

## **PFDJ Regime Demands Farm Tractor owners Pay 800,000 Nackfa**

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Since last year's harvest season, the government of PFDJ has been confiscating privately owned farm tractors to pursue its "state run collective agriculture production" - in violation of the fundamental property rights of Eritrean farmers.

As of today, the regime of PFDJ is reported to have confiscated 37 farm tractors from citizens who opposed to the collective state run agriculture production policy of the regime. The government is holding these tractors in Alabu, a certain storage facility in western part of the country.

The government is now claiming it has incurred expenses up to 800,000 thousand Nackfa as a result of the noncompliance of the tractor owners, Eritrean People's Party sources reported. Our sources further added the regime told tractor owners it would secure the release of their tractors once they collectively pay 800,000 Nackfa. The tractor owners said they owed the government nothing and demanded the regime to take measures to release their tractors. The government has not made any decision whether or not to release the tractors.

The failure of crop production in last year's harvest season in Eritrea was largely attributed to the misguided national economic policy of the PFDJ regime in general and the collective state run agriculture scheme it has instituted in particular, although the shortage of rain was another factor.