

***INCREASING ACTIVISM
AND MOBILIZATION:
Building an Oromo Agency
and Capacity for Liberation***



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INTRODUCTION

- ❖ The need for political activism and mobilization:
 - to defeat external and internal enemies
 - to expose the ideology of political entrepreneurs
 - to show the lack of boundary among the political lines of our enemies and political entrepreneurs

The Meles Government, Terrorism, and Genocide

- ❖ The political program of final solution
- ❖ The agenda of destroying *Oromummaa*, the OLF, and the Oromo national struggle
- ❖ The strategies of terrorism and genocide to exterminate Oromos and own Oromia
- ❖ The ways of using Oromo clienteles as raw materials in destroying the Oromo nation via OPDO and other agencies



Bossaso, Puntland, Feb. 5, 2008, Bombing and killing of Oromso



Raping and Killing of Ayishaa



**Ayishaa Alii, 14
Gaara Suufii Victim**

Oromos are Crying for Murdered student



OPDOs and their crimes

- ❖ OPDOs as “political gloves”; they have become the primary enemy of the Oromo nation by engaging in terrorism and genocide to promote the political agenda of their masters
- ❖ They use friends, extended families, clans or regions to divide and destroy the Oromo struggle and people





The Attack on *Oromummaa* and the OLF

- ❖ Both external and internal enemies have the same agenda
- ❖ They have similar agenda of using clan or regional politics in attacking the OLF with Oromo political entrepreneurs
- ❖ The confrontation between *Oromummaa*, *Ethiopianism* and clanism/regionalism



The Illusion of Oromo Political entrepreneurs-I

- ❖ Oromo political entrepreneurs are anti-thesis of Oromo nationalists as Oromo Ethiopianists
- ❖ They promote personal and group interests at the cost of the Oromo nation while claiming to promote the national agenda
- ❖ They intentionally or unintentionally confuse Oromo nationalism with clan or regional politics



The Illusion -II

- ❖ They are abusive and argumentative in their attempt to blur the boundary between *Oromummaa* and clan or regional politics
- ❖ They use the low level of Oromo political consciousness to divide the Oromo people on clan and regional lines
- ❖ They attempt to cover clan or regional politics with rhetoric of *Oromummaa*
- ❖ They try to build a national organization on clan or region
- ❖ They sympathize with anybody from their clans or regions, including OPDO members



The Illusion-III

- ❖ How can the politics of the 18th and 19th century that led to the demise of the national *gada* government and the defeat of the Oromo nation in the late 19th century can lead us to defeat Ethiopian colonialism?
- ❖ How did the politics of clan or region emerge in the OLF?



Political Ineptness and Structural Limitation

- ❖ Diaspora politics and political ineptness
- ❖ The more our struggle traveled from Oromia, the more challenge it has faced from Oromo political entrepreneurs
- ❖ As the level of sacrifice decreased, the more opportunity has been given to political entrepreneurs without demonstrating heroism and paying necessary sacrifices as members of WBO
- ❖ Lack of a transparent and accountable collective leadership from grassroots to top due to ineptness of Oromo nationalists



Discussion and Conclusion

- ❖ While intensifying our struggle against Ethiopianism, we Oromo nationalists should take two important steps:
 - (1) Developing Oromummaa and demonstrating the danger of clan or regional politics for the Oromo national struggle
 - (2) Overcoming our political ineptness and culture of laziness



Discussion and Conclusion

- ❖ What should we do to build *Oromummaa* and the OLF?
- ❖ We must take seven steps:
 - (1) Focusing our struggle on our primary enemies
 - (2) Exposing, challenging, and defeating clan or regional politics
 - (3) Developing Oromo nationalists as activists and leaders





Discussion and Conclusion

- (4) Opening series of dialogues among nationalists and OLF leaders
- (5) Developing mechanisms of liberation knowledge
- (6) Increasing our commitment and sacrifices
- (7) Building an Oromo agency and capacity

