

# **27TH Anniversary of Hawzien Massacre Observed in D.C.**

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The sad but nonetheless historic day of the massacre of thousands of innocent civilians in Hawzien, Tigray who were mercilessly bombed by the air raid of the Air Force commandeered by the military junta and mowed down by the barrage of machine guns from the ground was observed .

The day was commemorated in D. C by hundreds of members of the Tigray community and other compatriots of the Ethiopian Diaspora last Sunday. at the auditorium of the Chancery of the Ethiopian Embassy in Washington D.C.

A minute of silence in memory of the martyrs who were the fallen heroes and heroines and candle lighting event was observed during the occasion by the audience that converged from Washington D.C., Maryland and Virginia states

Presentations were made by pioneer members of UTNA and the Chairman of the D.C. Metro Area Chapter of UTNA. The presentations focused on reminiscing the fateful day and the way forward.

The presenting Colleagues recalled that the evil junta chose a market day to maximize the number of those who would be targets of the mass murder and genocide that was shortly put into action.



On moving forward it was stressed that that members of the Diaspora need to organize themselves under UTNA in order to contribute towards extricating the people of Tigray region in particular and the Ethiopian people in general.