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## Stop playing a political game on the Oromo people

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The political bankruptcy and lack legitimacy created due a repeated failure to convince the public at large with old cards have forced the TPLF regime to bit the Abay Dam construction drum in a bid to avert the public anger and the momentum of popular uprising from the Oromo and other peoples in Ethiopia.

The TPLF government has never raised the issue of Abay River at any time in the last 20 year of its dictatorship. Abay was always there, but the timely question is how come they saw Abay only now? Without solving the critical problems of the nation, the construction of Abay alone can't avoid the existing and pushing problems with in the Country. Today, the Oromo and other Ethiopian people can't live in their own country; they are unable to plough, trade, produce and study in peace and freedom.

The natural resources of the Oromo people, its land and minerals are on sale; productive areas of Oromo lands are being distributed to foreign land grabbers and to the regimes inners circles. Left with nothing to eat, the Oromo is being forced to migrate from its land. Productive youngsters and innovative minds of are being dragged to prisons and the rest are forced to exiles. While Oromia is on sale to foreigners and to the regimes' elites, the development and Abay dam construction propaganda is adding an insult to injury for the Oromo people.

Today when TPLF celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> year of its dictatorship, it is clear for the Ethiopian people that the regimes' propaganda of Abay dam construction as the only title and solution of Ethiopia's problem is a political game. While it assembles peoples from all directions of the city with bus trucks to what it calls supports rally at Mesqel square to preach Abay dam construction and recording them for media consumption, the regime was also trying hard to put under control different University campus students resistance to the system of repression by sending the armed force and huge spy networks.

What is more, the regime is lining up huge military personnel's and equipments in and around Oromo cities suspected of rising in revolution. Accordingly the people are suffering from an environment which

looks more of an emergency law. While it suffocates people with such a degree of repression, the regime is preaching of constructing Abay dam and fighting hunger and poverty. Until then, the dictatorial regimes seems convinced that the rich should only be allowed to live at the expense of the majority poor.

Its predecessor, the military junta of the Derg regime had also used its propaganda machine to preach the philosophy of mechanized state farm at one time. In the promise of establishing mechanized state farms in different areas, the military junta had also amassed a huge aid from the international community; however they have never helped out the people from hunger and poverty. Neither begging of aid nor external support helped him to cling to political power. When it was proved that its ill-conceived policy of the Derg was proved wrong, the regimes changed its policy overnight and started preaching the villagization policy. With another round of trouble the Derg had forced people to move from their ancestral land and messed up the life of the people. What is more after collecting a huge amount of money from the people with a promised of constructing dam on large rivers, the Derg fled without materializing any and leaving the people in a deep rooted poverty.

The Arab revolutions have proved wrong the assumption of terrorizing people with weapons and military mighty may eventually suppress the need and question of the people. The Berlin wall, which divided the people of Germany for many years, was also collapsed after the people rouse up in anger. History witnessed that USSR, which left the world community in a great fear, have been destroyed and divided in to countless nations due to the resistance and anger of the people under repression. It is undoubted that the Woyane (TPLF) government failure and demise will not be different and at the end of the day freedom and democracy will flourish in the country.

Finally we would like to underline for our people and international community that the cruelty and lies of the TPLF government can't halt the struggle of the National Youth Movement of Querroo and the Oromo people at large.

The Struggle will continue and dictatorship will demise!!!

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