



JOINT CALL FOR OROMO NATIONAL UNITY AGAINST GENOCIDE 10 September 2017

We, the undersigned leaders of independent Oromo political organisations, remain deeply troubled over the recent massacres that are perpetrated by the TPLF regime in Bishoftu, Walloo, Hararghe, Bale, Borana, and Guji, areas in particular, and the ongoing slaughtering taking place daily in the rest of Oromia.

Our thoughts and prayers are with our impacted communities at large and the families whose loved ones are martyred in particular. We proudly salute the heroes and heroines amongst our youth known as Qeerroo, elders, intellectuals, and members of our organisations engaged in the defence of our nation under extremely challenging circumstances all across our land.

The ongoing genocidal acts by the incumbent Ethiopian regime have shaken our nation to its core and caused many people to question what needs to be done to save our nation from extermination.

We are also equally concerned that through many years of systematic infiltration the enemy had weakened our unity, and our repeated call for serious and sombre examination of the grave situation collaboratively in order to muster our resources and stand as one have not yet come to fruition. There are encouraging beginnings in that the Oromo communities in the diaspora have assembled in large numbers and spent significant amount of time and resources on consensus building. Nonetheless, a unified pan-Oromo effort as we envisaged when we called for an 'Oromo national convention' is yet to emerge.

Similarly, coalition building among different Oromo political forces is being experimented. The unfortunate truth is that this undertaking has also been frustrated due to, in part, lack of a precise realisation of the urgency of the matter and inability to foresee the consequences of a true unity of purpose or the lack of such an arrangement. We continue working hard to build a proper and genuine coalition leading to unity based on mutual understanding of the objective of the struggle.

In the meanwhile, because of the ever-increasing violence from the Ethiopian state and disenfranchisement of the Oromo due to a calculated misinformation and propaganda that the enemies within and without are spreading among our diaspora community, we have agreed to issue this joint call.

We urge every Oromo national to pause and take a stock of the genocide perpetrated against our nation, and the direction we should be taking. In so doing, we would like to call upon members of

our organisation, our communities at home and abroad to urgently come together to form a national consensus on how to save our people from extermination.

More than ever before, the Oromo political forces need to unite and struggle for the survival of our nation and independence of Oromia. The enemies of our people - the TPLF and its puppet organization - have continued their campaign of genocide and permanent state of violence against the Oromo people. Stopping the tide of genocide, they have unleashed against our nation, demands that our organizations take uncompromising radical measures against them.

Indeed, it is time for the Oromo political forces to unite and fight back before it is too late to effectively defeat the internal and external enemies of our people. We can no longer afford the internal minor differences to keep us from facing the real and mortal enemies of our people and country.

As we move forward in our endeavours to liberate Oromia, we will forever never forget the lives of those slain and the loss we have experienced as Oromo nation. We, hereby pledge to insistently continue our efforts to unite our resources and skills and call upon our people to join us and answer our call with your support in terms of your knowledge, time, energy and material resources so that Oromia can survive the genocidal war perpetrated against it by the TPLF, and eventually emerge as free and liberated independent nation.

In the end, we call upon all Oromo patriotic individuals and forces to join us and our people today, in this fight. We urge you to come prepared to do battle for the survival of your people and country. Together in unity we will be strong enough to throw our enemies into the dustbin of history and liberate our sacred Motherland Oromia

Oromia shall be free!

Unity is power!

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