



## Press Release

### Land Grab Disguised under “Integrated Development Master Plan”

Millions get food aid while millions of hectares of arable land rented cheap to foreign investors by Ethiopian Government. Thousands of political prisoners are being tortured in Ethiopian prisons while Ethiopian Government receives \$3 billion in aid each year from the Western countries specifically from US government. Donors claim that the dictatorial regime in Ethiopia is on the road to democracy but the reality on the ground is far from the stated claim.

The Ethiopian Government’s arbitrary arrests, tortures ,and killings of innocent Oromos particularly students is simply because they have been exercising their God-given basic human rights; freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of peaceful demonstration. .The Oromo students are being killed for opposing the so called Integrated Addis Ababa Master Plan”, which systematically evicts millions of Oromo farmers from their ancestral land.

Prominent International and regional Human rights Organizations , such as ,Amnesty International ,Human Rights Watch ,and The human rights league of the Horn of Africa corroborate to the Ethiopian government’s brutal crackdown on Oromo student Protests.

We call up on the international community particularly the US Government to exert utmost pressure on the Ethiopian government to stop the so called “Integrated Addis Ababa Master plan” and the extra-judicial killings of Oromos in general and students in particular.

Oromo Community Organization of Washington D.C. Area (OCO)

<http://oneoromo.org/>

Oromo Youth Self-help Association (OYSA)

<http://washington.gaaddisaoromo.com/>

International Oromo Women's Organization (IOWO).

<http://iowo.org/>

Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa (HRLHA)

<http://humanrightsleague.com/>