

Date: October 9, 2016

Purpose: Fundraising for displaced Tigrean from Gonder, Metema, and its surroundings/ጻዊዕት ሓገዝ ንተፋኒቆልቲ ካብ ጎንደረን፡ መተማን፡ ከባቢኣን።

Place: 1724 Adeline St. Oakland, CA 9607

Dear Tigreans and peace loving Ethiopians residents of Bay Area and its vicinity:

We, the resident of Bay Area and its' surroundings, are going to held a fundraising event on October 9, 2016. This event will be a day of fundraising to help our brothers and sisters who had been displaced from their homes from Gonder, Metema, and its surroundings. Most of the displaced people had left with nothing; some were robbed or burned their properties in daylight, they were forced to leave the place they called home empty hand. In moments like these, we must stand tall and help our people with what we can when help is needed the most.

The situation is disheartened and obscured to witness such barbaric action by own citizens in the 21st century, this is unacceptable. The Tigreans were targeted not because of their political belief because these people are not politicians; the Tigreans were targeted for anything but because they are from Tigray. This kind of activities has to stop once and for all. All Ethiopians must have tolerance and respect for all nation and nationalities. There cannot be a peace or solutions by targeting towards specific ethnicity. This is obviously a hate towards the Tigreans ethnic by singling out, out of 80 ethnic groups in the country. There cannot be a winner from hate.

Apparently this seems a well-planned and well-coordinated disturbance towards the Tigreans by some hatemongers; remain from the previous government who wished to take the country backward and some external force. We are confident that the law enforcement authorities will soon discover the identity of the perpetrators responsible for this unfathomable act and bring them to task with the full force of the law.

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We must be vigilant and careful to oppose these malicious and unjustified acts towards any citizens; we are condemning such activities with the strongest words. The Tigreans are Ethiopian and they shall live anywhere in Ethiopia peacefully.

The organizers would like to say thank you for your help in advance.

Organized by UTNA Bay Area Branches and surroundings.