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REPRESSION AGAINST MUSLIM CITIZENS INTENSIFIES

Reliable reports reaching SOCEPP, one from Dimtsachin Yisema movement (Hawassa Branch), make it clear that the Addis Abeba regime has intensified its repression against muslim citizens. According to the reports, Mohamed Hassan Abdela, Alemitu Alrmu Nega (female), Luke Desta Geba, Yared Guyo Kuro, Muktar Safi Hassan, Ahmed Abu Ayato, that is a total of 65 muslim citizens have been thrown into the notorious Kofele Prison.

Of the arrested 23 are peasants, 5 are civil servants, 1 is a mendiant, 5 are traders, 8 are students, 5 are daily laborers, 2 are security guards, etc. They are accused under a dubious Penal law article and under the sweeping anti terrorism decree that is used even for jailing independent journalists. The jailed are also falsely accused of destroying public property. It is to be noted that hundreds of muslims peacefully protesting for their rights have been rounded up, beaten and tortured, thrown into hell holes like Kofele, Kaliti, Zwai, etc.. The regime is doing all its repressive best to break the back of the protest movement that has continued for more than a year and half.

SOCEPP condemns the regime in Addis Abeba, calls for the immediate release of the religious leaders and peaceful protesters that are jailed illegally, and demands an end to the torture and beatings that have intensified ominously.

Release all political prisoners now!!

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