The plight of Ethiopian refugees in the Sudan has worsened with dozens rounded up, beaten and jailed all over the country. The process of deportation to Ethiopia is also prepared. Sudan had in the past deported Ethiopian political dissidents of whom quite a few have been disappeared or killed.

The present wave of anti refugee repression is motivated by the so called list of "people dangerous for both countries" made up by the regime in Addis Ababa and handed over to the Sudan. The regime’s agents (of whom Tesfu Yeshiwoondim is one) help Sudanese police in the round up and arrest. The regime did cancel the legal refugee status of the Ethiopians but most of those that are being arrested and are facing deportation do have the new IDs. Focus is made this time on refugees linked to the opposition Ethiopian People’s Revolutionary Party (EPRP) which is accused of opposing the ceding of Ethiopian land to the Sudan (Quara and more) and the so called Renaissance Dam. Sudan opposed the dam construction but has now changed position and seems to back it. Handing over EPRP members and supporters to the regime in Addis Ababa means sure death or disappearance—ever since 1991 not one EPRP detainee has been brought before a court of law.

Once again, it should be noted that the UNHCR has abandoned its duties and obligations and has done little or nothing to defend Ethiopian refugees in the Sudan. SOCEPP appeals to Ethiopians all over the world to come to the rescue of the refugees in the Sudan,