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EPRP CONDEMNS SUDANESE AGGRESSION AND KILLINGS

On July 9, Sudanese soldiers crossed the border in the Taya area and invaded Ethiopian territory to kill dozens of Ethiopian farmers. Troops of the Meles regime in the area did not take any action. The Sudanese claim that the fertile land in the region has been ceded to the Sudan by the Meles regime and the Ethiopian farmers should not be there.

Ethiopian farmers in the area were able to recuperate seven bodies (one has been buried now in Metema and the others have been taken to Negade Bahir and other villages of Chilga region for burial. The Meles regime has ceded Ethiopian territory to the Sudan and the soldiers of Khartoum are stationed in Nefso Gebeya and other sites of Quara and have ousted Ethiopian farmers from these Ethiopian lands. Sudan has also arrested and taken away to prison in the Sudan more than forty Ethiopian farmers. It is to be noted that recently the Beshir and Meles regimes signed a secret military agreement in Addis Ababa and have stated that they will jointly fight against what they call their "common enemies". Sudan has deported many Ethiopian refugees back to Ethiopia (many like Major Atanaw Wassie are in Kaliti prison while others like Azanaw Demile have been disappeared) and continues to mistreat Ethiopian refugees in collaboration with the Meles embassy in Khartoum.

The killing of Ethiopian farmers by Sudanese soldiers is a crime that the EPRP condemns with vigour. The EPRP has called on Ethiopians both inside and outside the country to mobilize against the aggressive acts of the Beshir regime and to condemn the traitorous anti national cabal of Meles Zenawi.

The sovereignty of Ethiopia shall be defended and assured by the sacrifice of its valiant sons and daughters.

Stop the aggression by the Sudan!

Sudanese troops should leave Ethiopia without conditions!