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Subject: Urgent Appeal to Oromo Political Prisoners on Hunger Strike and a National call to the Oromo people

Dear beloved sons and daughters of the Oromo Nation currently on Hunger Strike in Ethiopian Prisons,

We have been following closely, and with grave concern, the hunger strike protests you have been conducting from Ethiopian prisons where you are detained unjustly in the first place. We are very proud of your sacrifices, sense of honor, dignity and steadfastness to honor your solemn vows to lead our struggle at a great cost to your personal lives and that of your families. You have comported yourselves with honesty and integrity befitting true Oromo leaders. May your determination and heroism be a shining example to each and every one of our compatriots at this critical time in the Oromo struggle, and going forward!

Dear beloved leaders,

The hunger strike you are conducting has given visibility to the Oromo nation's situation and has shaken the conscience of many on national and international scale. It has drawn world attention to the injustices our nation suffers every day in that empire, the abuses of our people's fundamental rights, and the lack of rule of law and justice. The nation, and the world, has heard you loud and clear, and understand your plight. For this. We are confident that we speak for many in this nation when we say the Oromo nation is indebted to you and stands with you.

However, experience has taught us time and again, that the GoE is unwilling to stop the abuse, humiliation and degrading treatment of the Oromo people and Oromo political prisoners, those on hunger strike and those that are not. We see no end to its intransigent policy towards our nation and our unjustly imprisoned sons and daughters for demanding their people's rights until such time that we rise up in unison to grab what is rightfully ours. This is a government bent on robbing the Oromo nation of its leaders to try and weaken the Oromo struggle for liberation, and to rollback its achievements in every way it can. The knowledge that your fate rests in the hands of this brutal administration, which is hostile to our nation, the Oromo nation whose causes you serve, is of great concern to us.

We understand, after 20 days without food or water at the time of this writing, your medical conditions must be critical. The GoE's denial of medical care and lack of responsibility, much less meeting your demands, bespeaks of its unconscionable indifference to human life, the health and wellbeing of Oromo political prisoners in its custody, and its wish to see you all dead in the hope of weakening the Oromo struggle for freedom.

As a result, we fear that continuing the hunger strike any longer can result in irreparable damages to your health or loss of your lives which the Oromo nation cannot afford at this critical time in its history. We are sure you would agree with us in these serious times, loss of leaders will have a negative impact on our struggle. Remember, we are at war for the very survival of our nation, the achievement of which will be made more difficult by your absence. We need you to stay alive to continue to lead us in the fight for our rights. Consequently,

1. We urge you, our beloved leaders, to suspend the current hunger strike you are conducting in the interest of the Oromo struggle for liberation, which is in dire need of leaders like yourselves;
2. We call up on our people, inside and outside Oromia to continue the struggle for the just cause of our leaders and the whole nation, who are languishing in all prisons of the Ethiopian Empire.

In the end, justice shall prevail!

Victory to the Oromo nation!!!

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