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## **The Whole of Oromia Must Act to Stop the Agazi and Liyu Police Terror in Hararge, Bale, Borana and Gujji**

It is well known that areas in eastern and southern Oromia are already hit by draught and weakened. The people are deprived of water and food by the government and there is no adequate humanitarian assistance in the region. Using this opportunity, the paramilitary forces of the fascist Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) regime, Agazi and Liyu Police, are deployed alongside the border of Oromia and Ogaden region committing massacres.

In the past four weeks alone, the Liyu Police slaughtered more than 200 innocent Oromo people. These paramilitary forces are engaged in ethnic cleansing through armed attacks against unarmed Oromo civilians, women and children. The barbaric Agazi and Liyu Police are burning down villages, displacing thousands of people from their ancestral land, and carry out pillage in several districts of Oromia, for instance Qumbii, Cinaaksan, Gursum, Mayyuu Muluqqee, Miidhagaa Lolaa, Odaa Diimaa, and Hara Funaanni.

It is to be remembered that, since 2008, the Liyu Police have committed similar massacres in villages in Hararge province of eastern Oromia repeatedly. These are undertaken by the Somali regional state Liyu Police under the Tigrayan fascist regime's direction and instruction.

The Liyu Police has been committing attacks on civilians in several villages in Ogaden region itself. The TPLF, spearheaded by the Liyu Police, had already committed genocide in Ogaden region, which is well documented by international human rights groups, including Genocide Watch. Now, the TPLF has unleashed the abusive force on Oromia with the pretext of the state of emergency it declared to crash a peaceful protest.

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The OLF would like to bring to the attention of the people of Ogaden the crimes committed against the Oromo people by the Liyu Police, in partnership with the fascist Ethiopian minority regime. The TPLF is creating conflict and enmity between the neighboring Oromo and Ogaden people who have lived side by side, shared the same resources and the same environment for centuries as brothers and sisters. Regimes come and go, but people will live together as neighbours long after the demise of regimes.

The TPLF regime is tittering on the brink of a total collapse, but hell-bent on inflicting the maximum damage it could before its downfall. Hence, the OLF calls up on the people of Ogaden to stand with their brothers and sisters in Oromia in solidarity and defeat the evil forces of Agazi and Liyu Police forces.

The latest wave of unprovoked large-scale paramilitary attacks across a large swath of eastern and southern Oromia is part and parcel of the Oromia-wide war intended to reduce the number of the Oromo people and dividing Oromo land among other groups of people. The TPLF did not bother to conceal its murderous genocidal intent and determination to reduce the number of the Oromo people to a minority status.

The OLF reaffirms its commitment to work tirelessly to realize the unity of the Oromo political forces and muster our resources in order to defeat the Ethiopian genocidal regime once and forever.

The OLF also calls upon:

- Our nation to stand together at this darkest hour in our history and fight for the national self-preservation organized according to our Gada tradition and confront the fascist TPLF regime by all means necessary throughout the width and breadth of our country.
- All of the Oromo Diaspora to stand with the Oromo people materially, morally and be the voice of their people.
- All Oromo political organizations to leave aside their differences and confront in a united manner the TPLF regime and remove it from power to shorten the sufferings of our people.
- All Oromos serving in the military, police force and the bureaucracy to stand with their people.
- The international community, particularly the governments of the USA and the UK, to condemn the ethnic cleansing that has been carried out against the Oromo people by the TPLF regime and stop financing and training a force that is used to massacre innocent civilians.

Oromia shall be free!

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