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Fascism Emboldened:

Mr. Abiy Ahmed bombed civilian targets in Mekelle again!

Today's on Friday August 26, 2022, air strike in Mekelle is yet another cowardly and barbaric act, and the fact that the victims were innocent children and non-combatant civilians makes it particularly cruel, an act of a war crime for which Mr. Abiy will be held responsible. In the past two years, Mr. Abiy has indiscriminately bombed civilian targets in Mekelle and other smaller towns, including a marketplace in Togoga.

Emboldened by the apathy of the international community, the onslaught on Tigray by the Ethiopian regime continues without respite. The regime-imposed humanitarian blockade has already killed hundreds of thousands of people in Tigray over the last 21 months in its campaign to exterminate Tigrayans. Two days ago, the regime has launched a second round of the war to finish weakened Tigray and complete its genocidal campaign.

Security and Justice for Tigrayans (SJT) urges the world community at large and the European Union, the United States, and the African Union to condemn the bombing of civilian targets and the killing of children. We also demand the world to apply utmost pressure on Mr. Abiy's regime to stop the war and mayhem immediately and seek a political solution to the crisis. The international community and the United Nations, in particular, have the legal and moral obligation to stop this war waged on civilians.

The world community has let the Rwanda Genocide happen as it silently watched when close to a million people perished. We urge the international community to bravely stand against genocide and punish the culprits of war crimes and crimes against humanity to face justice.

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