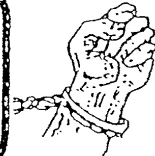




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## **ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES IN LIBYA IN GRAVE DANGER**

### **SOCEPP APPEAL TO THE UNHCR AND FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS**

THE alarming light of Ethiopian refugees in Libya has again force SOCEPP to launch an alarm call to the UNHCR and all foreign governments to come to the rescue of more than a thousand Ethiopian refugees and domestic workers suffering Libya where all sides subject them to racism,rape,beatings and mistreatment. SOCEPP also calls on Ethiopians in the Diaspora to rise up in defense of the Ethiopians whoa re in grave danger in Libya.

SOCEPP has received reports of deaths and mistreatment of Ethiopians in Libya. Nationals of other countries have had the chance to be evacuated while Ethiopians have been ignored. Refugees face the danger of deportation back to the hated regime of Meles Zenawi which has disappeared many refugees sent back from the Sudan, Djibouti and Kenya. Those who argue that Ethiopian refugees face no danger if deported argue contrary to the reality and the existing practice of the Meles regime. Of the latest 15 deportees from the Sudan, Major Atanaw Wassie, in his seventies, was first disappeared and then denied medical treatment and has died under detention while his 14 other deportee friends are in Kaliti uncharged before any proper court of law.

Concretely, SOCEPP is working hard to take out the Ethiopians out of Libya and to safe countries of resettlement be it in Italy, Canada or other places. Ethiopian should demand the countries they live in to host the endangered refugees with no hesitation at all. SOCEPP calls on all to hasten to help Ethiopians in Libya who are facing extreme danger to their lives.

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