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Statement on the Second Adi-Daero Massacre

The Abiy and Isaias regimes have once again displayed their genocidal brutality through a horrific drone strike conducted by the Abiy regime against internally displaced persons (IDPs) on October 4, 2022 in Adi-Daero, Northwestern Tigray. As of midday yesterday, over 65 people were killed, while over 70 were wounded. In light of the critical shortage of medicines caused by the siege, even those with otherwise non-life-threatening injuries are likely to succumb to their wound.

These IDPs, who were previously staying in makeshift IDP camps in Adiyabo, were violently evicted from their homes in Western Tigray by the genocidal invaders. What makes the latest massacre especially gut-wrenching is the fact these IDPs had been forced to relocate to Adi-Daero as a result of the second round of genocidal invasion by the Abiy and Isaias regimes.

That the second Adi-Daero massacre came on the heels of a devastating air strike on September 27 by the Eritrean regime, killing and wounding numerous civilians there reflects the genocidal regimes' assumption that there would be no meaningful consequences for their ongoing, deliberate and vicious attack on civilians. The international community's failure to impose even minimal costs on these regimes for systematically violating international humanitarian and human rights laws has emboldened them to ramp up the level of brutality they inflict on the people of Tigray. By allowing these lawless regimes to violate international law with impunity, the international community is facilitating the gradual demise of the rules-based international order.

The people of Tigray, who are fighting against subjugation and elimination, do not need perfunctory statements of concern, urging "all sides" to cease hostilities. What Tigray needs is for the international community to live up to its pledge of "Never Again" by taking practical measures to halt the ongoing campaign to eliminate the people of Tigray for no other reason than refusing to give up their cherished right of self-determination and fundamental right to survive as a people.

