

## **ETHIOPIAN OGADEN REBELS URGES UN TO PROBE ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

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11, August: The fact that international journalists and human rights groups are now banned from entering Ogaden [south eastern Ethiopia] coupled with the expulsion of the ICRC on baseless grounds should be a clear warning sign to the world that yet another preventable African catastrophe is unfolding in Ogaden. Continued war crimes against our people valuing oil over human lives requires immediate international intervention coordinated by the United Nations in the form of a fact finding mission.

We are confident that the findings of such a mission will warrant holding Meles Zenawi and senior members of his regime personally responsible for war crimes in Ogaden.

If the Zenawi regime has nothing to hide in Ogaden it should immediately end the ban on international journalists and allow immediate United Nations verification of our claims. It should also overturn the expulsion of the ICRC.

Laughable claims by the Zenawi regime that they have killed hundreds of ONLF [Ogaden National Liberation Front] fighters does not change the fact that our forces are largely intact, operational and effective. As such, the Zenawi regime must be clear that oil exploration will not be allowed in Ogaden as long as our people are denied their legitimate rights.