



# **GAMBELLA PEOPLE LIBERATION FORCE**

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### Press Release

Gambella governor has been denied visa entry to Canada.

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Mr. Omot Obang Olum who was the chief security commissioner during the December 13, 2003 Anuak massacre in the Gambella, Ethiopia and the current president of the Gambella region, whom many Anuak ethnic groups believe he played a role in the massacre has been denied visa entry to Canada. Mr. Omot Obang Olum came into the US at the beginning of June 2008 after influential Anuak figures and media have made many attempts to press charges against him. These charges would influence whether he is allowed into the United States. According to the associate press media, “ state department, spokesman Bill Strarsberger, confirmed that Omot received a visa. He was unable to give any details regarding the visa because they are confidential. Mr. Strarsberger denied any accusations when asked if Mr. Omot Obang Olum has played role in December 13, 2003 massacre in the Gambella region of Ethiopia.”

On this statement in reply Peter Omot says, “ allowing a visa to Ethiopian officials who have committed crimes against the Anuak people and the rest of Ethiopian citizens in various regions to come into US and to Canada would allow them to continue dividing the Anuak’s community and enforce the divisive rule policy among the community members. This encourages the fugitives to thrive with impunity. Worst of all when the American taxpayer continuously supports the Ethiopian government it becomes an act against humanity. He continues by saying that this is no different from what happen two thousand years ago in reference to the great spiritual leader when the influential Jews demanded Jesus be killed and allowing the criminals in the name of Barabas be released merely to appease the Jews. Finally Peter Omot suggested the best solution forward is to address the root causes of the injustices that have been committed by the Ethiopian leaders and create an atmosphere that could facilitate for dialogue. They also need to

admit the wrong doing to the Anuaks. A plea needs to be considered for the twenty thousands Anuak refugees who are scattered all over the East African region and to bring their case to light to the UN. The confession would create a forum of debate that would allow for peace loving organizations to facilitate a respective representation of all the displaced refuges and the resisting key leaders. Let us address the bigger issues and move forward for a better and new Gambella with a hope for the future.”

A creditable source within the Canadian embassy confirmed that Mr.Omot Obang Olum was denied entry into Canada yesterday. The Canadian government has no free place for those who have terrorized, imprisoned, and killed their countrymen and women. However we don't know how the US government will react to the correspondence of the Canadian authorities denying the entry of the Gambella, Ethiopian official, Mr. Omot Obang Olum.

Struggles continue!!

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