

Federal High Court

Lideta Division Criminal Section

Addis Ababa

Persecutor: Federal Central Persecutor

Defendants:

1. Omot Agwa Okwoy Age: 48 Address: Addis Ababa, 02 Woreda, Kebele 03
2. Ashinie Astin Titoyk, Age: 34 Address: Gambela zone Anywaa Woreda
3. Jemal Oumar Hojele Age: 40 Address: Benishangul-Gumuz, Assosa town

Defendant number 1

Crime

Trespassing the 2001 E.C anti-terrorism proclamation number 652/2001 article 7/2/

Details of the crime

The defendant who is a member and a founder along fellow compatriots of a terrorist group that called itself Gambela Peoples Liberation Movement has accepted whole heartedly the crime and the outcome of the crime to bring down constitutional order and system by force in order to secede Gambela region from the federation as the political goal. In order to achieve this political objective, the defendant was in communication with the terrorist group members and leaders from England, Canada, Eritrea and other countries as a coordinator from 1996 -2007 EC,

In October 2002 EC, the exact date of which is not known, the defendant made contact with South Sudan based senior terrorist group leader, Mathoaya Ochich and ordered to be sent GPLM members who had received various military training in Eritrea so that he could employ them in special police force to carry out the assignment of terrorism in secret. The defendant accepted the assignment and employed three members in special police force who had received GPLM military training,

Around January 2003 EC, the exact date of which not known, the defendant met with the group senior leadership in Gambela town, Kebele 04 office and informed them that he was going to Addis Ababa for study and they should continue to strengthen the group. The defendant further informed the leadership that they will get another police commissioner of the group, Philemon Kwot Agid undertaking military training along other GPLM members in

order to increase their numbers in special police force leadership. The defendant further gave order to continue fighting with the government once there is enough manpower,

Around August 2003 EC, the exact date of which not known, the defendant made contact with London based senior terrorist group leader, Nyikaw Abulla via e-mail and requested to be sent armed militia from Eritrea or outside to increase and strengthen in country membership due to the fact that Eritrea based GPLM military wing were caught when they went to fight with the government.

In July 2006 EC, the defendant made contact with the terrorist group foreign relations officer, Nyikaw Abulla based in London who told the defendant that because the government of Ethiopia does not allow foreign journalists to travel to Anywaa zone and collect information, he was going to approach foreign aid organisations for financial support and order the defendant to recruit five (5) people from Benishangul-Gumuz, members of GPLM from Gambela Anywaa zone and ten (10) people from South Omo zone to travel to Kenya in secret without the government of Ethiopia knowing. The defendant passed the message and organised the activities for the participants to attend the terrorist group meeting.

On June 19, 2007 EC, the GPLM foreign relations officer, Nyikaw Abulla asked the defendant about the preparation for the upcoming terrorist group meeting in Kenya, Nairobi and the best way of transferring the money. The defendant explained that the days are drawing near for a participant from Benishangul-Gumuz ethnic to process passport while the Majang ethnic is organising his document. In addition, the defendant explained that the money should be transferred through Ethiopian Commercial Bank, Arada branch. The defendant received £3000 or 83,000 Ethiopian Birr to carry out terrorist group activities.

In general, the defendant was a founder, member and in the country coordinator of the terrorist group who was brought under control on July 6 2007EC at Bole International airport while traveling to Kenya, Nairobi to participate on the terrorist group meeting. The defendant is accused of participating as a leader in a terrorist organisation.

Defendant number 2

Crime

Trespassing the 2001 E.C anti-terrorism proclamation number 652/2001 under article 7/1/

Details of the crime

The defendant has objective to bring down the unity of Ethiopian people by force and has a goal to secede Gambela region from the rest of Ethiopian federation. In order to achieve the terrorist objective, the defendant planned, prepared and at different occasions brought destruction to human lives, physical and properties and exposed the people to high risk. In addition, the defendant in order to put pressure on the government, destroy the unity among the people, to destroy the country political, constitutional, economic or social foundation, collaborated with the group that called itself as Gambela Peoples Liberation Movement to carry out activities to bring change by force. The defendant was invited to participate on the planned GPLM senior leadership meeting in Nairobi, Kenya and as a representative from Majang ethnic, was assigned to prepare a research paper that expose the government land grabs activities in addition to Majang zone social, economic and political problems caused by the government. The defendant accepted the assignment and prepared a research document

under the topic “**Deforestation, Dis-possession and Displacement of Gambela in general and Majang people in particular**”.

In general, the defendant was a member of the terrorist group who was brought under control on July 6, 2007 EC at Bole International airport while travelling to participate at the planned meeting of July 7-9, 2015 in Kenya, Nairobi. The defendant was accused of participating in a terrorist group in any capacity.

Defendant number 3

Crime

Trespassing anti-terrorism proclamation number 652/2001 article 5/1/B/

Detail of the crime

The defendant made contact with a terrorist group that called itself GPLM and in February 2006 EC, the exact date of which not known, under the pretext of environmental protection participated on the meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya along senior group leadership and gave information to the group that the government is displacing the indigenous peoples from their land and causing hardships. The defendant received 8,800 Ethiopian Birr.

On June 9, 2007 EC, the London based GPLM foreign relation officer, Nyikaw Abulla called the defendant on number 0917913770 and asked the defendant to find trusted participants within one week to attend the planned terrorist group training. The defendant explained on June 17, 2007 EC, that although it is not easy to find trusted and committed he will try his level best and in order to participate on the terrorist group meeting, he could do what it takes even if losing his job.

The defendant----- gave assurance to in the country GPLM coordinator and defendant number one, Omot Agwa of attending the terrorist group training and received 6,039 Ethiopian Birr.

In general the defendant while travelling to attend a terrorist group training planned in Kenya, Nairobi was brought under control on June 06, 2007 EC along with defendant 1 & 2 at Bole International airport. He was accused for giving support to a terrorist group.

Documents:

1. Defendant number 1 statement to the police 23 pages
2. Defendant number 2 statement to the police 10 pages
3. Defendant number 2 statement to the court
4. Defendant number 3 to the police 08 pages
5. Translation of workshop of pastoralists and indigenous communities on land grabbing an rights
6. Communications with terrorist groups found in defendant number 1 e-mail and different documents with translation 37 page
7. Various documents found in defendant number 1 e-mail he communicated with terrorist leaders at different times with translation
8. Various documents found in defendant number 2 e-mail he wrote at different times with translation 04 page

9. On August 29 2007 EC, statement from Dashin Bank showing money send to defendant number 1
10. On August 19 2007 EC, statement from Ethiopian Commercial Bank showing money send to defendant number 1,
- 11.
12. Evv

Exhibits