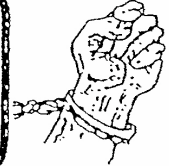




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END THE ILLEGAL DETENTION OF JUDGE BIRTUKAN MIDIKSA

Judge Birtukan Midiksa, one of the top leaders of the opposition CDU and later on the chairperson of the UDJ organization, was illegally rearrested on December 2008 and is being kept in Kaliti prison up to now under inhumane conditions. She had been jailed in 2005 for two years.

The repressive regime of Meles Zenawi unleashed its venomous vengeance on the young political leader basing itself on a ridiculous assertion that she has violated the conditions of her pardon. In actual fact, it was an illegal measure to flex its oppressive muscles against a woman who opted for peaceful struggle and was not preaching violence but reconciliation. In Kaliti, she has been kept in isolation, subjected to psychological torture, denied visits by relatives and even by her lawyer. Meles Zenawi has violated all legal propriety and insisted time and gain that she will not be released at all. By any standards and consideration, Birtukan Midiksa did not commit any offence or crime other than peacefully pursuing her political aims and objectives which actually is a crime under the EPRDF regime.

SOCEPP calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Judge Birtukan Midiksa and reminds international human rights bodies to campaign for her release.

Release Birtukan Midiksa and all political prisoners now!!

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