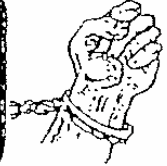




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ACTING CHAIRMAN OF ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES BODY
DISAPPEARED IN THE SUDAN

Reports reaching SOCEPP reveal that the acting chairman of The Ethiopian Refugees Association in the Sudan, Wendimagegn Getaneh, was picked up by the Sudanese police in the afternoon of March 5 and has disappeared since.

Wendimagegn was a former officer of the Ethiopian army, a refugee and has been active and vocal in defense of the Ethiopian refugees. Especially since June 6/2007 when more than 30 refugees were detained and also disappeared/some reportedly deported and jailed in secret places in Ethiopia/, Wendimagegn has been interviewed by the Voice of America Amharic service, the Deutschewelle Amharic service, etc.. and had spoken out against the injustices the Ethiopian refugees face in the Sudan.

SOCEPP calls on the UNHCR and the Sudanese authorities to assure the safety of Wendimagegn Getaneh and to effectuate his immediate release from detention. He faces the grave danger of deportation and possible repression by the EPRDF in Ethiopia. The Sudan has repeatedly deported Ethiopian refugees. Ethiopians in the Diaspora are asked to write protest letter to the nearest Sudanese embassy or consulate.

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