

# *Humanitarian Task Force of Canadians against the Ongoing Genocide in Ethiopia*

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Dear Sir:

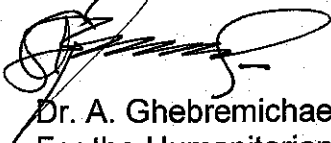
**Re.: Barbaric Genocide of Extreme Savagery in Ethiopia**

As Canadians of Ethiopian origin, we are horrified by the ongoing genocide in Ethiopia. As you have undoubtedly read in the media and perhaps been provided further information through private briefings, we would like to provide you the facts from the battlefields. Military forces of an *unelected, caretaker, Ethiopian government*, supported by foreign countries that have vested geopolitical and economic interest in the East Africa Region, are committing genocide against the citizens of the National Regional State of Tigray. We have attached a preliminary factsheet about this human tragedy.

We ask that you use your authority that the Canadian government publicly decries this genocide; provides world leadership in interceding in this tragic conflict; and provides humanitarian emergency help to the more than 40,000 refugees in Sudan. Including mothers, children, the youth, and the elderly, these unfortunate people were uprooted from their homelands by this particular genocidal war. They had to walk to Sudan day and night to save their lives.

Dear Sir, any assistance you can render will be appreciated gratefully. If necessary, we will be more than happy to provide more updated information in addition to the attached factsheet.

Yours sincerely,



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## **Annex:**

### **A Preliminary Factsheet:**

#### **Barbaric Genocide of Extreme Savagery in Ethiopia**

The United Nations' Genocide Convention defines Genocide as "acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group, as such" including the killing of its members, causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group, deliberately imposing living conditions that seek to "bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part", preventing births, or forcibly transferring children out of the group to another group<sup>1</sup>. The Holocaust, the Armenian Genocide, and the Rwandan Genocide are commonly cited glaring examples of Genocide.

Currently a caretaker, unelected, government, led by Mr. Abiy Ahmed Ali, is committing horrifying crimes against humanity in Ethiopia – particularly on the people of Tigray. The following sample of tragic human miseries characterize Mr. Ali's illegitimate and fascistic government: (i) within the first year of his tragic reign (2018-19), about five million people were internally displaced, now exposed to multiple diseases and starvation, being sustained by international humanitarian donations; (ii) nearly a million have fled their country; (iii) the National Elections that were re-scheduled from May to August 2020 were postponed indefinitely; (iv) interethnic conflicts are raging throughout Ethiopia at local (village) and regional levels, i.e., people are slaughtering one another by day and night, tragic and shameful human acts during this 21<sup>st</sup> century; (v) internal displacement, hunger, starvation, and morbidity are prevalent throughout the country; and (vi) political imprisonments, assassinations, and disappearances of prominent Ethiopians are widespread.

Many believe that Abiy Ahmed Ali, with the help of certain oil rich Arab countries, orchestrated these human miseries to make sure that he eventually becomes Ethiopia's King for life to serve himself and his external sustainers. To the surprise of Ethiopians, he repeatedly claimed in public his ambition of being like one of the previous "King of Kings", Emperor Haile Selassie. People don't seem to take him seriously. Given his irrational personality, however, the guy is serious. He is determined to meet his ultimate goal at any cost, applying a variety of genocidal acts.

**The Case in Tigray:** There is a powerful national democratic force that will not allow Abiy Ahmed Ali to take Ethiopia back to a primitive governance system similar to that of many oil rich Middle Eastern Arab states, his presumed sustainers. That force is called Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF). Synergistic nexus between military and political skills of the TPLF was demonstrated in 1991, when it annihilated the Marxist-Leninist military junta that ruled Ethiopia for 17 years with an iron fist. After the downfall of the junta, the TPLF facilitated crafting a brand new Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. Many experts, including economists of the World Bank and university professors, such as the Nobel Prize winner for Economic Sciences, Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz, described the period from 1991 to 2016 as a period of "Ethiopia's Golden Years", because: (a) the country was in peace "with itself" after

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<sup>1</sup> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genocide>, accessed 11 Nov. 2020

devastating civil wars; (b) there was sociopolitical stability; and (c) double digit economic growth was achieved. Ethiopia was universally described as an African economic miracle with a bright future. However, all miraculous achievements have vanished within less than two years of Mr. Ali's rule of terror. Ethiopia is now a **failed state**; the illegitimate government of Mr. Ali, which has been rejected by all Ethiopians, is incapable to bear the basic conditions and responsibilities of a sovereign government to meet its **social contract**; and its governance apparatus is disintegrating rapidly.

**The Genocidal Civil War:** Mr. Ali's illegitimate and impotent government failed to overcome the prevailing predicaments of Ethiopians. His extreme frustration motivated him to declare war on the people of Tigray on 03 Nov. 2020. A devastating war has been raging since then between the militaries of Mr. Ali and that of the democratically elected government of the Regional State of Tigray, the TPLF. Because his military was subjected to humiliating defeats at several battlefields, Mr. Ali has sought help of African and non-African foreign countries: Eritrea from Africa and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from the Middle East. The civil war has become a devastating international war, with tragic global consequences. During this year of the Covid-19 Pandemic, more than 40,000 people of Tigray: mothers, children, and the elderly, have fled to Sudan on foot day and night to save their lives. The United Nation's High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) is trying to do whatever it can to save lives.

The world knows very well that the despotic tyrant President of Eritrea, Isaias Afewerki, continues to rule his tiny-impoverished nation without a national constitution. His government has been placed under UN's severe economic and political sanctions for being a mastermind of international terrorism in the Horn of Africa and beyond. To sustain his tyranny, he rented to the UAE one of Eritrea's strategic ports on the Red Sea. Mr. Afewerki is happy to destabilize and create havoc throughout the Eastern Africa Region. A catastrophic war is raging between the TPLF, democratically elected Government of the Regional State of Tigray, on the one hand and the joint armies of Mr. Ali and Mr. Afewerki, supported by advanced technologies, such as *military drones* from the UAE that are bombarding civilian and military targets. Even churches and university campuses have been bombarded. Hundreds of children and adults have been massacred and properties destroyed.

### **Geopolitical, Social, and Economic Imperatives**

Comprising 21 counties, including the so called Horn of Africa, the Eastern Africa Region is one of the great geopolitically and economically important spheres of influence. In this global sphere of influence, Mr. Ali and his collaborator, the President of Eritrea, are committing barbaric genocidal ethnic cleansing actions of extreme savagery against the Tigray people for the mere fact that they exercised their constitutional rights to elect the TPLF as their legitimate government. The international community, under the leadership of the United Nations, must be involved to stop this humanitarian tragedy. Devastating crimes against humanity are being committed. In the absence of immediate international action to stop it, this war will be more tragic than those of Syria, Yemen, Somalia, and South Sudan to mention a few humanitarian tragedies of our time, the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It is very likely that the humanitarian, economic, and political tragedies will spill over to the whole Eastern Africa Region and beyond, with global consequences. Keep in mind that a *failed Ethiopian State* will export: (i) refugees, (ii) socioeconomic and political havoc, (iii) breakdown of law and order elsewhere, (iv) illicit drugs

and weapons, (v) terrorism, and (vi) a pandemic of various diseases. Collectively, scale of the disastrous global impact of these and similar human miseries is beyond anyone's imagination.

### **One of Many Tragic Genocidal Stories**

We provide the following evidence of extreme savagery against humanity (Reuters 13 Nov. 2020)<sup>2</sup>: "Speaking to Reuters on Friday in the Sudanese border town of al-Fashqa, where more than 7,000 refugees have sought safety, witnesses gave firsthand accounts of the escalating conflict in Tigray, where government forces are battling fighters loyal to rebellious local leaders. Reuters spoke to a dozen refugees. Many of them described seeing dead bodies strewn alongside the roads as they fled under cover of darkness, fearing they would be found and killed. "I saw the bodies of people who had been slain thrown in the streets. Others who were injured were dragged with a rope tied to a rickshaw. What happened is frightening and terrible, and the Tigrayans are being killed and chased down. Anything is looted, and our area was attacked with tanks," said Araqi Naqashi, 48. Refugees said they expected many more Ethiopians to join them in Sudan in the coming days. Barhat, 52, said she fled from Mai-Khadra after people from the Amhara region, which borders Tigray and whose rulers back Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, attacked them. "They killed anyone who said they were Tigrayan. They stole our money, our cattle, and our crops from our homes and we ran with just the clothing on our backs," she said. Elias, a 48-year-old farmer from the same town, said he was horrified by what happened there: "I saw gunmen killing and slaughtering people in the streets... and I fled on foot until I got here two days ago." Local Sudanese residents said they could hear the Ethiopian government air strikes in Tigray until Tuesday. Witnesses said some of the refugees were injured and transferred to a local medical facility. "The bombing has demolished buildings and killed people. I escaped, part running on foot and part in a car. I'm afraid. Civilians are being killed," said Hayali Kassi, a 33-year-old driver from Humera, a town near Ethiopia's borders with Sudan and Eritrea."

Such tragic stories are more than enough for the Canadian Government to **take actions of mercy** immediately. We are seeking your help in convincing the Liberal Government to take all appropriate actions to save human life. May the Almighty *shield* the innocent!

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.aigaforum.com/>, accessed 13 Nov. 2020