

Oromia Support Group in Australia Inc

OROMIA SUPPORT GROUP AUSTRALIA STATEMENT ABOUT THE KILLING OF CIVILIANS IN MOYALE (OROMIA) BY ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS

Oromia Support Group Australia (OSGA) strongly condemns the killing of civilians in Moyale on 10 March 2018 by the Ethiopian military Forces. As a result of the brutal army action on



innocent civilians more than ten people were killed and dozens injured, while over 50,000 were internally displaced from their daily life. The Ethiopian government armed forces claimed to have attacked the civilians¹.

The attack was deliberate and planned according to the residents' words:



“This is like an enemy chasing us. There’s no one to hold them to account, and we can only pray to God” “I would say that this should never happen to enemies, let alone citizens.”

The civilians attack was encouraged since the wrong, and immoral justification of the so-called ‘State of Emergency’ declared in the country on 16 February 2018 for the second time, and the call made by the ‘Command Post’ and the target of military operations to kill civilians, particularly in Oromia region. The recent killings happened in Oromia, such as Gimbi, Nekemte, Gudar, Ambo, Dambi Dollo, Awaday, Jimma are some of the examples to mention. This Command Post measure is a clear sign and permits for the armies to carry out a massacre in Oromia. It is our fresh memory that similar killings were carried out recently in Hamaressa, East of Oromia region², and in Waldaya, Northern part³.

Oromia Support Group Australia (OSGA) requests for the serious attention of the international community, and to put pressure on the Ethiopian regime to be accountable for the killings of thousands of civilians and displacement of millions in the country.

¹ Ethiopian militarykills 9 civilians - <https://edition.cnn.com/2018/03/11/africa/ethiopian-military-kills-civilians/index.html>

² Democide, the leading cause of death by the Totalitarian government in Ethiopia continues <http://ayyaantuu.org/democide-leading-death/>

³ UN rights chief "concerned" over Ethiopia killings <https://www.news24.com/Africa/News/un-rights-chief-concerned-over-ethiopia-killings-20180123> - 2018-01-24 12:29