The brutal police of the regime stormed the Anwar Mosque in Addis Abeba and violently beat up numerous Ethiopian Muslims and rounded up many others. The unjustified violence is part of the regime’s continuing campaign to break up and stifle the peaceful protest of Ethiopian Muslims for their basic human and democratic rights. One report indicates that at least one person has been critically wounded from a gunshot. For very long now the repressive regime has been trying to break and halt the peaceful protest from aggrieved Muslims.

The repressive regime has also charged nine bloggers detained for some time now with terrorism. The nine are assumed to be guilty of criticizing the regime in place. From a regime that has for years repressed the free press and any sign of dissent the move against the bloggers is not a surprise. Add to this the fact that the regime in Addis Abeba has organized the extradition of an opposition leader (Andargatchew Tsige) who was on transit through Sana’a, Yemen, is presently engaged in a wide spread detention campaign of assumed and actual dissenters. The detention campaign has spread from Addis Abeba to provincial towns like Jimma, Nazret, Bahr Dar, Gondar, Harar, Dire Dawa, and other places. It should be noted that detention routinely implies torture from medium to intolerable levels.

The regime in place is holding in prison dozens of Muslim leaders and more protesters and some have been already sent to labor camps like Zwai where intense suffering is the order of the day. The regime acts with impunity because it enjoys the full support of the West no matter what. A British passport holding citizen is practically kidnapped and deported to face if not death a long term imprisonment Britain counters by giving more economic aid to his captors and human rights violators. Shame on the supporters of dictatorships.