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The Passing of Professor Asmerom Legesse

(OLF-OLA Press Release)

Professor Asmerom Legesse was an intellectual figure of rare distinction whose scholarly contributions to the study and interpretation of the Oromo Gadaa system remain both foundational and irreplaceable. Through meticulous research, intellectual rigor, and principled engagement, he brought global scholarly attention to one of Africa's most sophisticated indigenous systems of governance, law, and social organization.

Though not an Oromo by birth, Professor Asmerom formed a lasting bond with the Oromo people through his work, his integrity, and his commitment to scholarship, and the truth and justice to be found therein. In both formal adoption and spirit, he became part of our community he so passionately studied.

Beyond his academic achievements, Professor Asmerom will be remembered for his humility, moral clarity, and the bridges he built between peoples and cultures. His life stood as a testament to the power of cross-cultural understanding, intellectual solidarity, and our shared humanity.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, colleagues, and all who were touched by his life and work. May he rest in peace, and may his legacy endure.



OLF-OLA High Command
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