



Afar forum

Condolence Message

It was with great sorry that we received the untimely passing of Ismael Ibrahim Houmed. Ismael passed way in a car accident on June 3, 2019. He was one of the founders of Afar Forum. He played the pivotal role when the first Afar Forum meeting was held in Paris in April 1991. Following the initial formation of the Afar Forum, he was instrumental in shaping the course of the organization by acting as the Chairperson of the 1st Afar Forum Conference in Frankfurt, Germany in June 1991. He was the author of the 1st Afar Forum Resolution which he skillfully drafted by encompassing the aspiration of the Afar people in the Horn of Africa. Ismael was a person of immense intellect and commitment for what he thought is the right thing to do. He was respect among his friends and any one who has known him.

Ismail later returned to Djibouti to join politics and joined the government of Djibouti. He was the Minister of Justice and Transport during the period of 2001 to 2006. He was also appointed as Ambassador of Djibouti to China in Beijing.

Prior to joining the Djibouti Government, he was the Spokesperson of FRUD and one of the founders of MPL. He was committed selfless person who fought for justice, equality and the rule of law. Ismael may not have realized his aspiration, he has inspired many to follow his footstep. He will also be remembered as a person who always give his time and energy to advance his people.

The Afar forum extends our sincere condolence to his family, his friends and the Afar people in general. He will always be remembered in our heart and in our mind. May he rest in peace.

Inna Lillah Wa Inna Ilayhi Raji'un.

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Executive Committee Members
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