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THE OLF MOURNS THE PASSING OF TARFA DIBABA

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It is with the deepest sorrow that the OLF announces the passing of Tarfa Dibaba on 29th July 2016 at the age of 76.

Tarfa Dibaba was one of the founders and a senior member of OLF leadership. He was one of the early educated few that helped in advancing Oromo national struggle that led to the present awakening. Until he took his last breath, he had never stopped encouraging his comrades not to waver from their set objective.

His indefatigable highly principled professional contribution ranged from the battlefields of Oromia to the refugee camps in Sudan, Kenya, Somalia, Yemen, Egypt and Djibouti, and to the diplomatic corridors of the capital cities of the most powerful nations, fighting for independence of Oromia.

We have lost a dear friend and a tremendously valued comrade. In Tarfa Dibaba the Oromo nation has lost a patriot, a giant human rights advocate, a charitable campaigner for rights of Oromo refugees as a founder and lifelong head of the Oromo Relief Association (ORA). In this regard, Tarfa Dibaba has not only saved thousands of life but also consoled and comforted hundreds of victims of torture and unimaginable cruelty in the hands of the enemies of the Oromo nation.

Tarfa Dibaba has survived by his beloved wife Arfase Gamada, their three children Yared, Benjamin and Talile, and grandchildren Gilcha, Hirtz-Dibaba, Jootee, Hawani and Yadani. Our hearts and prayers go to them.

The funeral ceremony will be announced by his family in due course.

May the almighty rest our comrade in eternal peace.

Oromia shall be free!