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The Escalation of TPLF Regime's Repression of the Oromo People, especially the youth: a Precursor of its Demise

Oromo Liberation Front – Press Release

The TPLF led regime of Ethiopia has never been friend of the Oromo and the other peoples in Ethiopia; it is the enemy of all. The tyrannical regime controlled the Ethiopian State by military force in 1991. Contrary to its declarations and pseudo periodical elections, the regime is perpetuating its tyrannical rule, exploitation and terrorization of the people by brute military and security forces.

In its twenty years of repression and exploitation, the TPLF regime is also pursuing a discriminatory policy towards the Oromo. The regime particularly targeted the educated and wealthy section of the Oromo society for elimination. Its harassment, arbitrary arrests and longtime imprisonment without charge or trials, extrajudicial killings and involuntary disappearances of the educated and the wealthy section of the Oromo society in general and the Oromo students of higher education in particular are unabated. It is to be recalled that the regime had capriciously dismissed hundreds of Oromo students from the Finfinnee (Addis Aaba) University. During the last twenty years, hundreds of Oromo university students were denied graduation; many have disappeared near their graduation and also many of them were sent to unknown prisons. The tyrannical regime's purpose of targeting the Oromo educated and wealthy section of the society is clear; it is to deprive the Oromo nation an independent and capable leadership and thereby prolong its colonial and autocratic rule.

These days, apprehensive of an inevitable peoples' revolution, similar to the North African and Middle Eastern countries that toppled and/or toppling Meles Zenawi type tyrants, and in a vain hope of preempting it, the regime is discriminatorily arresting the Oromo University students; the best and brightest sons and daughters of the Oromo nation, en mass. The regime is also resorting to very alarming and inhuman acts against the Oromo University students. Last week, the regime's security forces deliberately poisoned the food prepared for University students attending the Adama University. The timing and the site of poisoning the Oromo students are not coincidental. It is a deliberate and desperate act to terrorize the Oromo people in general and the youth in particular. This act proves that TPLF regime has a proclivity of committing genocide against the Oromo and the other peoples of Ethiopia in order to perpetuate its minority and unjust rule.

The OLF would like to reiterate to the TPLF leaders that regardless of its wicked and terrorist acts against the Oromo people, its demise is inevitable and the Oromo people and their just struggle for liberation, justice and human dignity shall prevail. We also strongly condemn the wicked regime's inhuman and terrorist actions against the Oromo people in general and the Oromo youth in particular.

We forewarn the United Nations and the UN member Governments that genocide is in the making in Ethiopia, particularly in Oromia. We again call on the Governments of the United States and the Western Democracies to reconsider their support to the tyrannical and genocidal regime led by Meles Zenawi and support the struggles of the Oromo and the other peoples in Ethiopia for liberation, democracy and

justice. It is long overdue to publicly recognize that Meles Zenawi is a tyrant worse than Mubarka or Ben Ali and he must go.

We call on the Oromo people to stand in unison, defend its youth and fight until an ultimate victory over the unjust minority rule of the TPLF; you have a just cause, history is on your side and you will prevail. We also call on all the peoples in Ethiopia to condemn the discrimination and atrocities the TPLF regime is committing on the Oromo people. We call upon the Oromo and all the peoples in Ethiopia to overcome the mistrust the evil TPLF rulers have nurtured among you for the sole purpose of dividing, conquering and exploiting you, and stand and fight in unison and win the freedom, dignity and peace you have been forcefully denied for so long.

Victory to the Oromo People!
Oromo Liberation Front
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