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MELES ZENAWI REGIME IS SELLING ETHIOPIAN LAND
TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS

The anti-national regime of Meles Zenawi is selling Ethiopian land to the highest bidder in a move that is compromising and jeopardizing Ethiopian national interest. The recent move involves the handing over of "hundreds of thousands of hectares' of fertile land to Saudi Arabia for it to grow cereals to assure the food security of its own nationals. This has been confirmed now by none other than Meles Zenawi himself in an interview with the Saudi paper Arab News.

A report put it as follows:

"Saudi Arabia, which is making efforts to provide food security for its nationals, can look up to Ethiopia where huge tracts of unutilized agricultural land are available for growing cereals, according to Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi. A Saudi ministerial delegation, which visited Ethiopia to explore the prospects of investing in agriculture, is impressed by the country's huge potential and as a follow up sending a team of experts to conduct specialized studies, said Zenawi". We are ready to hand them hundreds of thousands of hectares of land is what the dictator said unashamedly.

It is to be noted that the unhealthy presence of Saudi capital in the economy of Ethiopia has already elicited much protest from Ethiopians worried about their country's national sovereignty given the historic realities and the Saudi position vis a vis Ethiopian sovereignty. Recently, the Meles regime handed over hectares of land to the Djibouti dictator Omar Gelleh and his wife. Previously, the regime ceded fertile Ethiopian land from Gondar to Gambella to the Sudan. This accelerated handing over of Ethiopian land to foreign countries or companies is undertaken by a beleaguered regime that is after money no matter what and feeling threatened the coming of its impending doom and end. Millions of Ethiopians are presently victims of famine, the high price for food has made city dwellers victims of hunger, there is no food security and it is in this situation that the regime has decided to hand over fertile land to foreigners to help them assure their own food security. How more treacherous can a regime get?

The EPRP strongly condemns the ceding or selling of Ethiopian land to any foreign country or company.

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