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Subject: OGF¹ strongly condemns the lies, deceptions, and false claims of the Ethiopian government that Oromos in the diaspora support its war effort against Tigray

To our dismay, on August 28, 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's mouthpiece - Fana Broadcasting Corporation (FBC) - posted a news piece that the Oromo Diaspora declared their support for the Ethiopian government's war against the Tigray People's Liberation Front. FBC masqueraded a few faces as members of the Oromo diaspora, most of whom, in reality, are Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Amhara supporters with only one or two Oromo individuals who returned to Ethiopia and are currently living on Abiy Ahmed's handouts.

We, at [Oromia Global Forum \(OGF\)](#), would like our people to know that we, Oromos in the diaspora represented by the Oromia Global Alliance (OGA) have never supported, and never will support the Abiy government who has embarked on dismantling Oromia, destroying our identity, and committing genocide on our people, and other peoples in Ethiopia, such as the people Tigray, Benishangul-Gumuz, Sidama, Kimant, Agaw, etc.

From Menilek II to Abiy Ahmed, and from Anole in 1886 to Gidda Kirammu in 2021, the Oromo have been subjected to massacres of genocidal proportions. While Neftegna colonial rule of the last one hundred and fifty years had been so painful, the pains the Oromo sustained under Abiy `Ahmad's rule of the last three years has been more excruciatingly. Abiy Ahmed mercilessly killed our Qeerroo who brought him to power. He burnt the houses and properties of our people all over Oromia. He stationed command posts in Wallaggaa, Gujii and Borana zones and turned the lives of our people into a hell in their own homes. For fear of being killed by the military, our people stopped farming and harvesting, picking coffee and other cash crops to sell and buy their daily necessities. Abiy Ahmed's security forces killed and ate our people's oxen, sheep, goats and chickens. Our people were looted, impoverished, and are left to starve. Amhara militia, Eritrean troops and Abiy's security forces raped our mothers, sisters, and daughters. What the world has seen happening to Tigray in the last nine months was a daily routine in Oromia for the last three years. With the blessing of Abiy Ahmed, hundreds of Oromo students were brutally murdered by Amhara extremists in universities located in the Amhara state. In northern Oromia where the Amhara launched an all-out war on the Oromo, an ambulance carrying wounded Oromos was stopped by Amhara gangsters who pulled the wounded Oromos out and savagely bit them to death on the streets.

¹ [Oromia Global Forum \(OGF\)](#) is a global alliance of 45 (forty-five) Oromo Civic, Professional and Faith-Based Organizations and individual proponents of Human Rights, residing in North America, Europe, Australia, Asia and Africa. We are a legally registered, Washington DC based, not-for-profit organization with tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) status. Our mission is to enhance Oromo unity, discuss, analyze, and deliberate on man-made and natural disasters as well as human rights abuses plaguing the Oromo nation and design comprehensive strategies to mitigate the plights of our people.

OGF's values are based on the egalitarian Gadaa System of the Oromo nation, in which the dignity of all human beings is equally respected and defended, irrespective of their color, culture and creed. OGF advocates for the protection and promotion of all human rights in Oromia and beyond. We stand for, and defend Oromo national unity, integrity of Oromia, equality of its citizens, freedom of expression, social justice, self-determination, and respect for all forms of diversity in our society.

We would like to remind our people that those portrayed on FBC's news page as members of the Oromo Diaspora are supporters and enablers of Abiy Ahmed's atrocities against the Oromo people and now the people of Tigray.

Contrary to the already known lies, deceptions, fabrications, and false claims of Abiy Ahmed and his selfish cadre, we, members of the Oromo Diaspora represented by the OGF have always been bleeding with you – our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters - the Oromo nation. We have staged series of demonstrations, protest rallies against the barbaric, brutal rule of Abiy Ahmed on the streets of world capitals and major cities. We appealed to the conscience of the free world and reached to world governments to put pressure on the murderous regime of Abiy Ahmed. We have never stepped on your blood and sufferings, never compromised the cause of the Oromo nation. We came together more closely than ever to help galvanize the liberation movement which you, the Oromo people, are spearheading at home.

Abiy's Oromo Diaspora project is an utter lie, an act of desperation at the time he found himself at dead-end, at the time when our liberation struggle is closer to reaching its goal, at the time when the dawn of freedom is shining on the horizon. What we see in the picture on FBC is a collection of his neftegna cadres, who have never been part of the millions of Oromo Diaspora. No single self-respecting Oromo has ever contributed, nor ever claimed to have made any financial contributions to Abiy Ahmed's genocidal war, in any country where Oromos live. Contrary to the false claims of Abiy Ahmed's deceptive propaganda machine, all self-respecting Oromians in the diaspora know that contributing to his genocidal war in any form is illegal and punishable by law.

Therefore, we strongly condemn both the genocidal war committed by Abiy Ahmed and the lies, fabrications, deceptions, and false claims of his mouthpiece FBC, which disseminates fake news, claiming that the Oromo in the Diaspora support Abiy Ahmed's genocidal war.

Last but not least, we call upon our people at home and the Oromo diaspora to stand in unison and continue the struggle against the genocidal regime of Abiy Ahmed, demanding justice, human dignity, freedom, peace, protection of life, liberty and self-determination for our nation and all oppressed peoples in Ethiopia.

Sincerity,

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