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## **The Oromo People Should Intensify the Struggle without Being Distracted Misinformation.**

### *Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) Press Release*

A group calling itself 'Oromo Dialogue Forum' has for the last two months been spreading misinformation to undermine the Oromo people's confidence and trust in the struggle and on this organization. It is to be recalled as well that we have been patiently watching and periodically informing our people regarding series of movements under the cover of Oromo Liberation Struggle targeting emasculation of the OLF activities. As the current group's activity is also a continuation of the past we are compelled to bring it to the attention of our people again.

It is clear that this group is escalating its anti OLF campaign to international media. The choice of the VOA Amharic program to air what it used to hitherto pose as an internal Oromo affair has forced spectators to question the real motive of this group. One of the leaders of the group on July 28, 2012 explained the identity of the members and the objectives of the group not to the purportedly beneficiary Oromo people in *afaan Oromo* but on the VOA Amharic program. The Oromo mass back at home, who was not a party to the petty bickering in the Diaspora, was greeted with such news on international media for the first time. This shows that the objective of this group is not to find a solution to the Oromo problem but to please other parties that strive to extinguish the Oromo struggle.

The reality is clear, however. It is obvious from the above mentioned interview that the individuals embraced in this group are collections of those expelled from the OLF for disciplinary reasons and illegal activities, and those deemed unfit with the struggle due to their desperation and lack of commitment. Another point to be clear is that this group repeatedly stresses 'fragmentation' of OLF. This group has turned every stone to demoralize the leadership, members, supporters and the Oromo public at large by undermining the struggle the OLF has been conducting under a severely challenging condition with commitment and heavy sacrifices. It is a fact that the OLF has been dragged for a long time by an internal squabbling created by this same group during their presence within the organization. It is obvious to the members and a section of our people who are close to this organization that all the misfortunes that befell this organization have been caused by this same group leading the 'forum'. It is time for the rest of our people to be informed that it is just this same group that is behind the series of splits from this organization during the last ten years. There are plenty of audio, video and written evidences for this that will be made public as soon as appropriate time arises.

According to the leaders of this group, as heard from different media, their objective is to change the goal and means with which this organization has been conducting the struggle. However, it is obvious that the goal and means of conducting this struggle is drawn by a National Congress and that is the only body that can modify it. The OLF is guided by this document drawn by such a congress. If it is required to change it has to be presented to this body for amendment based on a thorough study. Short of that no group has the right or the moral to do any amendment to the means and goal of the struggle.

Therefore we call upon our people to be aware of this and consciously protect the program of and imple-

ment the directives given by the organization. We also take this opportunity to call upon our people not to be distracted by any of anti OLF misinformation but double the support for the organization in protecting and advancing the struggle that has costed heavy sacrifice, to its goal. Additionally we call everybody to ignore the misinformation that distracts the people from the current condition and concentrate on the developments at hand to maximize our benefit.

Victory to the Oromo People.

