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To: **Gianni Magazzeni,**

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR),
Geneva, Switzerland

OSGA Appeal for Urgent Action

Oromia Support Group Australia (OSGA) expresses its serious concern regarding Oromo children and civilian, from West Shawa Zone, Ginchi District, and students from the University of Adama, illegally detained by the Ethiopian armed forces:

No	Full Name	Age	Level of Education	District	County
1	Gashawu Alamu Jirru	17	10 th grade	Wanchi	Haro Basaqa
2	Wandu Hassan Sayid	17	9 th grade	Wanchi	Haro Basaqa
3	Tsayi Kumssa Kitabi	16	9 th	Wanchi	Sanqolle
4	Sidisse Shumema Galata	17	9 th	Wanchi	Haro Konno
5	Heyohan Marga Irko	18	10 th	Wanchi	Dimitu
6	Ijigayo Qubanessa	16	9 th	Wanchi	Haro Basaqa
7	Milkiyas Alamu Dandana	23	10 th	Wanchi	Kurdi Gute
8	Indisa Bulu Safara	16	9 th	Wanchi	Balbala
9	Lata Wagde Ejjeta	21	10 th	Wanchi	Haro Konno
10	Dassu Amdissa Guta	16	9 th	Wanchi	Haro Konno
11	Damu Chalchissa Challa	16	9 th	Wanchi	Echi Dibdibe
12	Dagitu Alamayo Mammo	16	9 th	Wanchi	Dimitu Gudati
13	Shukkare Abbabe Dhunfa	16	9 th	Wanchi	Dhagni maqwara
14	Gulumma Tolera Molla	15	9 th	Wanchi	Haro Konno
15	Yosef Abate Taganyi	16	9 th	Wanchi	Balbala
16	Wandu Lenco Tahera	19	12 th	Wanchi	Mexi Walgan
17	Tasfaye Shallama Baqala	20		Wanchi	Daxi Walga
18	Taye Gurmesssa Ragassa	17	9 th	Wanchi	Leman Matara
19	Shifarawu Tasfaye Badhadha	17	9 th	Wanchi	Leman Matara
20	Magartu Taddasa Mijana	16	9 th	Wanchi	Dimiq-Godetti
21	Shawal Wanda-Rufa'el (Police Officer)	42		Wanchi	Chitu 01
22	Tolera Badhadha Abdi (Elder)	77	2 nd	Wanchi	Chitu
23	Ababe Warqina Nagassa	18	10 th	Wanchi	Leman
24	Birhanu Damisse Jirru	17	10 th	Wanchi	Haro Konno
25	Yosef Nagga Ifa	16	9 th	Wanchi	Galed
26	Balachew Asmara Taraqenyi	18	9 th		Leman Matara
27	Takala Badhadha Gurmesssa	16	9 th	Wanchi	Echa
28	Tafarra Hayilu W/Hans	18	10 th	Wanchi	Chitu
29	Badhadha Tarafa Jabessa	16	9 th	Wanchi	Dulele Balcha
30	Tasfaye Addassa Tahera	18	12 th	Wanchi	Walga

31	Dasta Dabi Murti	18	10 th	Wanchi	Sonqole
32	Ayantuu Waquma Dabi	15	6 th	Wanchi	Haro Basaqa
33	Mallassa Shalama Milki	17	9 th	Wanchi	Haro Basaqa
34	Dajane Xuruna Iticha (Security staff)	29	12 th	Wanchi	Chitu
35	Asfawu Tafarra Angassa	17	9 th	Wanchi	Leman
36	Ganat Dirriba Iticha	17	8 th	Wanchi	Chitu
37	Masarat Dajane Kumssa	17	10 th	Wanchi	Daguye Galed
38	Tsgaye Asfawu Dirribsa	17	9 th	Wanchi	Balbal
39	Danye Shigute Guta	17	9 th	Wanchi	Chitu
40	Malkamu Dasalenyi Tolerra	17	9 th	Wanchi	Harro Konno
41	Getinat Tsagaye (Teacher)			Wanchi High School	
42	Ayala (Edu. Dep. Staff)			Wanchi	

Oromo students detained on Dec. 29th 2011 from University of Adama:

1	Gaaddisaa Tashoomee	Faculty
2	Damee	
3	Amadien Mohammad	
4	Araggaa Tashoomee	
5	Jibaat	IT 3 rd yr
6	Caffee	
7	Kaasahuun	

Oromo students illegally detained on Dec 25 2011 from University of Wollega, teachers training Department:

1	Katama Sori Ifa	3 rd year – Chemistry
2	Bogala Gonfa	Teachers training Department
3	Cala	3 rd year

Oromo farmers detained on Dec. 22 2011 from Limu Gidda district, East Wollega Zone:

1	Ayyanaa Gammachu
2	Waaqjiraa Ayyaana
3	Alamayyoo Waaqjiraa
4	Gammachu Fufaa
5	Hundarraa Fayyisa
6	Dachaasaa Amanuu
7	Dirriibaa Raggaasaa

Oromo employees unfairly dismissed on 16 Dec. 2011 from Fich'a Sugar Factory:

1	Soressa Boka	Employment Service Officer
2	Tadassa Gammachu	Workers Administration Service Officer
3	Fekadu Bultossa	Public Relation Officer

Oromo students arbitrarily arrested on Dec. 8, 2011 from Gimbi town, Western Wollega Zone:

- 1 Dawit Tamasgeen
- 2 Abbush Malkaamuu
- 3 Hambisaa Baatirii
- 4 Shimallis Moosisaa
- 5 Kaasahuun Bantuu
- 6 Jireenyaa Taammiruu
- 7 Maarqos Kabbadaa
- 8 Taarikuu Garbaa
- 9 Alamaayyoo Habtaamuu
- 10 Aliyyii Baatirii
- 11 Namoomsaa Kabbadaa
- 12 Numarsii Kabbadaa
- 13 Meetii Kabbadaa
- 14 Innawu Fiqaaduu
- 15 Magarsaa Daani'eel
- 16 Ismaa'el Ashabbir
- 17 Baacaa Biraanuu
- 18 Mitikkuu Tamasgeen
- 19 Dirribaa Baatirii
- 20 Waaqboon Awwaqaa
- 21 Abdii Taaddasaa
- 22 Kaasahuun Taakkalaa
- 23 Iwunatuu Ashannaafii
- 24 Alamaayyoo Mulgeetaa
- 25 Misgaanuu
- 26 Shoraa
- 27 Odaa and others

Since the armed forces detained them the victims' families are denied access, and the victims were not allowed to seek any legal counsel according to the information Oromia Support Group Australia (OSGA) have received from reliable sources. In this case the government action appears arbitrary and highly questionable, and so far the situation of these innocent victims deeply concerns the OSGA. OSGA believes that the detention of Oromo children, students and civilians from their education and peaceful life is beyond doubt politically motivated. Therefore, OSGA would like to bring to your notice and urge for your immediate intervention, to stop the Ethiopian government from its continuation of brutal action on Oromo civilians. This action is against their constitutional rights, the right to peacefully live in their country, and totally unacceptable.

Despite ongoing appeals from human right organisations and humanitarian societies the Ethiopian government has taken no action to stop human right abuses in the country. Instead the regime continuously ignores all calls to adhere to international humanitarian law and human rights law. The ongoing human rights violations in Ethiopia and the government authorities' continued disregard of obligations under international law demonstrates the dire need for action to be taken in support of the

Oromo and other similar peoples in the country. This is a crucial and opportune time for your department to show sensitivity to this appeal and more importantly your commitment to democracy, human rights, and justice in the country.

Oromia Support Group Australia earnestly requests your support in ensuring an end to the crimes against humanity in Ethiopia by the government authorities on the citizens, particularly, on Oromo people. Therefore, Oromia Support Group Australia once again appeals to your office to pressure the Ethiopian government to immediately release the detainees and immediately discontinue perpetrating gross human rights violations on Oromo civilians.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Oromia Support Group in Australia (OSGA)

CC: Amnesty International,
Human Right Watch,
Foreign Embassies in Ethiopia