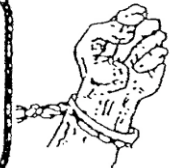




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TRAFFICKING OF YOUNG GIRLS TO KENYA AND SUDAN CONTINUES

It is an operation that involves government officials in Ethiopia, Kenya and the Sudan and is comprised of ruthless traffickers from all three countries. The recent trafficking involves hundreds of young girls (mostly 13-15 years old) from the Hadiya and Arsi regions.

The young girls trafficked to the Sudan are sent off to Yemen to face extreme difficulties. Rape by the traffickers and the Sudanese police have been reported time and again but the traffic continues. Girls trafficked from Southern Ethiopia are brought to Kenya, with the trafficking woman boss in Nairobi (known by the Kenyan and Addis Abeba authorities) organizing their re arrest to force parents in Ethiopia to pay again for their release. These are sent off to South Africa and many have perished in the process. What makes the present trafficking despicable is the young age of the girls being sold on the market. More and more of the young girls have arrived in the Sudan in the past weeks.

SOCEPP has demanded an end to the trafficking and the immediate arrest of those involved in it, most of whom are known by the concerned police. SOCEPP once again condemns in strong terms the regime in Addis Abeba that is benefitting from the adoption racket and the trafficking of Ethiopian girls unto modern slavery and possible rape and death.

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