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OROMO LIBERTION FRONT STRONGLY CONDEMNS MASSACRE OF OROMO CIVILIANS IN BORANA ZONE OF SOUTHERN OROMIA

The OLF strongly condemns the massacre of Oromo civilians by the Ethiopian army in Moyale town in Southern Oromia, on 10 March 2018. The Ethiopian army soldiers shot dead 13 and seriously wounded more than 50 unarmed civilians by opening gun fire on peaceful people going about their normal business, including women and children.

The OLF also notes with deep concern that the same army responsible for the incident displaced more than 50,000 Oromo people who are forced to flee their homes and seek refuge across the border in Kenya.

Adding insult to injury, the barbaric Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) led murderous Ethiopian regime has admitted the Moyale incident was a "mistake" of its armed forces. The fact of the matter is the massacre is neither a mistake nor an isolated incident, but a premediated crime against humanity and part of the TPLF's ethnic cleansing agenda. The land from which now the Oromo are mercilessly uprooted is to be given to others according to the ongoing TPLF's destructive campaign.

It is to be remembered that already more than a million Oromo people are internally displaced and are suffering in refugee camps in the Eastern and South-Eastern Oromia caused by the ethnic cleansing carried out by the Ethiopian army and the Somali region's paramilitary force known as Liyu-Polis. The farm and pasturelands usurped from the displaced Oromo were immediately given to the Somali region. Similar scenarios are being repeated along all the border areas of Oromia.

Under these circumstances, the primary aim of the latest state of emergency, declared by the regime, is to facilitate the total destruction of Oromia through an open war of attrition.

The OLF emphasizes the need for an urgent and full mobilisation of the Oromo nation's might in the interest of national self-defence and self-preservation by all means necessary.

The OLF also urges the UN Security Council to assess the situation in Ethiopia as a matter of priority and pass a resolution to force the Ethiopian regime desist from its acts of genocide against the Oromo people and ensure that those responsible for the Moyale and other massacres of innocent men, women and children are brought to justice.

Finally, the OLF reiterates that the TPLF needs to understand that its days in Finfinnee is numbered and the regime alone bears responsibility for the bloodshed and its catastrophic consequences on stability in the whole region and justice will be done sooner or later.

Oromia shall be free!

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