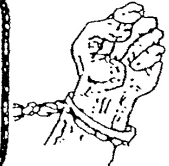




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SOCEPP CALLS FOR THE RELEASE OF REFUGEES JAILED BY EGYPT

More than 17 Ethiopians who had lived in the Sudan for years have been apprehended by Egyptian police and jailed in a remote prison outside of Aswan . !
7 of the imprisoned and suffering Ethiopians are the following:

1. Birille Mamo Fanta, Age 18
2. Abraham Giday G. Mariam, Age 47
3. Teklai Gebre Tekle, Age 42
4. Seret Teklai Gebre, Age 10
5. Temesgen Teklai Gebre, Age 4
6. Ermias Teklai Gebre, Age 7
7. Abdukadir Nassir Ibrahim, Age 26
8. Endalkachew Wolde Deissie, Age 23
9. Tesfai Gebrewahd Hilessa, Age 30
10. Zewde Tewolde Workineh, Age 35
11. Mulu Worku Admassie, Age 25
12. Regia Hussein Mohammed, Age 16
13. Mulu Anteneh Workineh, Age 24
14. Marta Mamo Reda, Age 29
15. Tigist Yohan Meleru, Age 29

16. Demoz Gebre Desta, Age 36

17. Tesfaye Eyasu W. Michael, Age 35

The detainees, of whom five are children and two are orphans, are held in a military camp (some for close to two years) in appalling conditions. They are presently outside of the reach of the UNHCR though one time in the past a UNHCR official had visited them and told them he can do little or nothing for them. Eritrean refugees held in similar conditions have now been resettled in Canada while the Ethiopians have been left to their fate and told that they will neither be released nor deported till they get a third country to take them in or resettle them.

SOCEPP calls on the UNHCR, on human rights organizations and possible host governments to take up the case of the suffering Ethiopians.

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