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Ethiopian Somali Democratic Council

We, the Ethiopian Somali Democratic Council, urges the Federal Government of Ethiopia and international community to look into the atrocity that is going on in Somali Region of Ethiopia. The Oromo and Somalis in those regions live peacefully for century; however, the current distorted propaganda of Shabya, ONLF and OLF using its Medias such ESAT, VOA and OMN distorted policy is enticing conflict among these people.

Additionally, the rogue regime of Eritrea is the one that is behind the hatred propaganda among Ethiopian as they support and fund all rebels and its myopic media outlets in Diaspora. As we all know that the Hutu and Tutsi massacres were orchestrated by Le Soliel Radio that bit one ethnic group against the others. This hatred propaganda had claimed the lives of 800, 000 people.

Ethiopian Media outlets in Diaspora are giving ONLF and other rebel's forums to propagate their distorted information that is guided with secessionist propaganda while they have ignored the Ethiopia Somalis who are fighting for justice, democracy and rule of law.

The Ethiopian Medias such as ESAT and VOA should stop fueling the hatred among the Oromo and Somalis people who live peacefully for centuries. For example, ONLF backed by the propaganda machine of ESAT is adding fuel to the fire and saying that the Federal system based upon linguistic has failed. This gesture shows that they are thinking to restore the centralized state that destroyed Ethiopia in the last 100 years. The conflict is also engulfing all Horn of Africa regions and it is having a negative effect in terms of economy, peace and tranquility.

Moreover, for example, the Mogadishu regime has handed a certain soldier who was a member of ONLF. These days, there is a mix message beaming from Mogadishu. The arrested person Abdikarim aka Galbi Daghax and handed over to Ethiopia has been said that he was born in Somalia and being soldier in the Somali army for many years. Then, he joined ONLF. Simply he is Ogadeni clan unlike the majority of other Somali clans that are neutralized and isolated under the leadership of Somali Region official in Somali Region.

It is very important to note that after Somali state collapsed, many soldiers and high official of Ogadeni clan under the dictator Siyyad Barre crossed the border to Somali region and claimed that they are from Ethiopia. A case in point is the chairman of ONLF Admiral Osman who was working under Siyaad Barre until his last days. Then, they formed ONLF in 1984.

In other words, ONLF is set up in 1984 after Siyyad Barre destroyed and dismantled WSLF, the only genuine liberation front that was struggling to have regional autonomy. The best eighty commanders of WSLF had been massacred; simply they opposed his misguided policies to acquire Ethiopia land. WSLF has been fighting to bring justice and rule of law in Ethiopia at the time. Siyyad Barre has used airplane and tanks to invade Somali Region so that he would extrapolate his weakness and political crisis at home to exploit the notion of "Greater Somalia".

Today, many Oromo leaders in Diaspora are not differentiating the majority of non Ogadeni Somalis in Somali region who have nothing to do with Liyu Police soldiers, formed exclusively by one and only one clan Ogadeni. These liyu police soldiers were part and parcel of ONLF.

Currently, all roads are closed and the exchange of goods among Oromo and Somalis people are hindered. This is having a negative impact on overall lives of poor peasants and pastorals who live together for many years. It is very easy to sit in front of your PC and enticing hatred through Social Media such as Facebook.

Ethiopia Somali Democratic Council is in the belief that the Ethiopian territorial integrity is not in question; on the other hand, justice, rule of law and democracy are the key core issues that have to be championed to see an Ethiopia where all people live peacefully.

The current regional state in Somali Region has been using these soldiers to maim and kill innocent other non Ogadeni Somali clan and EPRDF was closing its eyes so that they can stay in Power.

We urge all Ethiopian peace loving to call your Senators and Congress to expose VOA and other Media in US to stop propagating hatred.

We, the rest of Somali non Ogadeni clan, are appealing to all peace loving Ethiopian that we have nothing to do with Liyu Police moron soldiers and not fighting to dismantle Ethiopia and on the contrary struggling to see an Ethiopia where rule law, democracy and human rights prevail.

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