

TPLF's Dreadful Acts Against humanity: Renewed Special Task Force to Evict the Sidama People from Their Land.

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We have repeatedly warned that the Ethiopian TPLF's regime is committing inexcusable and incontestable crime against the Sidamas' basic rights. And, we have also tried to increase the awareness of international community on the hideous acts of TPLF's regime against humanity under the slogan of 'Democracy and Freedom'. The first causality in this masking process is the 'Truth'. The regime is incapacitating the lives of nations in the names of democracy and freedom under impregnable political system. Under such a situation, the people of the Sidama and other subjugated nations under TPLF's empire are deliberately made to suffer and loose their pride and identity. In particular, the Sidamas are silenced to assure their subservience to the regime when their ancestral land is given to others. In effect, deliberate and systematic marginalization of the Sidama people in all aspects is continuing according to TPLF's planned schedule.

Despite the facts that Ethiopian TPLF's regime is causing deaths and sufferings of innocent people all over the regions under their empire, [Sidama, Oromia, Ogaden Sumale, Gambela, Keficho Shekicho, Hadiya, Wolayita, and all southern Ethiopian nations,] the international community continued the support of this inhuman regime which terrorizes its citizens in a number of ways suppressing the very basic rights of freedoms of individuals and group of people in addition to the continued massacre of innocent people in every region.

We remember in the past couple of weeks, March 8, 2004, that the reporter from Awassa (the Sidama capital) confirmed that more 94 Sidama families were evicted from their land without compensation and made complete destitute. Some of them who have asked why they were removed from their ancestral land are inhumanely tortured and put in jail ever since. They are;

1. Hailu Hanqamo
2. Mokonen Minxaalo
3. Dagafu Waageso
4. Tasfaye Nuguse
5. Gurmesa Fola
6. Asraate Hasana
7. Detamo
8. Woyessa
9. Munxashsha

In addition to the mentioned wave of eviction of March 8, 2004, a new force of civilians combined with two lieutenants has been secretly established to remove the Sidamas from the outskirts of Awassa city to appropriately implement their pre-planned agenda of strategic marginalization according to the same source from Awassa city.

The same reporter from Awassa confirmed that, the regime has finalized its plan of forceful eviction without compensation as of the first week of April 2004. Tens of thousands will be left destitute without a glimpse of hope for their off springs' futurity. The said members of the newly established task force according to this reporter are;

1. Alemayehu Wachamo , (Chair person) PDO
2. Tesfa' ab Latamo, (member) PDO
3. Yosef Yoka (member) PDO
4. Urmaile Ukando (Engineering department, Awassa city council) Non Sidama
5. Kebede Awano, Hadiya, (special regional army established to intimidate the Sidamas), (to order power if there is resistance during the forceful eviction), Lieutenant
6. Abera Hurisa, (special task force established to intimidate the Sidamas) Lieutenant, Non Sidama

We would like to bring this incontestable and inexcusable crime against humanity to the attention of global community. Not only in Sidama region the regime is implementing its policy of eviction. In Oromo, Ogaden Sulmale and Gambela region people are paying a precious life sacrifice on daily bases in protest against TPLF's eviction and systematic marginalization of the natives by highlanders. The security forces of TPLF having massacred, 1200 innocent Gambela people within two months where they were protesting such plan of TPLF, they are still continuing the inhuman acts. Just two months ago, three Sidamas were killed by the security forces of the regime for the same reason. Tens of thousands Oromo students, alike their Sidama counterparts, at present are undergoing indiscriminate and relentless Psycho-Physical torture and imprisonment which hasn't drown the attention of the powerful nations of the world. We have been informing such dreadful act against basic human rights since the regime ordered the massacre of at least 79 innocent Sidama civilians on May 24, 2002 where they have been peacefully expressing their anger over the administrative shift of their city (Awassa) on peaceful demonstration which is still causing continued suffering to the Sidama people.

Almost all administrative aspect of the Sidama capital city since is shifted to the outsiders (highlanders) while the Sidama are being intimidated in their own city and land. No Sidama language, culture and values are allowed to be promoted in the Sidama capital at present. Such is act of eviction is continuing to the out skirt of the city.

The said newly established task force to remove all Sidamas from their ancestral land is a premeditated agenda to strategically incapacitate the Sidama people according to this reporter. This is purely a strategic political, economic and cultural genocide of the Sidama people by TPLF's regime. It's strongly condemned by all Sidamas and need to be known well and condemned by all humanitarian global and regional organizations to act on time before it goes too late. We need the support of international community to expose the hidden agenda of TPLF's regime against human rights of the Sidamas undercover.

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