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For those who sacrificed to bring freedom and justice for Ethiopia.

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## Abbreviations and Acronyms

<i>Abiyotawi Seded</i>	‘Revolutionary Flame’ - one of the political organizations after the 1974 Ethiopian revolution
ADLI	Agricultural Development-Led Industrialization
ADP	Amhara Democratic Party
AESM	All-Ethiopian Student Movement
BGPDUF	Benishangul-Gumuz People’s Democratic Unity Front
CADU	Chilalo Agricultural Development Unit
COR	Council of Representatives (1991-1994)
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CUD	Coalition for Unity and Democracy
DA	Discourse Analysis
EDP	Ethiopian Democratic Party
EEBC	Eritrea-Ethiopia Boundary Commission
ENDF	Ethiopian National Defense Force
EPDM	Ethiopian Peoples Democratic Movement
EPLF	Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front
EPRP	Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Party
EPRDF	Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Front
ESM	Ethiopian Student Movement
Ge’ez	Ancient South Semitic language and still the Orthodox Ethiopian Church’s liturgical language
Ginbot 7	One of the opposition parties in exile, pre-2018
GPDM	Gambela Peoples Democratic Movement
GTP	‘Growth and Transformation Plan’
HNL	Harari National League
INSA	(Ethiopian) Information Network Security Agency
<i>Kibrä Nägäst</i> (‘Glory of the Kings’)	Religious-historical epic written in 1314-1322, used in imperial highland Ethiopia before 1974.
LAMC	Liability and Asset Management Corporation

MAAG	Military Assistance Advisory Group (USA)
MALERID	A smaller Marxist-Leninist revolutionary party/group in the early revolutionary period (1970s)
MEDREK	A post-2005 coalition of Ethiopian opposition parties
MEISON	Abbreviation in Amharic for the AESM
MeTEC	Metal and Technology Engineering Corporation
MoPE	Ministry of Public Enterprise
NCOs	Non-commissioned Officers
NDRP	National Democratic Revolutionary Programme (1976)
NGOs	Non- Governmental Organizations
NISS	National Information and Security Service
NMC	National Macroeconomic Committee
NNP	Nations, Nationalities and Peoples
ODP	Oromo Democratic Party
OLF	Oromo People’s Liberation Front
ONLF	Ogaden National Liberation Front
OPDO	Oromo People’s Democratic Organization
PASDEP	‘Plan for Accelerated Sustainable Development to End Poverty’
PDOs	People’s Democratic Organizations (post-1991)
PEHAA	Public Enterprises Holdings and Administration Agency
PMAC	Provisional Military Administrative Council
POMOA	Provisional Office for Mass Organizational Affairs
PP	Prosperity Party
SEPDM	Southern Ethiopia People’s Democratic Movement
SDPRP	Sustainable Development Poverty Reduction Program
SOE	State-Owned Enterprises
TDR	Traditional Dispute Resolution
TPLF	Tigray People’s Liberation Front
TGE	Transitional Government of Ethiopia

UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
WADU	Wolayta Agricultural Development Unit
WOZ League	‘Proletarians’ League’, one of the political organizations during the 1974 revolution period
Yekatit 66 School	Political training institute for middle-rank leaders (cadres) during the <i>Derg</i> regime