



Gambella Nilotes United Movement/Army

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**“MADIBA NELSON MANDELA SHALL BE REMEMBERED
FOREVER”**

“UNITE WE MUST!”

“FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE”

Today December 10, 2013, as the world leaders and the people of South Africa are celebrating the memorial of the greatest African leader Nelson Mandela on his fallen last Friday December 6, 2013 with a sustained illness, GNUM would like to express its deepest sorrow and pain for the lost of this icon great freedom fighter, whose legacy and political goal will remain as paramount leading strategies for political struggle against racism and color discrimination at any standard to realize equality and freedom for all the oppressed people.

The Mandela Memorial Day marks the memory of reconciliatory events whereby the oppressed under every courageous leadership of Madiba, stood together as one against the instituted racist apartheid policies at whatever cost; and the oppressors being convicted with guilt of greed have regretted their selfish ambition and actions against the oppressed, and hence, with sense of remorse leading to new political environment for reconciliation. It is this fact that transformed the country from racist administration to multiracial democracy for common benefit of all of which every citizen today in South Africa, the black and the white alike, enjoys peace, equality, and freedom.

Madiba has shown the world the path to national cohesion and harmony in most hostile situation. He paid the price even to sacrifice his life for the people, not giving in to the evil of apartheid regime that its policies were so gripped in racism and color discrimination and segregation against the black nations, in favor of small minority white rulers. At the time the black nations lost all the opportunities to grow in a dignified manner. They were dehumanized and treated like animals in their own mother lands. For Madiba it was worth to sacrifice his life for the people than to live, to the extent that he had to spend 27 years in prison. He was courageous leader, and

for him death was nothing than to get rid of the apartheid regime to restore human dignity and freedom that was lost for the black nations.

Further, Madiba never allowed selfish political drive to satisfy the oppressed alone. For the realization of equality and freedom to all South Africans(black and white alike), he infused qualities of tolerance and reconciliation as integral parts of the struggle, giving an opportunity for the oppressed and oppressors to look beyond one self's pains and afflictions to embrace themselves to live in equality and freedom as one nation. His convictions united the country and touch the world and cause the world leaders today to stream to celebrate his memorial and burial as great African leader who embraces all kind of people from all walk of lives including the rich and poor, black and white, young and adult, and so on.

Could Ethiopia learn from this historical episode to cure its long entrenched racism and color discrimination that continues to scramble the country? GNUM as celebrating the Mandela's Memorial Day is rejuvenated and encouraged to continue its struggle for the emancipation of the indigenous Nilotes from deep racism and color discrimination and segregation, who are facing extinctions, insecurity from Ethiopian armed forces, land grab, denial of social identity, and denial of full recognition as citizens under the Northern Dominant Ethiopian regimes including the present TPLF/EPRDF government.

This year the celebration of the 10th year of Gambella Anyuak genocide in December 13/2003 is looming holding memories of painful mass killings by the Ethiopian soldiers and highlanders in the Gambella region. The December 13/2003 Anyuak genocide is not a spontaneous event but it was the climax of National greed and systematic Ethiopian governments' plans and recurring killings of individual members of the indigenous Nilotes that persist to continue to exterminate them from their lands and the country. We are currently surrounded by a number of evidence of mass killings as it happened in the Southwestern of the country among the black nations of the indigenous Nilotes. It is the account of racism and color discrimination against the black nations in Ethiopia.

Facing the historical injustices starting from being used as commodity in the slave trade whereby the monarchies who proved to be the major slave entrepreneur in building slave economy in Africa in the past, being used as military recruits to fight proxy Ethiopian wars, being incited by the ethnic conflicts to extinct, being evicted from their own ancestral lands for commercial agriculture and systematic resettlement of the Northerners to occupy the lands, compounded with harassment and intimidation, insecurity, imprisonment, tortures, rape, forced migration to live in exile against their will, have overshadowed the lives of the entire indigenous Nilotes in the country. They are traumatized and victimized seeking liberating power to ensure their freedom from systematic evil of racism and color discrimination in the country.

GNUM through vision of SENPIM (Southwestern Ethiopia Nilotic Omotic Peoples Independence Movement) will vigorously fight categorically for the realization of the indigenous

communal land rights and ownership, security from Ethiopian (manipulative) armed forces' genocidal killings, territorial integrity, independent development policy, and independent foreign policy to ensure stable, peaceful, free and prosperous indigenous livelihood.

Therefore, we call upon the TPLF/EPRDF government to stop killing of the indigenous Nilotes; to release our prisoners kept in various prisons in the country under inhumanly conditions; to restore our communal land rights and ownership in accord with the UN provisions; to respect our territorial integrity to stop government extinction measures; to respect our independent development and foreign policies to ensure our freedom and prosperity in our territories.

In conclusion the Gambella Nilotes United Movement/Army (GNUM/A) will continue its struggle for all people of Gambella and all south western Nilotes Ethiopian to ensure freedom, justice, security and prosperity are brought to our people in the region.

“Unite We Must!”

“Freedom and Justice for all Oppressed People”

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