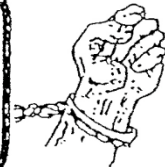




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ETHIOPIA--THE DOGS OF REPRESSION UNLEASHED

Following the illegal extradition of opposition Ginbot 7 leader Andargatchew Tsige from Yemen, the repressive regime in Addis Abeba has gone on a spree of arrests in a clear drive to strike at dissidents. Preliminary reports indicate no less than 35 people have been arrested in Addis Abeba in an alleged ( and false) link to "terrorism". The regime has conveniently labeled several opposition organizations as "terrorist".

The vice president of the national council of the Semayawi Party, Yeshiwas Assefa, the head of public relations of the UDF, ARENA Tigray member Abraha, UDF member Daniel, others like Solomon Tesfu, Idris Abdella, Tigist Gebrewold, etc are all being held at the notorious Maekelawi (Central Prison) where torture is routine. Not surprisingly though, little or no international protest is being heard against the illegal action and the ongoing repression unleashed by the regime. The arrests are continuing in earnest, especially in Addis Abeba, with the arrested also being taken off to secret or ghost prisons that are found in the Bole and in the old airport area.

SOCEPP condemns the ongoing wide spread arrest of politically active citizens and calls for the immediate release of all the political prisoners in the country.

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