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ROUNDING UP, JAILING AND TORTURING  
OF INNOCENT PEOPLE CONTINUES

A the popular protest against the repressive regime in Addis Abeba intensifies, the Tigrean regime that has already killed more than 130 people, wounded many more and jailed hundreds of others has intensified its rounding up of innocent citizens in the dead of the night. The rounded up have been taken to unspecified destinations and reports of torture and inhumane treatments are credible given the regime's notorious record.

The regime has accused many quarters of having the openly Ethiopian protests in Gondar, Gojjam, Adama (Nazret), Shashemene, the unrest in Oromo areas, Gambella, amidst the Afars, etc trying to allege that the popular anger against its rule is the work of foreign and enemy forces. If truth be told the crisis to it is caused by its own anti democratic and ethnic chauvinist governance, its plunder and sale of lands, by the fact it has equated all dissent with terrorism, by its gross violation of human rights, Alleging that "EPRP members" are behind the protests it has also rounded up very many people that it claims were and are EPRP members. Frantic, the regime is striking like an enraged and wounded animal.

The protest is spreading and intensifying and no machination, local or foreign, is going to stop it. This means more repression and violence would be expected from the isolated minority regime.

SOCEPP calls on democratic forces to condemn the violence of the repressive regime against the people exercising and demanding their basic rights. The attempt to salvage the regime by attacking the protesters for engaging in what some call "unauthorized demonstrations" is pathetic as the people have their inalienable right to protest peacefully. The regime murdered and unleashed violence against the people and will commit more murders in the coming weeks. Stop hiding this or watering it down. A crime against the people is a crime against the people.

Condemn the regime in Addis Abeba for crimes against the people.

The struggle for basic rights is just !!

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