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Greetings,

While we appreciate the motive, mission and purpose of the SBS, we are sending you this protest letter to call for an end to the use of the SBS Amharic service to popularize mass murderers of the previous military regime. Captain Kassahun Seboka, who served the totalitarian regime of colonel Mengistu and is now seemingly in charge of the Amharic service of the SBS, is responsible for this travesty that has pained and hurt millions of Ethiopians.

In the past weeks, captain Kassahun has interviewed mass murderer Mengistu Haile Mariam, among other criminals, and offered him a platform to spread his lies once again. Mengistu is responsible for the death of millions and his regime has, during the Red Terror, killed close to half a million people according to Amnesty International. This disgusting interview was followed by another interview of Major Fikre Sellasie Wegderes who served as the deputy of Mengistu till the military regime fell in May 1991. This murderer not only claimed he was innocent of most crimes but used the occasion to attack the victims of the Red Terror and the organization that was targeted by it, namely the EPRP.

Ethiopians have over the years called for the arrest and international trial of the butcher Mengistu and all his bloody deputies and not for them to get a chance to rehash their crimes and attack the victims once again with their lies. Captain Kassahun Seboka has used the Amharic Service to give his former bosses the chance to vilify and laugh at the people. This verges on the criminal.

We call on the SBS to redress the situation, to sanction the lieutenant and to demand his public apology and to make sure that the service is not used for the benefit of mass murderers and criminals or their followers.

With regards.....

