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**Subject: Statement of Condolence and Condemnation of brutal murder of Abdul-Jabbar Hussein**

We, members of the Oromia Global Forum—a global alliance of 45 Oromo civic, professional, and faith-based organizations, individual human rights defenders - express our deepest sadness on the widely reported assassination of an Oromo Lawyer, a fearless defender of justice, human freedom and dignity, Mr. Abdul-Jabbar.

Abdul-Jabbar Hussein is one of few revered lawyers and human rights advocates. He was also known for his impeccable history of judgeship and a trainer of judges.

Abdul-Jabbar and his close friends, following their participation in defending Oromo and other political prisoners in a court of law, were reported to have been subjected to endless harassment and intimidation by Ethiopia's notorious security forces.

Abdul-Jabbar, with his few colleagues, served as a true voice of thousands of Oromo political prisoners who are being tortured, some even killed in the process, and over the past few months subjected to deprivation of food and water in captivity. Without Abdul-Jabbar and his professional equals, many more Oromos and other oppressed people could have suffered beyond what they would have otherwise suffered.

OGF views the widely reported assassination of Abdul-Jabbar by security forces, in the prism of the broader assassinations and the crackdown on Oromo oppositions, killings of Oromo activists, persistent harassment of judges, prosecutors, and members of the media who the government sees unfavourable.

Cognizant of what has transpired this week, and similar trend of things OGF condemns in the strongest terms this horrific assassination of Abdul-Jabbar Hussein, a distinguished lawyer, and defender of human rights, justice and rule of law.

Furthermore, we condemn the widespread illegal detentions, tortures and execution of detainees and assassination of other human rights advocates and members and supporters of Oromo political oppositions. More specifically, we demand not only independent investigation into the death of the beloved Abdul-Jabbar Hussein but also call for the protection his surviving family, friends and colleagues.

We call up on the Oromo people to stand in unison, condemn this and similar ongoing atrocities committed by Ethiopia's security forces. We would like to remind our nation that there is no one else to wait for, but stand together, and demand justice for all Oromo martyrs.

Last but not least, we extend our condolences to his grieving family, relatives, friends and the Oromo people.

Unity is strength!!!

Victory to the Oromo people!