

Addis Neger Publishing Launches a News Networking Site *Addisnegeronline.com*

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Washington DC – Addis Neger Publishing is proud to announce that it launches a daily collaborative news site, **addisnegeronline.com**, on 11 May 2010. Run by former founders and editors of Addis Neger newspaper, which folded in December 2009, owing to government persecution of its staff, creates a virtual community which involves in sourcing, production and distribution of content.

“It will be a truly collaborative website with tens of people involving in most of the stages of the production and distribution of information,” said Mesfin Negash, Managing Editor of the website. “Our philosophy is clear. “We” produce and we read. It is a “we” media.” The website has already recruited several volunteer contributors in Ethiopia and outside. Former staff members of Addis Neger will involve as editors, bloggers and writers.

In addition to that, Addisnegeronline.com integrates the popular AddisNeger Facebook page which has more than three thousand members and tens of active posters and contributors, and newly formed e-mail groups into the system. It will also have a presence on all major social network sites. More over the website’s bilingual feature is expected to encourage contributors to participate in the language of their ease; either English or Amharic.

Addisnegeronline.com will be run from Oxford, UK and Washington DC, USA. “Our task is a bit of gate-watching, but the gate is wide open. We verify, filter and synthesize information. A good collaborative websites combines those traditional tasks of the media with a reasonable degree of public participation,” said Abiye Teklemariam, the website’s Oxford representative. The website is a general interest media where issues ranging from politics to religion and arts are entertained. Its main sources and contributors of news are in Ethiopia. In addition to in-house content, Addis Neger online curators and aggregates content from outside sources.

Addis Neger online maintains the newspaper’s commitment to justificatory civil discourse. On the occasion of the launch, founder and staff members of Addis Neger would like to express their deepest appreciation to esteemed readers, friends, journalists, and partners of Addis Neger newspaper and freedom of expression.