

# Washington Update December 9, 2008

**Good news for all Ethiopian and Ethiopian-Americans! The All Ethiopian Unity Party (AEUP) has restarted its Andenet News Paper - The ANDENT GAZETTE.**

This publication is covering Ethiopia in all sectors on a weekly basis. It will bring news of music and sports, finance and economy, as well as truthful reporting of the activities of the Meles regime. It will be originally printed in Ethiopia and will be available here on the Web.

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for weekly subscription and editorial contribution.

Additional news from Human Rights Report about the Meles regime's violations of human rights in the Ethiopian Ogaden region and also in Somalia can be found on their Web site. Much other information regarding the crimes of the regime throughout the country can be found there.

<http://www.hrw.org/>

Finally, a recent syndicated op-ed piece co-written by Laura Conley, a special assistant for National Security at The center for American Progress and by Ethan Porter, the Associate Editor of the magazine Democracy can be found on the Web site of The New York Daily News amongst others.

Link:

[http://www.nydailynews.com/opinions/2008/12/08/2008-12-08\\_obamas\\_africa\\_opportunity\\_use\\_a\\_new\\_mili.html?print=1&page=all](http://www.nydailynews.com/opinions/2008/12/08/2008-12-08_obamas_africa_opportunity_use_a_new_mili.html?print=1&page=all)

In this article the authors are speaking to the decision makers coming into office with the new Obama Administration. They advocate for American involvement in building of democratic institutions in Africa – just what we at The All Ethiopian Unity Party (AEUP) have been working for all this time.

These are very important intellectuals in the political world of the United States. Their taking an interest in African affairs is encouraging, and needs to be further encouraged in the next critical weeks. Your elected representatives should be made aware of this as the make-up of Congressional committees is under way and will be somewhat different next session. This is a long process; and we must keep contacting legislators in the Congress on a continual basis. This is not easy but persistence pays off In Washington.

We must insist on the full implementation of THE EIGHT POINTS demanded by The All Ethiopian Unity Party (AEUP) including:

- &nbs p;
- freedom of expression;
- freedom of the press;

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**አንድነት ጋዜጣ** የተለያዩ አምዶችን ለአንባቢዎች ይህ ተርባለች። የአገር ውስጥና የውጭ ዜናዎች፣ የፖለቲካ፣ የታሪክ፣ የጤና፣ የኪነጥበብ፣ የስፖርትና ሌሎችም አምዶችን አካታለች።

የተከበራችሁ የጋዜጣችን አንባቢዎች! ጋዜጣዋ ከፓርቲ አባላትና ከደጋፊዎች በተጨማሪ የሁሉም ኢትዮጵያውያን አንድነትን ስለምንሻ በጥልቀት እንድታገቡ፣ አስተያየት እንድትሰጡባትና ጽሁፍም እንድታበረክቱ የዘግጅት ክፍሉ ጥሪ ያቀርባል። አንድነት ጋዜጣ የበለጠ አድጋና ጎልብታ የማይበረሰቡ ጥሩ አገልጋይ እንድትሆን የእናንተን ትብብርና ተሳትፎ እንደምትሻ ለመግለጽ እንግዳለን!

an independent judiciary;

an independent electoral board;

and immediate release of all political prisoners (including the singer known as Tedros Kassahun - Teddy Afro).

The new Congress is being formed as we speak. The former Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Joe Biden will give up his Senatorial seat as he is now the new Vice-President Elect. The new President Elect, Barack Obama will also give up his Senatorial seat and place on the committee. These people have been in constant touch with us regarding the Ethiopian Human Rights for many years. Senator Biden, along with Senator Feingold was critical in moving forward from his committee the bill SR 3457, The Ethiopian Human Rights Accountability Act.

The All Ethiopia Unity Party brought its message of democracy, human rights and peaceful struggle for political change to the streets of Addis Ababa for three days starting November 27. Two trucks carrying banners with the AEUP name and the Ethiopian flag traveled the streets of the Capital city, attracted large, friendly crowds and distributing 50,000 flyers. The censorship by the regime prevented many from learning about this event. But here in Washington Congressman Chris Smith of New Jersey knew all about it, as did others who are concerned with Africa and Ethiopia in particular.

The most important thing is stay informed on the Ethiopian human rights crisis and to continue the work of contacting the members of Congress and the incoming Administration!

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