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## A United Struggle against the Common Enemy is timely Question.

It is a self-evident truth that all human beings and people are created free and equal. There are no people created to be enslaved. All human beings and people are endowed with freedom. None the less, it is also a fact that our human world is full of contradictions and struggles. In our human societies, some are enriching themselves at the expense of the others. Some are deprived of liberty and livelihood and impoverished. Some are leading a life of extravagance while others are starving. Some are dignified and while others are humiliated. Some are being subjected to extinction to allow others to live. All these are happening to humanity due to human greed and selfishness. In our world, a struggle is continuously waged for the success of one people at the expense of and/or for the deprivation of the other people. The human greed and selfishness is also continuing to be the cause for war between nations and peoples, for poverty and starvation, disease and backwardness. Humanity not only deserves a better relationship but also is capable of establishing a relationship based on mutual interest and respect.

Whereas the Empire State of Ethiopia is known for its history of conquest, expansion and the resultant injustice, the Oromo people, and the other peoples with similar history and status as Oromo in Ethiopia, are known as peoples who are conquered, subjugated, dispossessed, exploited, oppressed, marginalized, and forcefully denied freedom and the right to self-determination. Political power obtained and maintained by the barrel of a gun, dictatorship, domination by minority ruling clique, deprivation of liberty to the great majority and gross violations of human rights, imprisonments and extra judicial and killings, forced migration, century old nonstop war, famine, diseases, poverty and backwardness are the marks of the successive regimes of Ethiopia. Particularly, under the incumbent TPLF rule, while all the peoples in Ethiopia are subjected to repression, unprecedented poverty, massive youth unemployment and galloping inflation and the unbearable cost of living, the ruling TPLF clique that came to power through the force of arms and is ruling by the force of arms is continuously denying this facts and shamelessly and ad nauseam about the fictions of "revolutionary democracy", sham federalism, 11-15% yearly economic development. The TPLF leaders know no shame.

The respect of liberty and democratic rights of the people are basis of harmony, peace and economic progress. In the absence of human liberty, political and democratic rights of the people, talking about unity, collective development and peace is empty rhetoric and deception. The reason for the nonexistence of liberty, the denial of the political and democratic rights of the peoples as well as lack of peace and stability in Ethiopia and the region is the TPLF regime. TPLF, the ruling clique that controlled the political and economic power of the country by force of arms for the last two decades has proved beyond doubt that it is not willing to transfer power by free and fair elections. It has boisterously declared and put all concerned on notice that it will only be removed from power by a similar force of arms that brought it to the control of the state of Ethiopia.

The Oromo Liberation front (OLF) has realized the vicious motives of the TPLF long before it controlled the Ethiopian State; and opposed the undemocratic and unjust political vision and practice of the TPLF, and it is continuing the struggle against this tyrannical rule and ideology. The OLF

believes that the political organizations that genuinely believed in the possibility of bringing a democratic change through peaceful struggle and democratic elections within the political framework set by the TPLF, have now realized that their genuine aspirations and beliefs were frustrated by the TPLF and that their efforts were in vain. The foreign sponsors of the tyrannical TPLF regime are also realizing the autocratic and anti-human rights and freedoms policies of the TPLF regime.

Now, therefore, it appears that the struggle to remove the tyrannical regime of the TPLF from power has the support of the peoples and reasonable governments of the world, who stand for peoples' liberation, democracy, human rights and freedoms. The OLF shall shoulder a lion's share of the leadership and responsibility of the struggle to remove the tyrannical TPLF regime from power and pave the way for the era of democracy, the rule of law, freedom, justice, equality, collective progress and comprehensive peace and stability in Ethiopia and the region. The Oromo people and all the peoples in Ethiopia in general and the youth generation in particular have an historical obligation to heed the call of the time and history and rise in unison against the tyrannical TPLF regime.

All the peoples in the Empire State of Ethiopia are one and the same in aspiration and are not inimical to each other. Rather, as human beings all the peoples in Ethiopia have common aspirations of liberation, self-determination, equality, freedom of expression and peaceable assembly, freedom of religion, the right to freely participate in government affairs, freedom from fear and starvation and the right to live in peace and prosperity, *etce tera*. The liberation and respect of the human rights of one people is not detrimental to the interests and rights of the other people and it should not be. It is the ruling class/cliq and despotic leaders who instigate conflict and war between the peoples and shed the peoples' blood. It is dictatorial leaders and ruling cliques who spread a false propaganda and sow mistrust among the peoples. All these have been done and are being done by the past and present ruling cliques for the sole purpose of perpetuating their tyrannical rule. It goes without saying that the TPLF regime is the only common enemy of all the peoples in Ethiopia. It is, therefore, the obligation and historical responsibility of all the peoples in Ethiopia to struggle and revolt in unison against their common enemy- the TPLF regime- and remove it from power. Revolting in unison against the cruel and despotic TPLF regime is the only way for all the peoples to be free and determine their destiny.

The youth of the North African and Middle Eastern countries, who revolted against despotism and removed from power the dictatorial regimes of their respective countries, have become an inspiration for all the peoples of the world struggling against similar or worse tyrannical regimes and are yearning for freedom, self-determination, democracy, justice and equality. These countries' youth proved that a determined people could not be stopped by the tyrannical regimes and their brutal forces. They have also proved that the repressive security apparatus and the world superpowers that supported and financed the tyrannical regimes could not stop a determined people and save the tyrannical regimes from crumbling. The North African and the other Arab countries peoples' revolutions proved that, when the suppressed people are determined for liberation and crossed the line of fear and refused to flinch, most of the superpower countries, the hitherto supporters and handlers of the tyrannical regimes, were forced to quickly abandon their darlings and side with the revolting people. We expect that the youth of our country to astutely follow the North African and the other Arab countries' revolutions, learn from these revolutions, to emulate their examples and to make a similar and proud history of their own.

The era of tyrants and tyrannical regimes is coming to an end. The sun is setting on tyrants and tyrannical regimes. Conversely, for the subjugated, oppressed, disposed, exploited, suppressed, mar-

ginalized and humiliated peoples it is a dawn of liberation, freedom and dignity. All the peoples in Ethiopia, particularly the youth of the country, should understand that we are living in a decisive and historical time; this time is the dawn of liberation and self-determination.

Furthermore, the sons and daughters of the peoples of Ethiopia, who are members of the dictatorial TPLF regime's armed, police and security forces and who are serving, consciously or unconsciously, to prolong the reign of the dictatorial brutal regime, should realize that they are committing unforgettable and unforgivable crimes against their own people, and now is the time to correct your hitherto positions and stand with your people. Now is the time you learn from the similarly situated Tunisians, Egyptians, and Libyans and stand with your peoples. The time of your decision to liberate yourself and stand with your people is now; it is not tomorrow.

At this historical time, the sons and daughters of the peoples of Ethiopia serving the tyrannical TPLF regime have only two choices:

To be a black spot of history and be wiped out by the liberation revolution of the people with the anti-people and repressive regime of the TPLF and bequeath a history of betrayal and shame to their descendants, or

To on time rectify their hitherto positions and join, in any shape or form possible to them, the just struggles of the peoples in Ethiopia, fulfill their national obligation and be part of the new and proud history of the future. We hope your choice and decision will be the later and to be on right side of history.

Finally, we call up on the Oromo people and all the peoples in Ethiopia, without being divided by or being suspicious and fearful of each other or without being opposed to each other on the basis of nationality, ethnicity, religion, gender or age, to loudly say: Enough to subjugation! Enough to dictatorship! Enough to humiliation! Enough to living in fear! Enough to exploitation, Enough to corruption and abuse of power, and rise in unison to remove from power the TPLF, the ruling clique which is anti-all the peoples and enemy of all the peoples, a regime that is the source of instability and lack of peace of the region. Do not be fearful of the future. The future you win will be an era of liberation, freedom, democracy and dignity for all the peoples in the country. It will be an era of collective growth and progress for all and, therefore, be ready to launch a new chapter of history.

To unite against the common enemy is an historical obligation and the question of the time!

Victory to the Oromo People and all oppressed peoples in Ethiopia!

Oromo Liberation Front  
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