



## **Gambella Nilotes United Movement/Army**

### **Press Release**

### **14<sup>th</sup> July 2014, Gambella**

#### **“In support to the Declaration of Unity of the OLF”**

Gambella Nilotes United Movement/Army (GNUM/A) expresses its gratitude and solidarity to the successful conference of OLF factions to unite as one political entity. We congratulate and thank all the efforts put together towards this great achievement as declared on June 28<sup>th</sup> 2014. The unity is so precious to our ears and eyes, and we applaud and welcome it with great excitement. As the experience speaks loudly past mental anguish and emotional pains endured by the Oromo community in which many of these members are still facing brutal atrocities under tyrannical regime of the TPLF, the unity at hand should not be taken for granted. It is the outcry of each individual Oromo who have shed bloods and endured pains in the course of struggle for the freedom.

The minority rules in Ethiopia have persistently continued to play divide and rule strategies to ensure the Oromos are divided and weaken to prolong their brutality through different means and ends. But time has come in which they cannot exercise any new trick anymore to deceive our people. The unity of the Oromos has come out from many challenges and it is immensely strategic to bring any meaningful achievement in our common struggle for freedom which requires courage, determination, commitment and solidarity to make sure the colonizers are done away. For the sake of freedom we would like to call upon all the Oromo factions to put their faith in this unity and bury their differences. We call upon all Oromo communities in all over the world to stand together with the united OLF to strengthen their unity more than ever and work towards ensuring the rights and freedom of the Oromo nation.

Gambella as traditional ally and neighbour to Oromo people, we are all victims of racial discrimination, land grabbing, atrocities, and historical injustices. GNUM would like to remind both parties and peoples to revisit their historical ties, and call upon all their members, supporters and allies elsewhere to join hands together and build solidarity around the OLF unity. We call upon and urge all the indigenous Nilotic and

Omotic peoples of Gambella, South Omo, and Beneshangul/Gumuz regions to work with the Oromos and give the OLF freedom fighters all the necessary supports in all our operational areas.

We call upon the international community, human rights organizations and other concerned bodies to condemn the on-going brutal killings of Majengers, Anyuaks, Oromos, Suri, and many others in Ethiopia and impose necessary pressure on the regime.

In particular we call upon the United Nations, Diplomats and all other humanitarian organizations operating in Ethiopia to closely monitor the Ethiopian political and military activities along the border of Gambella and South Sudan in arming the refugees to incite ethnic conflicts in Gambella.

Finally, we urge the TPLF/EPRDF government to stop killing of the indigenous Nilotes for their lands; to release our brothers 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 recognize and respect our territorial integrity to stop government extinction measures; to recognize and 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 the people of Gambella and South Western Nilotes to ensure that freedom, justice, security and prosperity are brought to our people in the region.

**“Unity of Oromo is the Unity of Gambella People”**

**“Freedom and Justice for All the Oppressed People of Oromia and Gambella”**

**Unite We Must, And Fight for the Rights and Justice for South-western Nilotic and Omotic People of Ethiopia”**

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