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CONDEMN THE KILLINGS AT LAKE HORA

The repressive regime in Addis Abeba has caused yet another mass killing at Lake Hora (Bishoftu) when it attacked peaceful protesters with tear gas, batons and bullets. The huge crowd was at the place to observe the traditional Irecha (end of winter) festivity observed by the Oromo people of Ethiopia.

The people exercised their inalienable right to stage a peaceful protest and were met with repression and the melee and confusion led to a deadly stampede. The regime said that only 52 people have died in the stampede but no shot was fired. This is one more lie from a regime that has killed more than 2000 people all over Ethiopia in the past year alone. The killings and overall repression have targeted Amharas and Oromos, Konsos and others. To take revenge against protesters the regime has burnt markets, business establishments, arrested thousands, disappeared hundreds and tortured prisoners systematically.

It is to be noted that in the past year Oromos have protested demanding their rights and an end to the one ethnic group (Tigrean) anti democratic rule. Thousands have been rounded up and sent to labor camps , to horrible prisons like Kilinto, and many others have been killed. What happened at Lake Hora is a continuation. Massive protests had also erupted in Gondar, Gojjam, Northern Shoa Wello and other predominantly Amhara areas and are still continuing. Hundreds have been killed, thousands arrested and tortured, many disappeared. The overtly anti Amhara regime is continuing the repression despite the quasi silence of the foreign media. Crimes have also been committed against the Konso people, against Afars, Gambella, and Somalis in the Ogaden.

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The EPRP strongly condemns the killings at Lake Hora and holds the regime responsible for provoking a deadly stampede. It also condemns the continuing repression against all the people of Ethiopia.

Stop the repression!!

Release all political prisoners!!

Down with the TPLF regime !!