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Open Letter – Help to Stop Genocide in Tigray, a State in Ethiopia!

Dear friends,

I am writing to ask you a favor. I firmly believe that you could become the reason the war in Ethiopia stops (saving my parents and millions of Tigrayans) through your action and communication of my plight to the right people in the US government. **Thank you for your efforts so far!**

As you can see from the attached pictures below, the **Senate Human Rights Caucus** and the **Senate Foreign Relations Committee** are discussing this issue. I would like my case to be considered in their hearing. I believe you could help me in bringing my concern, which is also the plight of many Ethiopian-Americans, to the Congressional Caucuses and Committees working on **foreign relations & human rights** to resolve the humanitarian crisis in Tigray. I would appreciate if you could ask your representative to sign to the **resolution** by **Senators Cardin and Risch** to encourage peaceful resolution to the Tigray conflict in Ethiopia. My parents could be spared if the war stops and humanitarian corridor to the region is opened followed by independent investigation of war crimes. Ignoring the plight of millions of Tigrayans who are being ethnically profiled, attacked and displaced in what many are **characterizing as genocide** is NOT in the interest of the United States or humanity in general. **Please be on the right side of history!**

I am writing this on the 38th day of the ongoing civil war in my home region of Tigray in Ethiopia. The magnitude of the problem on the Tigray people is shown in the attached chart. Personally, to this day, I don't know where **my parents, sibs and relatives** are and there is no way of knowing due to the intentional blackout of communication by the government of Ethiopia **to hide war crimes and the involvement of foreign actors such as Eritrea and UAE**.

Almost 50 thousand civilians from Tigray (my home state) are fleeing their homes to the Sudan on foot for hundreds of miles through the rugged and very hot conditions in the area. As you can see from the attached UNHCR picture, the majority of those fleeing are children (45%), women (43%) and older people (4%). Over 100 thousand more are internally displaced. The number is growing daily and humanitarian agencies are finding it difficult to reach out.

Sadly, as you can see from the UN Human Rights Commissioner's press conference today, **Ethiopia has refused to allow access to humanitarian aid or journalists into the area**. UNRHC spoke against ethnic based attacks and dismissal from work of Tigrayans in Ethiopia. The war crimes include shooting at UN personnel, killing ICRC staff and killing of civilians, destruction of civilian infrastructure. This is being reported as unfolding genocide against Tigrayans by major international media despite limited access to the region due to blockade by the govt of Ethiopia.

With your help, I truly hope to see my parents by the New Year.
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!
Mulugeta and Family!

To donate to help those who are affected by the civil war, please use the below go-fund me link. Thanks!
<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/i-am-with-the-people-of-tigray?fbclid=IwAR20MOyF8PTMrulnr3PzAs3QQccTGoYCiDzSS0ww-QnYNzdlPLOBUIBWfs>

