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ARDUF Outraged by the Unlawful Extradition of Ato Andergachew Tsige and Appeal to Ethiopian Democratic Forces to Hasten the dismantling of Wayane

Afar Revolutionary Democratic Unity Front (ARDUF) UGUUGUMO is profoundly shocked and outraged over the arbitrary arrest and illegal detention of Ato Andargachew Tsige, the Secretary General of Ginbot7 Movement for Justice, Freedom and Democracy. He was extradited unlawfully to Ethiopia to face wrongful, baseless crime charges for crimes he did not commit.

ARDUF condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the Government of Yemen for the illegal extradition of Mr Tsige to Ethiopian undemocratic regime to face the death penalty. Ato Tsige is a law abiding and peaceful politician who presents no threat to the Yemen or to any country in the world. He is of Ethiopian origin and a British citizen. He is a well-known, pro-democracy and human rights activist, who has been advocating and struggling for a genuine democracy, the rule of law, human rights and social justice, in a peaceful, civilized manner. The Yemeni Government action is against International Customary Law, the Fundamental Principle of Non-Refoulement and Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights. The Government of Yemen must be held accountable for the irresponsible criminal action and politically motivated cooperation with the Ethiopian regime, who has already committed limitless unlawful killings, arbitrary arrests, unlawful detentions, enforced disappearances, and widespread human rights violations against human rights defenders, political opponents, journalists, media activists, humanitarian workers and civilians speaking out against the regime.

ARDUF is gravely concerned for the safety and welfare of Ato Andergachew as his life, physical integrity and human rights are in great danger. The Ethiopian tyrannical regime must know that the outlawed hunting or abduction of Ethiopian Peoples fighter for democracy, Ato Andergachew will not be the end of our democratic struggle, one that he was struggling for. In contrast it will reenergize, reinforce and empower our democratic struggle for self-determination and democracy.

ARDUF demand immediate and unconditional release of Ato Andergachew

ARDUF call the UK Government to urgently fulfil its legal and citizenry responsibility, and the obligations of the European Convention of Human Rights, to intervene in case to ensure him immediate, safe and unconditional release, and provide him with the consular services needed to facilitate his immediate return to his family.

ARDUF call on the EU and human rights organisations globally to do their utmost to save Ato Andergachew life. ARDUF call all Ethiopian peoples and diaspora to continue to write appeal letters to all human right organizations pressure safe release of Ato Andergachew.

ARDUF call on all Ethiopian democratic forces to intensify their collective democratic struggle to hasten the dismantling of tyrannical Wayyane regime. ARDUF believes this is the most worthy service we can render to our compatriot who is languishing in Wayyane prison.

Victory to the heroic ARDUF/UGUUGUMO



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