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RE: Fear of Civil War in Ethiopia

We strictly condemn the continued extrajudicial killings of citizens, house arrest of prominent political leaders, unprecedented human rights violations, and the drum of civil war in Ethiopia today.



It is heart breaking to see the law enforcement killing many people in a day light without bringing them to the justice system of the country. On May 11, 2021, Amanuel Wandimu 19 years boy was publicly executed by the Oromia Security forces at the City Square in a savage way. On April 29, 2021, they killed Assistant Professor Kajela Tasisa in his house as report by his mother Ms Agitu Bulcha.

These types of extra judicial killings that are going on in Western Oromia by the government of the Ethiopian security forces must be condemned by all possible words. While we are calling all responsible bodies to conduct independent investigations, we are also requesting all citizens to stand together, to fight injustice and to stop unlawful executions in any parts of the country.



On May 3, 2021, the government of Abiy Ahmed raided the residence of Mr. Dawud Ibsa, the Chairman of OLF, and confiscated his belongings including computers and his party's entire documents. After a few days, the Ethiopian government raided the residence of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church Patriarch because he declared the war in Tigray is a "genocide".

Today, Ethiopia is facing unprecedented lawlessness and huge humanitarian crisis almost in all parts of the country. Suffering, torture, and death of citizens are not brought to justice since there is no efficient court system in many parts of the country. Dozens of political prisoners have been languishing in prisons for without getting proper attention by the concerned bodies.

Regardless of the international community's concerns and deliberate positive actions, mass incarceration, killings of civilians and intimidating people for their political views, ethnic background and religious convictions have continued in Ethiopia. Obviously, the political system of the country must widen to solve the long existing political discourses in the country with all stakeholders.

We are extremely concerned about the Oromo prisoners who are being tortured for no fault of themselves, except speaking out on behalf of the Oromos and other Ethiopian people. The Ethiopian government's plan to win the upcoming election at any cost could lead to unimaginable disaster and instability in the horn of Africa. The Ethiopian government should refrain itself from labelling people or political parties as 'terrorist' and use the approach as a tool to silence critical political views.

We call all concerned bodies to exert the maximum possible pressure on the Ethiopian government to immediately give appropriate political space to the Ethiopian people, to address their long-term grievances and demands, to allow all-inclusive National Dialogues among political organizations, and to extend the election time to include all political parties in the upcoming national poll.

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