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ENVIROMENTAL DISASTER IN ETHIOPIA

MELES ZENAWI REGIME BURNING FORESTS OF HISTORIC MONASTERIES

The Meles Zenawi regime is a vile curse on Ethiopia. As if the gross human rights violations, the incarceration of more than 35,000 political prisoners, the systematic and widespread torture of dissidents, the witch-hunt against journalists of the free press, the disappearance of very many political activists, the ceding of Ethiopian land to the Sudan, the ongoing disastrous land grab, the sale and trafficking of people were not enough the Meles Zenawi regime has launched a campaign of destruction of Ethiopian forests of historical monasteries.

The historic Waldiba monastery with its indigenous and centuries old trees is facing a land lease permit given by the ruling regime to the Chinese and Indians. National treasure forests in Gambella have been given to Indian capitalists and are being destroyed to make place for farms. The historic Asebot monastery has once again become a victim of a so called “unexplained fire” and lost its treasured forest. Today, the turn is for the monastery in Ziquala, 45 kms south of Addis Abeba, famous for its dense and old forests/trees, for many who prefer the quiet and presence of the indigenous Gureza (Columbus) monkeys. The Meles regime is engaged not only in trafficking Ethiopians to modern slavery in the Middle East but is also actively selling off the country's fertile land to Arabs, Chinesse, Indians, ...etc. The fertile land of the Waldiba, a historic site, has thus been leased to foreigners. Asebot monastery in Hararghe is being burnt to take over the land much as Ziquala is being burnt today. Official State media has kept silent on the disaster and the regime has blocked people who wanted to fight the fire. Ten days have passed now as Ziquala burns and the forest and trees treasure perishes in the face of a callous regime's condemnable action.

The EPRP vigorously condemns the Meles regime of its foul and reprehensible action against Ethiopia, for the environmental disaster it has caused and calls on all international human rights and environmental protection organizations to strongly condemn it.

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