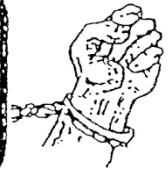




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### JOURNALIST DEREJE BEGASHAW IN DANGER IN KAMPALA

Former editor of ASQUAL newspaper, Dereje Begashaw, is facing grave dangers to his very existence in a situation of difficult exile in Kampala, Uganda. Dereje, a persistent activist within the Ethiopian community in East Africa, has been threatened with deportation and worse, assaulted, and denied his human rights for years and the situation has worsened when and since his wife has been forced to join him in exile. Dereje has had to endure 7 years of suffering as a refugee living in unenviable conditions.

Forced to flee because he dared exercise his right as an independent journalist, Dereje continued to be active within the Ethiopian exiled journalist Diaspora and community at large and was met with threats and violence on the part of the regime in Addis Abeba. The regimes in Addis Abeba and Kampala have an agreement on the deportation of refugees and are linked in the so called war against terrorism. In Ethiopia, free journalists are criminals and the desire to exercise freedom of the press a crime under the conveniently legislated anti terrorism law. Evidently, journalist Dereje and his wife deserve to be resettled in a third country without any delay as their life is in danger.

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