

For Immediate ReleaseStatement of Support In Solidarity with Tigray

We at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus Students' Union stand in solidarity with the people of Tigray, Ethiopia and the greater diaspora.

It is important to note that we recognize the complexities that exist in nations we are distant from, however, occurrences like such are not isolated, nor do they exist in a silo and have effects on many. We find it crucial to voice opposition against blatant injustices that lead people and in particular, women, children, disabled folks and other already vulnerable populations to fatal and unsafe positions.

The ongoing armed conflict began in Tigray, Ethiopia in November 2020, when the forces of the current President Abiy Ahmed armed fire against civilians. Since, the intervention has been from regional, national and international military forces.

As a result of this warfare and civil unrest, thousands have died and been displaced. Access to the internet has been regularly shut off as well as journalists silenced and intimidated. There is none to little access to water, electricity and banks, as the violence against the people of Tigray continues.

The warfare, drought, lack of government funding and support has left the people of Tigray to deal with famine. There has been a state of emergency declared, as food insecurity and conflict continue. It is continuously women, children, disabled and poor folks who are disproportionately affected.

There has been little attention from international media. We call that folks learn about what is going on in Ethiopia and contribute to causes and petitions garnering support for the people.

For more information visit:

<https://omnatigray.org>

<https://www.standwithtigray.com/>

In solidarity,

The Scarborough Campus Students' Union