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**PRESS RELEASE**

**THE FARCE OF A CRIMINAL REGIME**  
**PARDONING MASS MURDERERS**

The regime of Meles Zenawi has announced a few days ago that it has cancelled the death sentence imposed by its own courts on 23 top officials of the former regime accused of mass murder during the notorious Red Terror campaign (late seventies). The commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment is expected to be followed by the release of the accused as they have been in prison for the last 20 years.

The EPRP condemns the decision of the repressive regime on the grounds that the TPLF organization of Meles Zenawi has no moral or legal power and legitimacy to accuse, sentence and pardon Red Terror criminals as it was part of the terror campaign itself using its cadres who had infiltrated the Mengistu regime to denounce EPRP supporters and members in Tigray and to have them arrested and liquidated. The lip service given by the regime to honor the martyrs of the EPRP contradicts the brutal repression that the same regime has unleashed against the EPRP. Many EPRP leaders and members have been disappeared by the Meles regime (Tsegaye Debteraw, Hagos Bezabih, Sitotaw Hussein, Aberash Berta, journalist Berhanu Ijigu, Wondusirak Desta, Abebe Aynekulu, etc...) and others have been martyred (Gaim in Addis Abeba). The EPRP is still illegal and hunted in Ethiopia.

The Red Terror by the totalitarian regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam killed at least 250,000 Ethiopians in a brutal manner. Many were tortured and mutilated and still bear the physical and psychological scars. Millions have been traumatized by the savage measure that visited so many homes. Hence, the ones to pardon the criminals, if this be the people's choice, are not the officials of the criminal regime but the Ethiopian people. The charade orchestrated to cover the whole process behind the so called intervention of

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very dubious and pro-regime religious leaders has not duped Ethiopians. For the last 20 years, the Ethiopian people have never heard a word of protest from the concerned religious leaders protesting against the gross violation of rights by the Meles regime. The whole thing is a political maneuver especially as many of the accused criminals have not recanted or expressed any public regret. In other words, the arbitrary measure by the Meles regime has angered the people and families of the victims and EPRP joins the people in expressing its condemnation of the illegal and arbitrary measure of the Meles regime.