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EPRP CONDEMNS TORTURE OF PRISONERS AND THE
VIOLATIONS OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF ETHIOPIA

Political Prisoners deported by force from Nairobi to Mogadishu and then taken to Ethiopia to be imprisoned in fetid secret prisons in Addis Ababa have now revealed that they were tortured both by EPRDF soldiers and by Americans. I think the prison and the interrogation was under the control of the Americans, has said one detainee. Some of these detainees have now been released to Kenya while more than 22 are still being held in what is now being called the African Guantanamo.

The EPRP condemns the practice of torture by the repressive regime of the EPRDF and denounces the violation of Ethiopian sovereignty by a foreign power allowed by the EPRDF to control prisons and torture prisoners on Ethiopian soil. Reliable reports have also made it clear that some of the prisoners were detained in Kenya, interrogated and packed off to Mogadishu by American agents. This fact also compromises the Kibaki government as most of the deported are Kenyan citizens. There are unconfirmed reports that such Guantanamo type prison also exists in Hurso, a military training camp in Southern Ethiopia. Also to be noted that American marines and special forces soldiers are stationed in Ethiopia and are training EPRDF commandos in Blattein near the Kenyan border.

Ethiopians have consistently demanded that the sovereignty of Ethiopia be respected, that no foreign military base be allowed on Ethiopian soil, that no foreign soldiers be present in the country. This has been violated by the EPRDF that has even crossed borders to invade Somalia and wreaked havoc and mayhem against the Somali people.

Release the illegally detained prisoners without delay!!!

End the violation of the sovereignty of Ethiopia!!!

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