

O.N.L.F Statement In Response To Ethiopian Accusations Related To Addis Ababa Bombings

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Ethiopian security services, in an effort to divert attention from war crimes and crimes against humanity in Ogaden, have falsely accused the Ogaden National Liberation Front (ONLF) as well as the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) of being responsible for attacks in which civilians were killed in April and May. This false accusation comes a few days after the Swiss branch of Medecin Sans Frontier – MSF (Doctors Without Borders) announced it was ceasing operations in the Fik area of Ogaden due to the Ethiopian regimes harassment of their personnel and blatant obstruction of their operations.

The ONLF as a matter of policy and principle does not practice or condone the deliberate targeting of civilians under any circumstances. This is both unethical and counterproductive to our political aims and objectives and only serves the interests of the illegitimate regime of Melez Zenawi an his Tigray Peoples Liberation Front (TPLF) clique.

The fact of the matter is that State Sponsored terrorism is currently taking place in Ogaden. It is precisely because the TPLF regime is deliberately targeting our civilian population and engaging in war crimes and crimes against humanity that the international media is denied access to Ogaden and humanitarian agencies are prevented from carrying out their work freely.

The ONLF will continue to defend the people of Ogaden from this regimes armed forces and militias. Our increased military capacity will be used in line with the rules of war.

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