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Sheikh Isa Mohammed Seid and Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Awtile indicated that the prevailing harmony within the Eritrean people is a value that should be bequeathed to future generations. Likewise, Rev. Abrehaley Tsige and Rev. Girmai Kahsai stated that the spirit of such holidays should always be accompanied by spirit of care for others, and asserted that religious diversity is a cornerstone for popular unity in Eritrea.