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News Release: Statement on Current Situation in Ethiopia

The Agaw Democratic Party/AgDP believe that the current political crisis in Ethiopia, particularly in North Gondar is the direct consequences of the Ethiopian Government's failure to resolve the Agaw-Kemant people's constitutional quest for self-government and the government's reluctance to bring officials involved in 2015 Kemant Genocide, before justice. The government's ambivalence to respect its constitution led into the complicated crisis. What makes the situation worse is some of the key officials in Amhara Region suspected of 2015 Kemant Genocide have joined opposition parties. These officials who waged genocide against Kemants for demanding self-rule have neither legal nor political credibility to lead the Ethiopian people for democratization.

AgDP regrets on the loss of life and property damages following a demonstration in Ethiopia. Indeed, we at AgDP extend condolence to all victims regardless of their ethnic identity. We encourage a peaceful political process that will not harm our people and put our existence at risk as the nation.

We call the immediate the release of AgDP members, including Kassahun Adem and Amare, and other political detainees . We call for a cessation of hostility and start of political dialogue involving all concern parties for a durable solution. We call all parties to refrain from demonizing any ethnic group, specially Tigrians in Gondar. We call on the Ethiopian Government and all concerned parties to respect our natural rights to create an autonomous state for the Agaw people and Beta Israel in accordance with Ethiopian Constitution, Article 39 to be able to rehabilitate their cultural and religious values.

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