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Eritrea officially voted for independence from Ethiopia in an UN-sponsored referendum in 1993, following two years of provisional government. The leader of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF)- the group that had fought for Eritrean independence and nationalism- Isaias Afewerki, became the President following independence, and the EPLF transformed itself into the People's Front for Democracy and Justice (PFDJ), currently the only party in Eritrea. The transformation of the EPLF into the PFDJ happens immediately after Afewerki takes office. Therefore the only party coded as his SOLS is the PFDJ. Geddes classifies Eritrea as a single party state from 1993 until the present day. Afewerki has been in power for this entire period, and also remains in power in the present day.

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