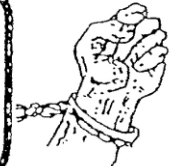




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SHAME ON THE SUDAN AGAIN!

18 YEARS OLD RAPE VICTIM ACCUSED

The human rights violations of the Sudanese government, especially against Ethiopians, have been documented many times but the latest involving an 18 years old rape victim surpasses all bounds. The 18 years old Ethiopian girl was three months pregnant when she was gang raped by seven males (let go with minor lashes punishment) and she stands now accused of adultery and prostitution. She is now nine months pregnant but denied medical care and forced to sleep on the floor in the prison cell.

Women's rights in the Sudan are not respected as a matter of routine and the rights of refugees even less so. Dozens of asylum seeking Ethiopian girls and women have been raped by the Sudanese police, security authorities and human traffickers. The authorities are here openly discouraging raped women from accusing their rapists. The Ethiopian girl now faces many years of imprisonment, SOCEPP strongly condemns the Sudanese justice ministry that is trying to railroad the raped girl and to send her to prison while her rapists are let free from the outset. Sudan has to be made to respect the rights of all women and especially of refugee women who are often in a dire situation. The overall mistreatment and harassment of Ethiopians in the Sudan must stop.

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