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PRESS RELEASE

EHRCO Condemns Massacre Committed on Innocent Oilfield Workers

The Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO) is saddened by, and utterly deplores with the strongest possible terms the summary execution committed on 74 innocent oilfield workers in Eastern Ethiopia, Degehabour Zone, Abole locality on the 26 April 2007 at around 5 a.m.

In this heinous massacre, 65 Ethiopians and 9 Chinese nationals have brutally been killed. The victims were on sleep in their tents when an armed group stormed the Chinese-run oil exploration facility, and committed such stunning atrocity against them. EHRCO believes that such brutal massacre of innocent people cannot be justified by whatsoever motives, and thus considers it as a sheer cowardly act.

EHRCO is also deeply concerned about the wellbeing and whereabouts of those oil workers abducted. It believes that no one benefits from crimes of this nature. EHRCO, therefore, demands the perpetrators to desist from committing such ghastly crimes against innocent workers. The Council also urges the government to bring the perpetrators of the crime to justice, and accord the necessary protection to innocent civilians.

Finally, EHRCO calls upon citizens, national and international organizations, representatives of governments, international groups, and individuals who stand for human rights protection and the rule of law, to deplore the massacre committed on innocent oil workers, and demand the immediate and unconditional release of those kidnapped individuals.

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