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## Nobody is free until everyone is free

For the past 10 months Ethiopians in Oromia region protested against land grubbing and later joined by the Amhara protest in question associated with Wolkeit region. Protesters erupted in Ethiopia on 5 August 2016 following calls by opposition groups. Protesters demanded social and political reforms including an end to **human right abuses such as** government killings of civilians, mass arrests, government land seizures, and political marginalization of opposition groups. The government responded by restricting access to the Internet and attacking and arresting protesters. In the three days leading up to 8 August **several independent medias** reported that at least 190 protesters had been shot and killed by Ethiopian security forces, marking the most violent crackdown against protesters in sub-Saharan Africa hundreds people were killed during protests in Ethiopia' **Oromia and Amhara Region** in since November 2015.

At least 800 people are estimate to have been killed in total as of October 2016. The TPLF regime last month rejected a UN request to send in observers, saying it alone was responsible for the security of its citizens. Despite the government's claim, the ongoing largely peaceful protests pose no threat to Ethiopia's economic or national security interests. However, the government's heavy-handed crackdown on protesters killing and arresting its own citizens is a state terrorism.

More than 150,000 Oromo farmers have been evicted from their ancestral lands without adequate compensation and proper relocation. Displaced farmers are becoming daily labourers on lands taken from them. *The Oromo and Amhara people vowed to continue the demonstrations despite the killings and the brutal crackdown.*

Anti-government protests erupted in Ethiopia's Amhara region earlier in August, when thousands took to the streets of Gondar and Bahir Dar to protest over the administration of disputed territories. Members of the Welkait-Tegede community, who identify themselves as ethnic Amhara people, are demanding their lands be administered by the Amhara region, instead of the Tigray state *and Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn declared a war on television that the government would act without mercy.* . Despite the divide rule systematic division by TPLF between Amhara and Oromo, members of both communities have shown support for each other. Today during the Irecha celebration in Bishoftu members of the Amhara community attended the ceremony showing solidarity with the Oromo



people. During the celebration people have been reportedly crushed to death in Ethiopia in a stampede after police fired tear gas and bullets to disperse an anti-government protest that grew out of a religious festival. at least 100 people were killed and feared to be more in a bloody crackdown by heavily armed security forces.

Crowds reportedly chanted "we need freedom" and "we need justice", preventing OPDO leaders, deemed close to the government, from delivering their speeches at the festival. The security forces took the law in their hands and fired tear gas and bullets which results the loss of lives. The whole nation is under national mourning by the loss of Ethiopians who asked their basic human rights. And being killed without mercy. There will be one and only one solution to end this tragedy from our country which is a unified struggle. Ethiopian democratic force movement support in Germany was formed after coalition of EPPF with Ginbot 7 general members meeting has decided to form a group which patriotic Ginbot 7 in order to support financially materially and morally through establishing an organized movement in Germany.

**EDFM** support in Germany is a political movement at the same time came into practice as a direct result of injustice human right abuses and corruption in the present day of Ethiopia under the dictatorship regime in Ethiopia.

**EDFM** members are supporters of justice, freedom, and democracy, and firm believers in inclusive development in Ethiopia. EDFM in Germany strongly denounces the Tplf mass killing in Oromia and stand with the people to remove dictatorial regime in Ethiopia. We believe in a unified struggle.

Someday, those responsible will be brought to justice. This day can be anticipated and prepared.

**unity is strength.**

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