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**WHERE ARE TSEGAYE GEBRE MEDHIN
AND ALL OTHER EPRP PRISONERS?**

**A CALL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO SEEK THEIR
RELEASE OR INFORMATION ON THEIR FATE**

JUNE 1991: Tsegaye Gebre Medhin (aka Debteraw), Yishak Debretsion, Amha Bellette, Sitotaw Hussein (all four members of the Leadership committee of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP), and senior members like Teklai Gebre Sellasie, Hagos Bezabih, Desalegn Amsalu fell into the hands of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (the ruling TPLF/EPRDF), were taken to Bahr Dar prison and then to Tigray and "disappeared". Around the same time, the Sudan deported the refugee Azanaw Demile and he has also disappeared.

As of 1993, Mot Baynor Nure, Eyob Ashenafi, Demissie Tesfaye, Ms Aberash Berta, Lemma Hailu, Tesfaye Kebede, Wondusirak Desta, journalist Berhanu Ijigu, Teshome Beyene and trade unionist Abebe Ainekulu were all arrested as EPRP members (Addis Ababa, Bahr Dar, Arba Minch) and subsequently disappeared. The ruling Front has also disappeared Tamrat Gizachew, a veteran member of the EPRP.

The regime of Meles Zenawi has refused to give any report on the whereabouts of the above mentioned EPRP political prisoners and for some unexplained reason their fate has not also been the concern of human rights organizations with few exceptions. Demands made have been ignored by the regime that unofficially denies it had ever detained them and then goes on to say they have all been executed. Lack of information on their fate has been a serious psychological torture on the relative, kin and friends of the disappeared.

The EPRP calls on all friends of the EPRP and human rights organizations to launch a concerted and continuing campaign to publicize the fate of the disappeared and to call for action on their behalf. E mails, faxes and postal messages to the authorities in Addis Ababa should be undertaken extensively. Ethiopians in the Diaspora should spearhead this human

rights action and the EPRP calls upon them to stand for those who struggled for our people and country.

Send e-mails, faxes and letters to human rights organizations like Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, etc who have remained silent on the fate of the above.

Relevant addresses:

- Prime Minister Meles Zenawi
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- Amnesty International
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