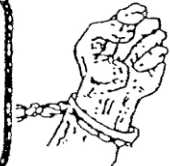




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THE RIGHTS OF ETHIOPIAN VIOLATED IN ERITREA

SOCEPP has received several reports that scores of Ethiopians have been illegally detained, some tortured, others killed in Eritrea. Demands for reports on the condition of Ethiopians have been ignored by the regime in Asmara. Political considerations have helped the silence on the violations of the rights of Ethiopians.

SOCEPP raises the arrest and inhumane treatment of Addis Abeba University graduate Tigist Berhanu and some of his friend who had gone to Eritrea to join an opposition group backed by the Eritrean regime. A few others have allegedly been disappeared. SOCEPP has time and again called for the release of Ethiopian Tadesse Mulneh, a former air force colonel and one time leader of the Eritrea based Ethiopian Patriotic Front. Aside from spreading rumors as to why Colonel Tadesse has been detained the Eritrean regime has refused to publicly give an account on his fate thereby aggravating the anxiety and malaise of his family and relatives.

It is no secret that the regime in Eritrea is a notorious violator of human rights. Many Eritrean dissidents have been disappeared or killed, may others jailed in containers and prisons in hell hot areas, denied medical care and subjected to mistreatment. Ethiopian dissidents who had hoped for help from it to combat the regime in Addis Abeba have also been jailed and killed (Tesfaye Getachew and others) when they refuse the diktat of the regime.

SOCEPP calls for the immediate release of Tigist Behanund all the others detained illegally in Asmara.

SOCEPP once again demands a full account on the fate of colonel Tadesse and his immediate release from prison.

SOCEPP calls on all Ethiopian and international democratic forces to condemn the violation of the rights of Ethiopians by the repressive regime in Eritrea.

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