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DENOUNCE THE CEDING OF TERRITORY TO THE SUDAN

The EPRDF regime headed by Meles Zenawi has reportedly ceded fertile land in Western Ethiopia to the Sudan. People in Ethiopia have protested against the act but the rulers did not even present the issue to the rubberstamp parliament but have agreed to the infringement on the territorial integrity of Ethiopia to gain other advantages from the Sudan.

The fertile land ceded from River Atbara to Fazra area in Quara has for long been Ethiopian territory even though Sudanese farmers had time and gain tried to reoccupy the fertile lands and moved well inside into Ethiopian territory (one hour drive from the border in the Nefso Gebeya mountain area of Quara for example). The ceding of the fertile land is decided by the Meles Zenawi group alone to pander for favour from the Sudanese authorities. There are also reports that rich farmers from Eastern Sudan have paid considerable amount of money to the EPRDF officials. Sudan has said thank you by deporting many Ethiopian political exiles, letting the EPRDF security agents roam freely in the Sudan to harass and kidnap refugees, etc... Apparently, there has for long been a dispute on the use of land between Ethiopian and Sudanese farmers. This should have been settled peacefully by involving elders from both countries (such was the way the EPRP resolved one such dispute back in the eighties) and not by behind the scene deal between the authorities, a deal that has clearly disadvantaged Ethiopian farmers and compromised Ethiopian sovereignty. This is why this deal made by the EPRDF regime will be unacceptable as far as Ethiopia and Ethiopians are concerned and the grave problems that will surely result from the ceding of Ethiopian land will be the sole responsibility of the Meles Zenawi group.

The EPRP is strongly opposed to the ceding of Ethiopian territory to the Sudan!!!

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