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## The Oromo University Students Are Under Attack by TPLF Regime Statement of the Oromo Liberation Front

According to credible reports reaching us from Finfinee (Addis Ababa), starting on May 1, 2010, and continuing, the Oromo students of the Finfinnee (Addis Ababa) University are under physical assault and harassment by the brutal TPLF regime's Agazi (Special Force) soldiers and security forces. The assault on the Oromo University students was provoked and started by the TPLF security agents enrolled into the University as students. When the Oromo students were heroically defending themselves from the attack of the TPLF agents, the TPLF Agazi soldiers and security forces entered the University campus as a reinforcement force. After they entered the University campus, the Agazi soldiers and the security forces singled out and brutally and inhumanely attacked the Oromo students. Due to the assault, tens of Oromo students have been injured; some have suffered life threatening injuries. Hundreds of Oromo students were kidnapped and taken away by the security forces and their where about is not known. It is believed that the kidnapped Oromo students are held in secret detention centers and are being subjected to torture, inhuman and degrading treatments by the brutal TPLF soldiers and security forces. It is also reported that hundreds of Oromo students who escaped the kidnapping have sought refuge in mosques and churches.

Preliminary Report among those imprisoned are the following:

Depatment Year						
Political science	3 <sup>rd</sup>					
Languag	4 <sup>th</sup>					
Afan Oromo	4 <sup>th</sup>					
Psychology	4 <sup>th</sup>					
Afan Oromoo	4 <sup>th</sup>					
History	4 <sup>th</sup>					
Afan Oromoo	4 <sup>th</sup>					
History	4 <sup>th</sup>					
Psychology	4 <sup>th</sup>					
Geography	3 <sup>rd</sup> (Where about unknown)					
Afan Oromo	4 <sup>th</sup>					
Psychology	4 <sup>th</sup>					
The following were wounded and hospitalized and taken out of hospital and thrown into Prison						
Archeology	2 <sup>nd</sup>					
Language	2 <sup>nd</sup>					
Oromoo Language	4 <sup>th</sup>					
Oromoo Language	2 <sup>nd</sup> (bullet wounded on the neck)					
Oromo Language	$2^{\mathrm{nd}}$					
	Political science Languag Afan Oromo Psychology Afan Oromoo History Afan Oromoo History Psychology Geography Afan Oromo Psychology wounded and hospitalized Archeology Language Oromoo Language Oromoo Language					

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23 Taka 24 Balisaa	History	4 <sup>th</sup>
Girl Students		
25 Marge Guta	Oromo Language	$2^{\text{nd}}$
26 Walali Wagga	Oromoo Language	$2^{\text{nd}}$
27 Yeshareg Sisay		
28 Tinur Waqtola	Oromo Language	$2^{\text{nd}}$
29 Shukare Raggasa	Language	$2^{\text{nd}}$
30 Rahel Hirana	Oromo Language	$2^{\text{nd}}$
31 Tigist Ibsaa	Oromo Language	$2^{\text{nd}}$
32 Shitaye Tasfa	Language	$2^{\text{nd}}$
33 Hawwii	Oromoo Language	3 <sup>rd</sup> (lost teeth)

According to the reports, the assault of the TPLF security forces on the Oromo university students and the self-defence and solidarity actions of the Oromo students is spreading to several other institutions of higher education in the country. It is a public secret that the Agazi soldiers and security forces perpetrating such cruel and in human assaults on the Oromo students are under the direct command and order of the wicked dictator Meles Zenawi. Agazi soldiers are remembered in the Addis Abeba street brutal massacre of more than 200 innocent civilians who were demonstrating to protect their stolen votes by the regime right after 2005 election.

The present assault and harassment of the Oromo university students is neither the first nor an isolated incident; it is a continuation of a long standing anti-Oromo intellectuals' policy pursued by the tyrannical TPLF/Meles regime since it controlled the Ethiopian State power in May 1991. Its purpose is to deprive the Oromo nation of an educated manpower. This inhuman and anti-Oromo policy emanated from the TPLF leaders' vile belief that depriving the Oromo nation of its educated man power makes it easier for them to misrule, subjugate and exploit the conquered Oromo nation for a long-time. It was based on this inhuman policy that the TPLF regime capriciously and discriminatorily dismissed more than 300 Oromo students from Finfinee University a couple of years ago.

The Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) vehemently condemns the inhuman assault of the Meles regime on the Oromo university students. Meles Zenawi and his tyrannical regime bear the sole responsibility for the assault on Oromo students an its consequences.

The OLF calls on the Oromo people to stand by the Oromo university students, the future of our nation, who are being attacked by the brutal TPLF regime. We call up on you to fulfil your natural and patriotic duties to defend and protect your children.

The OLF particularly calls up on the Oromos, who are serving in the TPLF regime's armed, security and police forces, to say enough is enough and stand by the Oromo people, who are daily harassed, terrorized, murdered and subjected to cruel, inhuman and discriminatory treatments and turn your weapons against the tyrannical Meles Zenawi regime.

The timing of the assault on the Oromo students, May 2010, is not without reason. May 2010, is a time of another round of a sham election; during which the TPLF regime made it a custom to

terrorize and murder the people. We believe that the assault and terrorization of the brutal regime only started by the Oromo students; no people in Ethiopia will be immune from a similar assault and the worst is yet to come; as long as the brutal TPLF continues to control the State power in Ethiopia. Therefore, the OLF would like to take this opportunity to call up on all concerned Oromo and other political forces opposed to the TPLF's tyrannical misrule, to unite, cooperate, and coordinate our struggles and once and for all get rid of the wicked, cruel and criminal regime led by the tyrant Meles Zenawi, the source of all our miseries, and usher in an era of liberation, democracy, freedom, justice, peace and prosperity for all the peoples in Ethiopia.

Victory to the Oromo People! Oromo Liberation Front May 6, 2010