

# Tigray Youth Network Condemns Human Rights Abuses and Calls for **Immediate Action**

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Tigray Youth Network (TYN) is deeply concerned about the recent human rights violations and abuses of power occurring in the Tigray region. We believe it is essential to raise our voices against these injustices, which undermine the principles of democracy and justice that our society deserves and is rightly entitled to.

# **Release of Opposition Prisoners**

We call for the immediate release of all political opposition prisoners who have been unlawfully detained. The right to peaceful dissent is a fundamental pillar of a democratic society and we must ensure that these individuals are granted the justice they deserve.

#### Release of Peaceful Protesters and Demand for Humane Treatment

Furthermore, TYN insists on the immediate release of peaceful protesters who have been detained while exercising their rights to freedom of expression and assembly. We firmly demand that these detainees be treated with the utmost respect for their human dignity and their rights under international law.

### **Strong Condemnation of Abuses of Power**

TYN strongly condemns the actions of those who abuse their power to infringe upon the rights and freedoms of our citizens. We also implore for the vilification of the unnecessary use of power by the police and call for accountability of officials who authorised abuses during and after the protest while in custody. It is our collective responsibility to hold accountable those who perpetrate these abuses and ensure that justice prevails.

In the spirit of unity, justice and respect for human rights, TYN is committed to working collaboratively with all stakeholders to address these critical issues and to promote a peaceful, inclusive, and democratic society.

We call upon fellow Tigrayan CSOs and the international community to join us in condemning these violations and to stand in solidarity with the people of Tigray as we strive for a better future.











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# **About Tigray Youth Network:**

Tigray Youth Network UK is a non-profit organisation, who firmly believe in the power of youth to effect positive change. We promote inclusivity, diversity, and equality, striving to create a safe and supportive environment where all voices are heard and respected. By building strong networks and collaborations with other organisations, both within the Tigrayan community and beyond, we seek to amplify our impact and contribute to the broader societal discourse.

Through our activities, advocacy efforts, and community engagement, Tigray Youth Network UK aims to raise awareness about the rich cultural heritage, history, and current challenges faced by the Tigrayan people. We actively work towards fostering unity, solidarity, and social cohesion within the Tigrayan community, as well as promoting understanding and appreciation of Tigrayan culture among wider audiences.

For more information about Tigray Youth Network UK and our upcoming initiatives, please follow us on social media.

Kind regards, **Tigray Youth Network** 







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