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In the last few days we witnessed the brutality and inhuman acts of the mob in the Oromo administrative region of Ethiopia in a manner unimaginable to all of us Ethiopians.

We condemn the violence enticed by the so called “activist” Jawar Mohamed and by his blinded followers on October 23, 2019 where lives were lost, properties damaged and souls terrorized. We demand the Ethiopian Federal Government hold Jawar Mohammed, his media OMN, and the irresponsible and negligent government officials accountable for the loss of life and property.

Worst yet; the Oromo community in Minnesota declared their alliance with Jawar and posted a press release demanding several actions to be taken by the government of Ethiopia in favor of Jawar Mohamed and their ethnic group without preconditions.

As the famous saying in Amharic goes-አሳት ቢያንቀላፋ ገለባ ጎበኘው-(which can fairly be interpreted as-a sleeping fire got a surprise visit by hay), it seemed that the Oromo community leaders in Minnesota do not have the wisdom and ability of gauging the level of patience exercised by the great Amhara people and all Ethiopians so far in this newly advocated reform .

The Amhara people of Ethiopia have been pushed around by extreme ethnic and religious groups for more than half a century. Despite all the atrocities committed on Amharas, and the misery endured, we have maintained our integrity and have served as the invisible glue where we hold all of us together as Ethiopians, bearing all the sufferings and exercising patience all along. Amharas have the moral, ethical and spiritual standards of respect, rule of law and togetherness. Amhara has contributed the lions share in starting and building Ethiopia and Ethiopianism. As such we feel and act responsibly as stake holders of the country of Ethiopia with all our other brothers, but has never felt too superior to live together, neither were we too arrogant to claim all and everything is us and for us, as what is being witnessed in the current shameful and unfortunate situation.

But now Enough is enough!!!

We the Amhara community in Minnesota; Amhara Heritage Society of Minnesota demands:

1. The immediate halt and control of violence against Amharas and other Amharic speaking Ethiopians across the Oromo administrative region.
2. "Activist" Jawar Mohamed, other Oromo activists and community leader residing in Ethiopia and Abroad; and secessionist and extremist Oromo political leaders- to stop the propagation of marginalizing, killing and terrorizing Amharas and other Amharic speaking Ethiopians who reside in the Oromo Administrative region of Ethiopia.
3. The release of all National Movement of Amhara (NaMA) political leaders, supporters, journalist, and Addis Ababa self governance movement leaders(Balderas) in Ethiopia.
4. To stop enticing violence based on fabrications and false claims of history; which included the arrogant claim of our state capital and international city of Addis Ababa belonging only to one ethnic group, conflict and hate mongering false claims of certain parts of Amhara region, hate speeches and demonization of our fore parents and heroes and heroines who built, sustained and transferred glamorous Ethiopia:-Rich in history and declared by many around the world as the candle of liberty , standard of bravery and fight for freedom to this generation.
5. To stop enticing religious conflicts; particularly targeting and killing of the Orthodox Tewahido Christians; where one cannot speak of Ethiopia without referring to honorable sacrifices and good works of the church.
6. Last but not least, we ask the current government of Ethiopia led by Prime minister Dr Abiy Ahmed to exercise fair and equitable governance and ensure rule of law across the nation immediately!!!

One Amhara for all Amharas and All Amharas for One Amhara!!!

God bless Ethiopia!!!

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