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OLF condemns the arbitrary alteration of Oromo Qubee alphabet by the TPLF regime

We condemn in the strongest possible terms the alteration of the Oromo Qubee alphabet by the fascist Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) regime. What exactly motivated the TPLF regime to change the Oromo writing system is nothing but its long-standing enmity towards the Oromo people, their culture, and their language. Its action is an integral part of its campaign of genocide against the Oromo people, their culture and their language and to denigrate what belongs to the Oromo nation.

This is not for the first time that the TPLF showed utter contempt for the rights of the Oromo people to conduct their own affairs. Time and again it has brutally violated Oromo individual and collective human rights with impunity. It is to be remembered that it ignored the advice of the Oromo Abba Gadaas who have the legitimate authority to conduct the Irreecha (Oromo Thanksgiving) and bless the Oromo nation, not to involve in Irreecha. Instead of refraining from involving, the regime violently took over the annual thanksgiving festival and massacred hundreds of innocent celebrants in Bishoftu on 2 October 2016.

Oromo language experts and teachers have confirmed that there are no linguistic or pedagogic reasons for the alteration that has been made by the fascist regime. The Oromo language belongs to the Oromo nation and the Oromo nation alone and the TPLF has no any right to decide on how the Oromo language is to be written.

The TPLF is ruling over Oromia through the martial law instituted by proclamation of a state of emergency. This is a policy of shoot and kill at will. The forcible alteration of the Oromo writing system under a military rule is the extension of its acts of human rights violations such as ethnic cleansing, land grab, incarceration in tens of thousands, extrajudicial mass killings, famine, and epidemic diseases to which our people have been exposed for two and half decades. The latest blunder of changing the Oromo writing system will add a new dimension to the ongoing conflict and will lead to yet another tragedy of the loss of Oromo lives and should be opposed.

We believe that the only solution to this blatant violation of our rights is to galvanize the struggle for the emancipation of the Oromo nation and independence of Oromia. We are confident that a coordinated campaign can bring to an end the Tigrayan colonial occupation and its crimes of genocidal war and win freedom, liberty, justice and independence of Oromia. Hence, we call upon the Oromo people to strengthen the struggle for the liberation of Oromia more than ever before in order to guarantee the sovereignty of our nation and end the perpetual viciousness by the TPLF.

Oromia shall be free!

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