



ERITREA

Historical Background and Political Situation

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INTRODUCTION

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Eritrean Politics in the Diaspora
Transnational Regime
Resistance and Social Movement

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OUTLINE

**Historical Background of
Militarization and Warfare**

**Guerrilla's Social Dynamics
and the Eritrean State**

**National Service and the
Production of Insecurity**

**Social Conflicts, Exile and
the Transnational Regime**





The Regime

**Authoritarian One-Party
Socialist State**

**Militarist Ideology and
Guerrilla Legacies**

**Fragmented, Arbitrary
and Volatile Governance**



A History of Militarization and Warfare

**Precolonial Period:
Feudalism and Periphery**

**Italian Colonization:
Military Base and Conscription**

**Post WW2:
Politicization and Guerrilla Warfare**



Eritrean People's Liberation Front Nation and State Building

**The War for Independence
(1961-1991)**

**The Eritrean State and War
(1991-2001)**

**Repression and
Indefinite Conscription
(2001 - Present)**

National Service



Conscription and Assignation

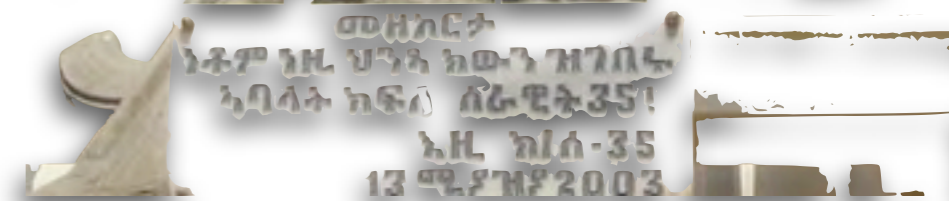
Men and Women

Military and Civilian Service

No Demobilization

High Dependency on Hierarchy

Limited Rights



Sawa Military Camp





The Production of Insecurity for the Conscripts



The Predatory State
and Individual
Opportunism

Multitude of Causes for Conflicts and Social Tensions

Absence of Freedom

Limited Rights

Risks and Insecurity

Vulnerability

No Economic Sustainability



Exile and the Transnational Regime

**Surveillance
Retaliation**

**Recapturing Migrant's Resources
Undermining Political Opposition**

