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## **A silent African Holocaust: The persecution of Amharas after the ethno-fascists' seizure of power in Ethiopia**

Excellency,

In view of the forthcoming thirty-seventh ordinary session of the Assembly of the African Union (AU) to be held in Addis Ababa from February 17 – 18, 2024, we hasten to draw your attention to the ongoing systematic, gross and massive human rights violations and the crime of genocide against the Amhara people by the brutal Oromuma regime of Colonel Abiy Ahmed Ali.

As stipulated in the Protocol on the Establishment of the African Peace and Security Council the main objective of the African Peace and Security Council is to prevent massive human rights violations. **Yet, this body apparently turns a blind eye to the ongoing atrocities and the crime of genocide against the Amhara people of Ethiopia that is taking place under its watch.**

The convening of the African Peace and Security Council at the headquarter of the AU was supposed to bring about an immediate decision to prevent gross violation of human rights and enormous loss of life. Unfortunately, the current African Peace and Security Council, like its predecessor, the defunct OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, is not living up to its responsibilities.

**It is quite disappointing to see that the AU is silently abandoning the Amhara victims of genocide, just as the OAU failed the Tutsi people of Rwanda three decades ago.**

It is understandable that the ethno-fascists in Ethiopia enjoy the tacit support of the world powers, who are deafeningly silent. What is ironic is the complicity of the AU in this silence. Suffice to mention, the fiercely freedom loving Amhara people as the bedrock of Ethiopian patriotism and independence are still proud of their exemplary contribution to the freedom of African people and black people all over the world.

**In this difficult time, however, the Amharas are left alone fending for themselves in facing the ethno-fascist genocidal murderers and their supporters.**



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Ever since ethnicity was politically institutionalized in Ethiopia, **ethno-nationalists have been spreading hate propaganda through state and party-affiliated media channels, demonizing the Amhara people** and eventually leading to the ongoing genocide of the Amhara.

The ethno-fascists regime of Colonel Abiy Ahmed Ali conveniently disguised itself as pan-Ethiopian until it completely controlled the state-security apparatus and disempowering its previous Tigrian masters. In their zeal to create a nascent state called Oromia, they are now systematically dismantling Ethiopia and eliminating the Amhara people with diabolical cruelty. **Over the years the Oromofascists have been carrying out sweeping ethnic cleansing of Amharas in the apartheid Bantustan known as Oromia, massacring hundreds of thousands of Amharas and displacing millions who fled to mainly Amhara-inhabited regions.**

Colonel Abiy Ahmed Ali has followed the displaced people into the Amhara regions and imposed a state of emergency there for almost a year. **The mostly hate-filled Oromo soldiers, who are deployed in the Amhara region under the guise of the “Ethiopian Army”, are murdering, looting, raping, setting fire to farmers’ crops and destroying the infrastructure on a daily basis.**

This scorched earth policy against Amhara is reminiscent of the atrocities committed by fascist Italy against the ancestors of today’s Amhara, with the only difference that today’s enemies are black fascists that use drones indiscriminately against civilian population.

The recent massacre of hundreds of Amharas in the city of **Merawi** is just the tip of the iceberg, which the international media reported sparingly, just to avoid being perceived as a tacit accomplice.

Africa should be aware of the global conspiracy behind targeting the Amharas. It is about dismantling Ethiopia – the symbol of African independence. This is not only about the survival of the Amharas as a people, but also about the spirit of African independence.

**It is time for the AU to denounce this grave crime of genocide in Ethiopia and stand with the victims.** Otherwise, the AU will go down in history as an association of dictators and their sponsors, certainly not as a platform for the people of Africa.

Sincerely,  
*The Amhara Community in Austria, Vienna*

Cc: To each member state of the AU