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Press Release

Press Release on Current Situation

The Security and Justice for Tigray (SJT) issues this press release, at this worrisome time, out of a deep concern for our Diaspora community who find themselves under extreme emotion, anxiety, and uncertainty that comes because of the recent escalation of the genocidal war scheme against our people, the people of Tigray. The fascists' war scheme involves an overwhelming military wave, indiscriminate drone attacks, shelling with missiles, and carpet air bombardments. As a result, the humanitarian crises are mounting. Civilians' homes, business places, schools, healthcare facilities, and churches have been targeted and set on fire in every corner of Tigray. Children, women, and elderly have become the daily victims of such indiscriminate attacks.

The unjust treatment of our people has been a notorious reality. They have been living in complete siege to deliberately deny access to humanitarian aid and starve them to a cruel death. These are hard, brutal, and unbelievable facts on the ground. The situation is very difficult to tolerate and traumatizing to recall, talk and write about. Sadly, the reluctance of the international community to respond to such a barbaric crime is disappointing and depressing.

SJT understands these extremely traumatizing, emotional, and psychological feelings. Every one of us has been going through a tough time since the start of the war in November 2020. The ugly record of enemies' brutality that occurred in every section of Tigray-extrajudicial killings, gang-raping, and displacement have created stains in our mind and will remain deeply seated in the memory of the generation to come. However, it is essential to unplug ourselves from the emotional and psychological feelings and do our best to let the pain and trauma out of us.

It is very important to realize that our people in Tigray are living in total darkness, with no means of communication, electricity, transportation, and banking services. They are voiceless. It is only we, the Tigray diaspora community, who can voice on their behalf. To do this, it is very crucial to remain focused, healthy, strong, united, and bonded and use our wit and resource to a fullest capacity.

Make no mistake that the evil forces of fascism led by Isaias Afwerki of Eritrea and Abiy Ahmed of Ethiopia will ultimately collapse.

Please note that everything will eventually fall back into place, so keep going along the way. Let us put our resources together and get back on track. Let us keep the ball rolling and continue doing our business of advocacy and diplomacy **by rolling up our sleeves**. As commonly said, "When the Going Gets Tough, The Tough Gets Going. Without doubt, we will get through this challenging time by defeating our enemies once and for all.

Stay strong!! Tigray will win and prevail!!

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