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DENOUNCE THE REPRESSION IN ETHIOPIA

Ever since extremists murdered close to 30 Ethiopians in Libya and Afro-phobic South African mobs killed Ethiopians in Durban and Soweto, Ethiopians inside the country have been staging peaceful protest demonstrations not only against but also against the regime in Addis Abeba correctly accused of causing the plight and flight of Ethiopians to dangerous countries and criminal traffickers. And the regime has responded with violence and repression.

The regime has violently repressed the demonstrations in Addis Abeba and jailed more than 100 people. Most have been taken not to police station but to special torture centers (like the special detention center⁰² near Kotebe) and subjected to beatings and torture. The Addis Abeba Universities have been taken over by the special police forces of the regime and students taken off to the torture centers. Demonstrations in Gondar, Nazret, etc have been violently broken up and scores detained. Conveniently, the regime has accused the legally registered Semayawi (Blue) party of being responsible for the peaceful protests and proceeded to arrest the party members and to accuse them of inciting violence and anti State actions. Otherwise of terrorism in accord with its sweeping anti terrorism law that makes all dissent synonymous with terrorism. As a consequence, the regime has made the legal Semayawi party a scapegoat and jailed its following members as culprits:

- Woynshet Mola, 25 years old, member of the Semayawi party organizational committee and arrested previously more than five times. She was not present at the protest demonstration this time but was picked up by the security party as she was going there. Two false witnesses have been prepared against her and she is charged with inciting unrest and disorder.
- Daniel Tesfaye, 27, Semayawi party member; detained before even the protest demo started.
- Mastewal: former member of the Andinet Party dissolved by the regime who was severely beaten at the demo and jailed;
- Ermias, 28, former member of the Andinet party, detained at the near the Olympia Hotel after the end of the protest demo;
- Birul Yeneneh, 27, founder member of the Semayawi party; detained by the security near his house;
- Tedros, 28, former Andinet party member who was severely beaten during the demonstration;
- they all have been denied bail.

Many of the detained have already been tortured.

The regime is planning to charge them as terrorists.

The repression continues. Let us all denounce this travesty and call for an immediate end to the repression and call for the release of all the political prisoners.

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