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Malicious Misinformation Cannot Alter the Truth

Statement of the Oromo Liberation Front

The Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) is compelled to issue this statement by the disingenuous and malicious statement issued on May 30, 2011 by the “OLF- Transitional Authority” (aka QC-ABO), a faction that split from the OLF in 2001, for the sole purpose of setting the record straight.

In the statement titled “*Statement to Condemn the Irresponsible Misrepresentation of the OLF*”, the QC-ABO faction asserted that, “*Over recent weeks, the two wings of the Asmara Group have released ‘OLF Manifesto – A Secret Manual of OLF Leadership’ and series of other documents in the name of the OLF. ... they reiterate that they no more believe in the liberation of the Oromo people from the century old brutal and dehumanizing Ethiopian colonialism.*” What the QC ABO meant by “*the two wings of the Asmara Group*” is obvious to all familiar with the QC ABO’s deafening misinformation practices of the last ten years. We are not surprised that the QC ABO faction issued yet another malicious and dishonest misinformation.

The Oromo people and the overwhelming majority of the OLF members and fighters know well that, since a tiny minority attempted and failed to take over the leadership of the OLF by unconstitutional means and created splinter group calling itself QC ABO spreading misinformation has been its major preoccupation. Contrary to facts and democratic norms, the Group shamelessly claimed and to date it is claiming that it is the OLF. However, except spreading false and dishonest information intended to destroy its mother organization, the group has registered no organizational, military or political success. Through the barrage of misinformation it is spreading, the QC Group won nothing but the contempt, marginalization and irrelevance from the Oromo people. It would not be an exaggeration to state that, today the QC ABO faction is more of a club of few like-minded friends than what it claims it is.

Regarding the so called “OLF Manifesto – A Secret Manual of OLF Leadership” the entity that prepared the document did not deny the ownership and also the relevant information is in the Oromo public domain. The issue of revising the liberation goal is also a public speech on record. Furthermore, the Oromo people and all interested parties know who prepared the “Manifesto” and delivered the speech. Why then the QC ABO tried to provide an additional owner? In this instance too, QC ABO did what it has been doing for the last ten years: misinform the public and Oromo people and implore for some support.

We would like to set the record straight and assure all concerned that, contrary to the QC ABO’s misinformation, the OLF has nothing to do with the so called “Manifesto” and the “series of other documents or declarations” that it referred to neither did we claim its ownership nor endorse it.

We would also like to take this opportunity to call on all Oromo revolutionaries, including the QC ABO leadership and members, who claim to be committed to the struggle for the liberation of the Oromo people and the realization of its inalienable natural right to self-determination, to immediately cease and desist from the nonsensical internal bickering, manufacturing or exaggerating minor differences and rather direct our struggle on the enemy. Let us no more waste our time, energy, skills, knowledge and resources on petty bickering and mutual destruction. Let us focus on what we promised and declared to our people to be our goal namely reversing the forceful denial of the inalienable right of our people to self-determination.

Victory to the Oromo People!
Oromo Liberation Front
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