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RE: SJTE Statement on the partial liberation of Tigray

Security and Justice for Tigrayans in Ethiopia (SJTE) wishes to convey its admiration for the people of Tigray and its defense forces (TDF) in their victory evicting the brutal army of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed of Ethiopia, Eritrean forces, and the Amhara militia from Mekelle, the capital city of Tigray on June 28, 2021.

While we celebrate the conspicuous success, we also solemnly remember the heroes and heroines of Tigray who paid and are paying the ultimate price to liberate Tigray. We will never forget the tens of thousands of innocent civilians massacred by these evil forces. The horrific gang rape of underage children, women, nuns, and mothers is a scar that will never go away from our souls.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the international organizations, governments, and individuals who stood with Tigray which faced a near total destruction.

While we are encouraged by the swift military success of the TDF, the people of Tigray still need international support. The more than two million displaced persons will still need humanitarian assistance. Other Tigrayans who were not accessed by aid workers need humanitarian aid. We call upon the United Nations, the African Union, and other organizations and governments to monitor the situation closely and provide necessary support to these and other people in Tigray.

We demand the United Nations and its agencies to conduct an independent investigation to bring perpetrators of all the crimes committed in Tigray during the last eight months to justice. The architects of these crimes should also be brought to international justice and face the full force of the law.

To all Tigrayans and friends of Tigray, celebrate this day of Mekelle's return to its rightful administrators but you should also prepare for further challenges finishing the job fully liberating all parts of Tigray so that the business of rebuilding starts in earnest.

Graciously,

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