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REMEMBERING THE MARTYRS, CONDEMNING THE REPRESSION

November has had the saddening habit of being a month of death and grief in Ethiopia of recent times. Back in the Derg days we remember the summary execution of 60 people, the brutal killing of 23 young EPRP members and in November 2005 the savage slaying of more than 50 peaceful demonstrators by the Meles Zenawi regime.

All of the recent three regimes in Ethiopia have been characterized by the absence of the rule of law and the use of savage repression and force to maintain their rule. The military regime and its Red Terror can never be forgotten. The present regime has had its share of massacres and genocide and is presently engaged in atrocities both in Somali and in the Ogaden region of Ethiopia. Three years ago in November, its forces killed more than 50 peaceful dissenters who objected to the election fraud perpetrated by the regime. The Meles regime is holding in its dungeons and labor camps thousands of political prisoners. The independent press has been muzzled since then. The perpetrators of the violence that cost so many lives are still in power and continuing with their savage frenzy. The absence of the rule of law is the norm and the repression has not slackened.

Bekele Welde Giorgis, Mulugeta Sultan, Yitbarek Hizkias, Woubshet Reta, Zerbruk Abebe, and countless others martyrs during the Derg time are to be remembered along the hundreds of victims killed by the Meles Zenawi regime in the past few years. The EPRP continues to struggle for an end to the brutal regime and for justice to be done by bringing the criminals like Meles Zenawi to judgment. The thousands of political prisoners in Dedesam Bir Sheleko, Zwai and many other prisons must be released without delay and their tormentors punished legally. An end must be put to those who trample on the rule of law and who commit murder against the people at large.

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