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To: All Diplomatic Missions and Embassies in Ethiopia

Subject: *Update on Humanitarian Situation in Amhara Region, Ethiopia*

Dear Sir/Madam,

London Fano Community Interest Company (CIC) serves as a dedicated voice for the voiceless Amhara community in Ethiopia. We write to express our profound concern regarding the escalating and catastrophic humanitarian and human rights crisis engulfing Ethiopia, particularly within the Amhara region. This crisis, driven by an unjust war waged by the anti-Amhara government, a combination of ongoing conflict, severe drought, and economic instability, has tragically positioned Ethiopia as one of the world's most dire humanitarian emergencies. Fano militants, who are often portrayed negatively, are in fact a grassroots self-defense movement dedicated to protecting the innocent Amhara people from government aggression and ethnic persecution.

This report aims to provide an urgent update and raise awareness among the international community, particularly all diplomatic missions and embassies in Ethiopia, regarding the escalating human rights violations in the Amhara Region. The information presented is derived from the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) annual report, detailing widespread killings, beatings, and looting perpetrated against innocent civilians.

The ongoing conflict in the Amhara Region has seen government forces perpetrate widespread human rights violations against innocent Amhara civilians. The detailed incidents, derived from reports by the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC), illustrate the gravity of the situation:

Attacks Perpetrated by Government Forces:

- In Wenjela Kebele, Awi Zone, following a shootout between government forces and Fano members on the night of June 12-13, 2024, government forces killed 5 civilians, accusing them of supporting and harboring Fano.
- On June 24, 2024, in connection with an armed clash between government forces and Fano members in Adet town, North Gojjam Zone, civilians not involved in the conflict were killed.

- On July 12, 2024, in Wudmen Kebele, Guba Lafto Woreda, North Wollo Zone, 7 people were killed by weapons fired by government forces in the area.
- On August 21, 2024, in Bahir Dar city, commonly known as Kebele 5 Beg Tera area, government forces opened fire, resulting in 2 deaths and 10 injuries.
- On September 7, 2024, in Azazo Tseday Sub-City, Gondar City Administration, following the discovery of a killed government security member near Tseday Health Center, government forces killed at least 11 people between 5:00 AM and 6:00 AM.
- On December 10, 2024, in Anda Bet Woreda, Genet Mariam Kebele, Arkin area, South Gondar Zone, 5 people were killed by government forces.
- On July 26, 2024, in Enbise Sar Midir Woreda, East Gojjam Zone, Doma area, following a clash, a Fano combatant was wounded. When his 2 brothers went to pick him up, all 3 individuals were killed by government forces.
- Following a battle between government forces and Fano members from August 13-14, 2024, in Wetiet Abay Kebele, North Mecha Woreda, North Gojjam Zone, 7 people were killed by government forces.
- On September 30, 2024, around 4:00 AM, in Kimir Dingay town, Guna Begemidir Woreda, South Gondar Zone, a weapon fired by government forces landed in a private residence, killing 2 family members and severely injuring 2 children.

Call to Action

This report clearly demonstrates that the conflict in the Amhara Region is a direct result of government aggression, leading to widespread human rights abuses against innocent Amhara civilians. The systematic killings, injuries, and displacement perpetrated by government forces must cease immediately.

London Fano urgently calls upon:

1. **All Diplomatic Missions and Embassies in Ethiopia:** To recognize the grave severity of this conflict and the human rights abuses occurring in the region, and to exert immediate pressure on the Ethiopian government to end the violence against the Amhara people.
2. **International Bodies:** To push for an independent investigation into all reported atrocities and hold the government and its forces accountable for crimes against humanity.
3. **Humanitarian Organizations:** To provide urgent humanitarian aid and protection to the affected and displaced civilians in the Amhara Region and to facilitate access for international observers.

It is imperative that a concerted effort is made to halt this tragic situation and establish lasting peace through justice for the Amhara people.

Sincerely,
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