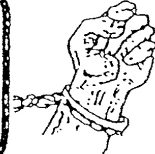




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EGYPT DOES IT AGAIN!

Egypt has once again shown its gross violation of the rights of Ethiopian refugees and nationals. It had in the past shot scores of refugees dead as they tried to cross into Israel. The latest involved 32 Ethiopian pilgrims forcefully deported back to Ethiopia. Here below is the report:

*" The protest lasted for over two hours as passengers, who included several African and European Ambassadors accredited to the AU and Ethiopia, questioned the condition under which the deportees were being sent back to Ethiopia and the rationale for flying them on a commercial flight with other passengers.*

*Egyptian police pushed and shoved the pilgrims into the boarding lounge, infuriating the diplomats.*

*PANA learnt that at least two European diplomats refused to board the flight.*

*'We protest this inhumane treatment of our African brothers. This cannot happen before our own eyes,' said one diplomat, infuriated by the treatment meted out to the Ethiopians. A senior AU official, who tried to mediate between the infuriated passengers and the Egypt Air executives, said the Ethiopians were not criminals, but had entered Egypt from Mecca, Saudi Arabia'.*

SOCEPP has repeatedly called on Egyptian officials to stop their illegal and brutal action against Ethiopians of whom no less than 85 asylum seekers are in Egyptian jails without a proper legal recourse.

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