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Ethiopian Democratic Forces Movement support in Germany

Press Release

According to several reports, the unrest in Gonder began earlier this month when armed police entered the city to arrest members of the "Wolkayit committee" who had been protesting against the government's decision to merge the Wolkayit community and its land into the neighboring Tigray Regional State. The clashes was being spearheaded by the Amhara community.

"As result there was a clash between residents and the police. There was also an exchange of gunfire which resulted in the deaths of federal police officers and civilians as well. Besides that, there were also damages to property.

Ethiopian government officials have blamed opposition groups based in Eritrea for the unrest in Gonder. However, it was widely clear that ethnic tensions are the real reason behind the skirmishes.

Over the last two decades, the Welkait community has been fighting to become part of Amhara saying it identifies more with the Amharas than Tigrayans.

EDFM support Germany emphasise the government should stop labeling civilians as terrorists. "That is a very cheap political propaganda. Every freedom fighter is linked to Eritrea or terroremphasise. We strongly accuses the government media of committing to mention that those who were detained were committee members of the Welkait community. "The more the government labels them as terrorists or bandits, rather than responding to the real question, the more things will get worse,"



The Welkait region was under Gonder province until it was handed over to Tigray State in 1991 by the current EPRDF government. The Amharas and Tigrayans had previously lived peacefully side by side but analysts blame the ethnic-federalism system which introduced ethnic ownership of lands for triggering the current dispute in northern part of Ethiopia. **EDFM** support in Germany was formed after coalition of EPPF with Ginbot 7. The general members meeting has decided to form a group which supports Patriotic Ginbot 7 financially materially and morally.

we will continue supporting the freedom fighters until Political liberties of all citizens are respected, and all ethnic and religious groups are guaranteed and protected. **EDFM** support in Germany was formed after coalition of EPPF with Ginbot 7. **EDFM** support in Germany is a political movement at the same time came into being as a direct result of injustice, gross abuse of human rights, and corruption in the present day Ethiopia under the harsh rule of a minority dictatorial regime. **EDFM** members and supporters are activists of justice, freedom, and democracy, and firm believers in inclusive economic development in Ethiopia .

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