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The Amhara National Regional State's threats to attack the Benshangul Gumuz People Is Unconstitutional and will not resolve the deepening crisis Apart From Exacerbating It!

### **Press Release by Hibir-Ethiopian Multinational Federalists Support Forces (EMFSF )**

The Ethiopian Multinational Federalists Support Force views the Tigray war, which the Prosperity Party's Ethiopian government and Eritrean forces, waged against the Tigray National Regional Government (TNRG) as a tragic event that dashed the hope for a transition a democratic order. The post-war public pronouncements of Amhara's National Regional State (ANRS) officials that their forces defeated Tigray and reclaimed their "lost territory" has severely damaged the hope for establishing a functioning multinational federation that is at peaceful and prosperous. Reports trickling out of Tigray suggest that war crimes, crimes against humanity and massacres indicating genocide may have been committed. Tragically, we have not seen the end of ANRS' officials' war-mongering rhetoric and expressed intent to realize their irredentist ambitions by force.

In its official media engagement of December 07, 2020, Mr. Abere Adamu, the region's Police Commissioner unambiguously emphasized the intention of the ANRS to attack the Benishangul-Gumuz National Regional State. During the interview, the commissioner stressed that the ANRS will not be an indifferent bystander whilst its compatriots are "attacked, dismembered and cannibalized" in Benishangul regional state. To be sure, ANRS militias have repeatedly attacked the regional state and executed thousands of Benishangul residents ostensibly to "rescue" Amhara residents of the Benishangul Gumuz region.

Officials of the Amhara regional state justify their illegal actions claiming that the Amhara residents of the Benishangul regional state were attacked on many occasions by the armed bands drawn from the Benishangul people supported by the forces of the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) and the Tigray Peoples' Liberation Forces (TPLF). The claims that are unsubstantiated. Even if the allegations had any credibility, there is no legal ground for the ANRS security forces to make incursions into the territory of another state to maintain law and order.

On December 13, 2020, the head of the ANRS spokesperson made the commissioner's threat the official position of the regional state. Couched in the language of the "civilizing mission" of nineteenth century European imperialism, the regional state's spokesperson issued a threat that the ANRS will no longer bank on the capacity or the willingness of the Benishangul-Gumuz regional state to protect its Amhara residents. He stated that the ANRS will send its forces into the Benishangul Gumuz regional state to destroy remnants of the TPLF and OLF forces.



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The ANRS is out of line with legality and any sense of morality. Its officials are emboldened to issue threats to other regional states because the federal government enlisted the regional security forces in its war against the Tigray's National Regional State (TNRS) and commended them for the reported atrocities they perpetrated during the war. The regime that is illegally staying on power is also continuing with state terrorism against the Oromo, Sidama, Konso, Wolayta, Silte, Gurage and elsewhere has allowed the ANRS to commit massacres amounting to crime against humanity against the Kemant in which 1,722 unarmed civilians were executed by the region's special forces since late 2018. This same regime has so far done nothing to stop the ANRS to repeat against the residents of the Benshangul-Gumuz regional state the crimes it has perpetrated against the Kemant.

The crisis in Ethiopia is deepening due to two irreconcilable historical differences. We believe that these differences could only be resolved only if the constitutionally guaranteed rights of over 80 nations and nationalities in Ethiopia to equality and genuine self-determination are respected. Those who oppose to the nations' rights to equality and self-rule are the ones who are waging war on Tigray, Benshangul, Oromia, Kemant, Agaw, Konso and elsewhere in Ethiopia. The ANRS's declaration to attack the residents of Benshangul region is, in reality, the war declared on entire federalist forces.

Therefore, we, Ethiopian Multinational Federalists Support Force, call on the international community to

1. condemn the current war the Ethiopian government is waging on its citizens in Tigray, Oromia and other regions in the country
2. demand that the Ethiopian prime minister unconditionally to stop all ongoing and the planned wars against citizens and agree to a peaceful negotiation; allow corridors for humanitarian assistance; and permanently open internet and telephone communications in all areas where the regime is waging war.
3. request the Ethiopian prime minister and ANRS officials to respect the rights of nations and nationalities to self-determination and self-rule and refrain from flagrant violations of the sovereignty of regional governments.
4. call for all-inclusive a national salvation convention to establish a transitional government to spare the country the imminent danger of disintegration and its consequences.

Finally, we urge the nations and nationalities in Ethiopia to join the EMFSF in denouncing the unconstitutional actions of the Ethiopia's current unlawful federal government and its ANRS's expansionist ally.

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