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No force of evil shall ever hinder the ultimate victory of the Oromo people: The quest for national self-determination

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The *Global Gumii Oromia* (GGO) is a civic organization created by Oromo professionals residing in North America and around the globe to mobilize resources to assist Oromo victims of human rights abuses, injustices, displacements and dislocations by political and natural disasters; to create favorable environment to build awareness for sustainable development and empowerment; and to maintain, preserve and promote Oromo culture, history, and language.

The Oromo people have been struggling for years for freedom from occupation, domination, exploitation, and impoverishment. Millions have been sacrificed, arrested, tortured, maimed, mutilated, and killed; they have been prevented from having meaningful and productive lives. Extrajudicial killings, arrests without warrants have still continued.

In the midst of the bloody struggles, some gains like semblance of regional self-administration and the official use of Afaan Oromoo have been achieved. Nevertheless, the old occupiers have been and are still conspiring to roll back the gains and put back Oromia under the defunct Neftanga System for re-occupation and continue the exploitation.

In the face of the Neftanga struggle to revive and resuscitate their exploitative system, the Oromo have not consolidated their resources, forces and unity efficiently to defend Oromia and the Oromo people. Generally the people and their political leaders currently face internal and external challenges critical to the Oromo and Oromia peace, security, progress and development.

Wollega, Guji, Boorana, Wollo, Dirre Dawaa, and parts of Central Oromia are under Command posts, which terrorize the Oromo people. In these regions, the military kills our people at will. Tens of thousands have been thrown into jails outside their localities to deny them family visitation. Peace and security are deteriorating from day to day. The Ethiopian government is not willing to negotiation with the militants, but brutally kill the people to scare them away from supporting the rebel group. Under these circumstances, farmers could not plant during the rainy season due to fear of military harassment, beating, arresting and killings. The military is forcing farmers to cut their coffee trees and crops claiming that Oromo fighters are hiding in them. Normal economic and social activities have been disrupted. There is fear of food shortage unless assistance program is put in place quickly.

The Ethiopian government uses tax payers money (public funds and resources) to wage a propaganda war on independent Oromo political organizations and activists in order to divide the cohesive querroo-qarree movement and weaken the Oromo society. It fears the unity and strength of querroo-qarree movement that toppled the brutal TPLF regime. Instead of devising a solution to address the high rate of unemployment, the government is working hard to divide the Oromo youth to weaken their unity by instigating tensions, fear and conflicts among them. With the huge army of unemployed youth, there is no guarantee for peace, security and stability.

The TPLF regime has left behind the rampant corrupt system and structure that continue robbing our people. Government Service provision is dependent on graft, partisanship and nepotism instead of responsibility and accountability. The bureaucracy is still occupied by killer cadres that are supported by the corrupt justice system and courts. Public grievances have reached climax.

The Neftenga invaders and occupiers have been exploiting Oromia for the last 130 years. Instead of correcting the systemic injustices, the Prime Minister is openly and officially praising the glory of brutal killers like Meinlik, causing a huge rift, polarization and conflict among the people. The Primer Minister is promoting a misguided policy to resurrect the dead neftegna system under the cover of democracy, equality, justice using his "new philosophy of MEDEMER".

The ultimate goal of "new philosophy of MEDEMER" is to use democracy, equality, justice and free mobility as a cover to allow the neftagna children to move to Oromia and revive their domination and exploitation. The recent open campaign by the Prime Minister against the OMN (Oromia Media Network) and the assassination attempt to eliminate Activist Jawar Mohammed is aimed at satisfying these demands of neftagna children. This is a deliberate attack that is aimed at completely silencing the Oromo Quest for national self-determination. We condemn these brutal acts and call upon the Ethiopian government to immediately stop its madness; instead, respect the rights of individuals and groups that are enshrined in its constitution, including the right of nations, nationalities and peoples to national self-determination.

We call upon all citizens of Oromia and Oromo Political Organizations to stand in unison and develop a strategy to mobilize our people and resources for defending the rights of our citizens and Oromia.

We call upon all Oromo Media to work tirelessly and expose to the world public the brutal killings, imprisonments, harassments that take place in Oromia and beyond.

We call upon all armed forces in Ethiopia; the military, the police and the security apparatus to resist and fully reject Dr. Abiy Ahmed's commands of killing unarmed, innocent civilians; instead stand with and defend their people.

We call upon all political leaders and activists to act responsibly and call for early elections, by demand the resignation of Dr. Abiy Ahmed, to save the people from the unfolding civil war.

We call upon the world powers to use their diplomatic leverages and stop the Ethiopia government from taking the empire down to the road of devastating civil war.

We call upon Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed to immediately relinquish his power and resign from his post, dissolve his cabinet, dissolve the parliament, demolish all command posts and other institutions of oppression, and call for early election, per Ethiopian constitution, so that people elect their true leaders.

Finally, we would like to remind the Ethiopia government and Primer Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed that "no force of evil shall ever hinder the ultimate victory the oppressed people, the realization of the Oromo quest for national self-determination."

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