

G7 Steps Up Cold War Propaganda Against China, Ignores War Crimes Against People of Tigray

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The Ethiopian government is committing massacres and other crimes against humanity in different regions of the country. At the recent G7 meeting in Britain over 1,000 protestors marched outside calling for urgent action to prevent more killings of civilians in the Tigray region of Ethiopia. The United States and its allies ignored this.

Instead, they repeated their claims that China is guilty of massive human rights violations in Xinjiang and Hong Kong. This reveals their fear at the threat posed by China to American hegemony over the global economy.

The G7 discussed plans to contain China's economic development through the "Build Back Better World'' initiative. This infrastructure programme is designed to counter China's Belt and Road project. This reveals their fear at the threat posed by China to American hegemony over the global economy.

Last November Ethiopia's army launched an invasion a devastating war on the Tigray region that has led to the deaths of tens of thousands, mass ethnic cleansing and weaponized rapes of women.

Both the ineffectual UN and pro western human rights group Amnesty International have called for urgent investigations into the massive wave of violence directed against civilians in the Tigray region.

<u>Goytom Teklu</u> writing for the online journal Ethiopia Insight has pointed out the <u>horrors</u> <u>facing the Tigrayan people</u> at the hands of Ethiopia's army:

"Thousands have been killed, millions displaced, cities demolished and looted, and millions are starving and suffering from a lack of essential services."

Since then the central government's bloody repression has triggered another civil war in the Oromia region which wants independence for its region.

Investigative journalist <u>Rene Lefort</u> has commented:

"While more than half of the country is under a *de facto* state of emergency managed by martial law ("Command Post"), basic order is still far from prevailing in these [nonwar] zones. Barely a week passes without a massacre, or pogrom, with dozens of victims."

Ethiopian journalist <u>Gebrekirstos Gebremeskel</u> has declared that the international community needs to take decisive action to prevent the <u>Ethiopian government committing</u> <u>further crimes against humanity</u>:

"The <u>conditions</u> for genocide against Tigrayans are ripe, and there really are intentions and deeds to destroy Tigray, and cleanse and exterminate Tigrayans. International intervention is needed to avoid a 21st century genocide of Rwandan proportions and a silent massacre of <u>millions of Tigrayans</u> by starvation."

The civil wars engulfing the country also encompasses the Oromia region where the Oromo Liberation Army has advanced to the Shewan part of Ormomia near the capital Addis Ababa. This is in response to civilian deaths caused by the violent repression of the Ethiopian army in the region.

The US and its Western allies claim that China is guilty of genocide in its Xinjiang region without producing any solid evidence to support these claims. Meanwhile, they ignore the atrocities being committed by the Ethiopian government on a daily basis. The hubris and hypocrisy of American imperialism and its allies knows no bounds as they step up their Cold War propaganda against China and Russia.

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