

# Sidama National Liberation Organisation (SNLO) Re-Structures its Leaders

## Press Release

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The Sidama people of South Ethiopia have suffered continued oppression by successive Ethiopian regimes. However they have never accepted oppression peacefully. They continually resisted various forms of oppression by getting organized formally as well as informally organising themselves in groups as well as individually. Such heroic anti-slavery and anti-oppression movements of the Sidama people had shaken the foundation of the rulers although some times their struggle has been hijacked by benefit monger individuals such as the leadership of SLM. Such people have diluted the spirit of Sidama struggle for certain period of time. However, many thousands of Sidamas have scarified their precious lives for this noble objective that continued unabated to this minute.

This is why Sidama National Liberation Organisation (SNLO) was born in 2002 by the purposely organised and dedicated Sidamas in Diaspora as well as in the country to reorganize the age old struggle of the Sidama people. Since its inception, the SNLO has accomplished significant grounding for the liberation struggle that laid unshakable foundation for an age old Sidamas anti-slavery movement on one hand; tirelessly worked on international relations by exposing the hidden face of the current incumbent regime against the Sidamas and its wider citizens on the other.

May 24 is the day of utter sorrow for the Sidama people inside and out of the country. The incumbent regime slaughtered peaceful and armless Sidama demonstrators who were claiming their basic and constitutional rights on May 24, 2002 with live ammunition from its security forces. Therefore, this time will be for Sidamas in Diaspora as well as in the country both the day of mourning and the day of devising a strategy to intensify their anti-colonial power struggle under the leadership of SNLO.

The SNLO is, therefore, determined to endeavour this struggle and believes that it will not be in vain. Thus, SNLO has re-structured its leadership that shall be operational as of May 24, 2006 while commemorating Sidama victims of atrocity. Thus, the following dedicated Sidamas are given the responsibility of leading the struggle of 5 million Sidama People for its liberation. Accordingly:-

1. **Rabissa Waanje**, Chairman
2. **Bootala Coororo**, Vice Chairman
3. **Garamba Gaareewoo**, Executive Secretary
4. **Gatiso Siida**, Organisational Affairs
5. **Gaadana Dobichcho**, Defence
6. **Shshumbullo Gada**, Finance

7. **Ararsoo Adiisoo**, Head, International Relations
8. **Halaale Gashsha**, Head, Public Relations
9. **Chicholaa Xaawisa**, Head, Media Department
10. **Jaawataa Sidaancho**, African Regional Chairman
11. **Fiisaa Jobisaa**, Europe Regional Chairman
12. **Taklu Yeetera**, North America Regional chairman
13. **Dafaara Sidaancho**, Australia Regional Chairman

And an independent Audit committee that comprises chairman, secretary and member is also appointed. Accordingly:-

1. **Kukisaa Shshuramo**, Audit Chairman
2. **Garmamo Gawiiwa**, Audit Secretary
3. **Xiinxaloo Ragasaa**, Audit Committee Member

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