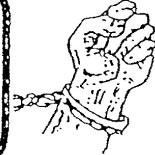




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**ETHIOPIAN PRISONERS SUFFERING IN EGYPTIAN JAILS**

The horrible plight of Ethiopians in Libya has now become public but equally bad is their situation in Egypt. Refugees trying to make their way into Israel (which grants asylum to Eritreans but not to Ethiopians) have been shot dead or wounded by Egyptian police. These same police have also raped many Ethiopian women refugees or hold refugees captive and extorted money from them. The deplorable situation continues unabated despite the downfall of the Egyptian longtime president.

SOCEPP has received the names of some prisoners in Anater (Cairo) prison. They have all been kept in illegal detention for the last three years.

1. Muse Menbere Asoye
2. Temeche Admasse Woldgebriel
3. Samuel Assefa Wold Michael
4. Abdulmalik Hussen
5. Ahmed Mustefa Yossef
6. Getinet Liku
7. Menbere Aklog Gebrekiristos
8. Teklay Kidane Gebre Medhun
9. Mohamed Chawe Obesa
10. Fekadu Melkamu
11. Yohannes Asmelash Mehari

They have not been legal aid or contacted by the UNHCR. Many other prisoners are held in other jails and also near the Egypt-Israeli border. SOCEPP has addressed a protest letter to the present rulers of Egypt to respect the basic human rights of the Ethiopian refugees, to stop and punish the crimes perpetrated against them by Egyptian soldiers and police and to release all imprisoned refugees.

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