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The Effort to Emasculate the Oromo Liberation Struggle Has Been and Will Be a Failure

Oromo Liberation Front Press Release

The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) regime has utterly failed to suppress the struggle waged against it by the OLF and is engulfing the whole of Oromia. Neither did the effort of the supporters of the regime who wanted to cover up its brutalities make any dent. During the last six months, especially the regime has been scuffling around under pressure from the OLF and the popular uprising in Oromia. The regime's attempts to recycle the twenty plus years old tactic of dismantling or weakening the OLF, in an effort to overcome this pressure, will get it nowhere but failure again.

The tactics that the TPLF/EPRDF regime used to get out of the trouble were meant either to dismantle the OLF or internally weaken it. The supporting means repeatedly used and is being used now for these tactics includes sham peace talk proposals, "reconciliation" conference or mediation that involves Oromo elders and so on that will create division among the members out of suspicion. As the open campaign against the OLF has not yielded much of the needed result the internal actions have been escalated lately targeting the organizational cohesion and wooing some members to his side as opting for a non-existent peaceful resolution. Weakening the liberation forces by creating ineffective mini organizations under the OLF or other names has been the other means in use.

To accomplish this destructive mission the enemy has been using elements of the society that has no respect either for themselves or the nation. The regime left no stone unturned to alienate the OLF from the Oromo people but utterly failed. For example after pushing the OLF out of the Transitional Government they tried to fabricate a "Peaceful OLF" (*Selamawi Oneg*), which the people consciously rejected out of hand. Currently false propaganda and defamation against the leadership of the organization is forcefully conducted to create confusion and unrest in the liberation camp. There is evidence that the enemy is preparing to concoct another dummy Oromo organization to work against the OLF, its arch enemy. We are not surprised by the regime's effort to come up with such a project once again at this time when all the opportunists have given up and those who have real concern for the cause but were misled by the former's propaganda have finally decided to rejoin the organization. As a consensus in Oromo society has always been the enemy's nightmare this is not something unexpected.

In this regard we want our people everywhere to be aware of two things developing. Regarding the fabrication of a new organization, shortage of organizations has never been our problem. Different organizations under different names have been mushrooming since the inception of the OLF. There has never been any benefit from these splinter or new organizations other than wasting the human, material and time that could have been used to accelerate the struggle against the occupation forces. Any additional attempt to participate in such a venture will only benefit the TPLF regime. The Oromo struggle for freedom will benefit if we strengthen this organization that has been passed down to this generation through heavy sacrifices, by contributing our good share of activism and nationalism. Hence we call upon our people in general and the members at home and abroad in particular to fend this looming threat while escalating the struggle for freedom in every form.

This regime is known to come up with sham peaceful dialogue proposal when the freedom movement strangles it; either to win capitulation or create division between the members between those who will fall for the false offer and those who don't. It is repeating it once again as it has been doing for the last twenty years. The OLF wants to once again make its standing position on a peace talk with the TPLF clear. ***If the regime wants to sincerely address the Oromo question peacefully, it has to engage in the open manner for our people and the international community, in the presence of recognized third party, without any precondition and at a mutually convenient venue.*** Other than this any attempt to mislead by such false projects like Elders' Conference, Mediation and the like that the regime uses to create confusion has no acceptance at all.

In conclusion, we want to reassure that attempting to emasculate the Oromo liberation struggle conducted by the Front, Oromo Liberation Army, our members and the Oromo people at large will inevitably fail as before.

Victory to the Oromo People!

Oromo Liberation Front

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