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SOCEPP DENOUNCES THE ILLEGAL DETENTION OF BERTUKAN MIDIKSA

The repressive regime of Meles Zenawi has detained the leader of the opposition political party UDJ, Weizero Bertukan Midiksa, on flimsy grounds that pertain to her comment on the question of her so called pardon by the regime sometime ago. Reports indicate that some ten security agents apprehended her and bundled her to jail. Early reports indicate that she has been taken to the notorious Kaliti prison.

Bertukan Midiksa had made it clear that her party would take part in the 2010 elections and thus the regime has no ground to accuse of her of advocating armed struggle or any other dissident action declared illegal by its arbitrary laws. Bertukan has already been in Kaliti with her CUDP companions when the regime detained her and others following the 2005 election fraud and the massacre of more than 200 protesters. The present detention of Bertukan Midiksa, a former judge, is an illegal and vindictive act on the part of the repressive regime and SOCEPP calls on all justice loving people all over the world to call for her immediate release.

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