence Day celebrations, the anger voiced and patriotism demonstrated this year on the part of the Eritrean people in rebuffing the conspiracies weaved by hegemonic and hostile forces fully attest to their commitment to honor the trust of martyrs. Once again, I would like to say well done! and keep on strengthening resolute rebuff in wide-ranging fronts.

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Taking into account the uninterrupted obstructions created, the achievements registered through resolute rebuff as regards keeping intact our pledge for liberation and freedom, as well as honoring the trust of martyrs over the past 20 years are not to be viewed lightly, though these may not correspond to our lasting aspirations. The TPLF regime's backers not only invaded our sovereign territories through proxy but also extended all-round political, economic and military subsidy to their servants with a view to weakening us. Nonetheless, in the face of such multi-dimensional warfare, the people and Government of Eritrea continue to master strength and progress. And as a result of the mounting frustration of such forces, we are witnessing new concocted allegations and acts of animosity. This way or the other, their arguments and fabrications have been laid bare in due course, while at the same time Eritrea keeps on standing on reliable moral ground, which in turn amply attests to the reward of our martyrs.

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The commemoration of this year's Martyrs Day in She'ib in which barbaric atrocities were committed against innocent Eritrean nationals marks a special event of renewed pledge and commitment, as it is being held at a time when the nation finds itself at a significant historic juncture in the nation-building process.

Without going to the details of the resolute rebuff programs, as we are entering into the stage of still higher level of progress, our commitment to honor the trust of martyrs should as ever be reinforced through unremitting dedication in backing up the implementation of development programs in diverse sectors.

Moreover, although we don't expect to face problem of food security in the year 2011, I would like to emphasize the need for taking concerted action towards boosting agricultural and marine production, beyond ensuring food security. We should also vigorously pursue the reforestation program as part of endeavors to attain evergreen ecology and reinforcing the honor to our martyrs.

Wishing a promising rainy season and bumper harvest,

Glory to the Martyrs!

Victory to the Masses!