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**ATTENTION:**

**THE RT HON DAVID LAMMY**

**MP Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs  
Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office**

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**SUBJECT: ADVANCING ACCOUNTABILITY AND HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION IN THE AMHARA  
REGION – FOLLOW-UP TO FCDO CORRESPONDENCE**

***Dear Foreign Secretary,***

London Fano CIC extends its gratitude for the FCDO's formal response dated December 2, 2025, in which His Majesty's Government acknowledged the "profound human rights and humanitarian impacts" of the conflict in the Amhara region. We particularly value the FCDO's recognition of the need for all actors, including the Fano movement, to prioritize civilian protection and dialogue.



However, since our last correspondence, the situation has deteriorated into a catastrophic phase. As we gather today at King Charles Street, we bring evidence of a calculated escalation by the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF):

1. **Weaponized Starvation:** While the UK assisted 776,000 people in Amhara last year, the Abiy Ahmed administration continues to block humanitarian corridors. With 28.6 million people now in need nationwide, the Amhara region is being deliberately starved as a collective punishment for its resistance.
2. **Drone Atrocities:** Following the horrific strikes in Gedeb (April 2025) and Gerchech, the ENDF has increased its reliance on UAVs to target civilian infrastructure, including schools and hospitals, under the guise of "law enforcement."
3. **Diplomatic Exclusion:** The National Dialogue Commission remains a unilateral tool of the Prosperity Party. There is no viable path to peace while the Amhara people's political and intellectual leaders remain in arbitrary detention.

While the international community has largely remained silent, the Amhara people are facing an existential threat. The World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2025 ranks Ethiopia near the bottom globally in Fundamental Rights (138th) and Order and Security (131st). These are not merely statistics; they represent a state-sponsored environment of impunity where Amhara civilians are targeted with high-tech drone warfare, extrajudicial killings, and mass displacements. Currently, over 28.6 million Ethiopians require urgent humanitarian assistance, yet aid is being weaponized and access to the Amhara region is systematically restricted by federal forces.

***Our Immediate Requests to the FCDO:***

- **Elevate the Engagement:** Move beyond "raising concerns" to lead an initiative for a formal UN-mandated investigation into drone-related war crimes in Amhara.
- **Support for PSVI:** In line with the UK's Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative, we request specific monitoring of the Oromia-based militias' use of sexual violence against Amhara women.



- **Military and Security Review:** We call for a strict embargo on any technical or financial support that facilitates the Ethiopian government's domestic drone program and internal surveillance.
- **Humanitarian Intervention:** Support the establishment of independent international investigations into war crimes committed since the state of emergency was declared in the Amhara region since August 2023.
- **Unfettered Humanitarian Access:** Pressure the Ethiopian government to lift the de facto blockade on the Amhara region to allow life-saving aid to reach millions facing starvation and displacement.

We remain committed to the constructive dialogue established with your office and urge the UK to lead the international community in halting this genocidal trajectory before the 2026 elections.

Thank you for your time and diligent consideration of this critical matter.

Sincerely,



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