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CONDEMN THE BRUTAL KILLINGS OF STUDENTS AND CIVILIANS

Recently the regime in Addis Abeba has killed close to 18 students and civilians in Ambo, Ginchi, Balo, Western Wellega as overall peaceful protests multiply. Officially, the protests are against the regime's so called Master Plan to expand the size of Addis Abeba and thus appropriate more land from Ambo and other adjacent areas to the detriment of the local people, especially farmers.

Similar protests were held in the past and the repression was also fierce. This time also dozens have been arrested. The regime has been appropriating the lands of farmers and dislocating people from their land and has even expanded its forced resettlement program. It is the first and foremost beneficiary of the land grab process that is underway and favors its own region, Tigray. Most of Gondar land is now being incorporated into Tigray and opposition by the people has been repressed though the unrest continues. The regime is also continuing its practice of ethnic conflicts and is now reaping what it has sown before to destroy the unity of the people of Ethiopia. If ethnic animosity spreads against the Tigrean rulers it is long overdue.

SOCEPP strongly condemns the brutal killing of students and civilians in Ambo and other places just because they protested against the illegal confiscation of land the overall absence of rights. SOCEPP demands an immediate stop to the repression and torture and calls for the immediate release of those detained. It befalls on the friends of this repressive regime to make it stop its killings of innocent people.

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