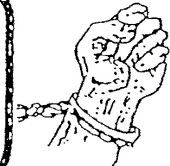




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## OPEN LETTER TO ALL ARAB HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS

All over the Middle East and in Libya too, the rights of Ethiopians, refugees and domestic workers, are being grossly violated, The recent victim is a young woman in her twenties who was kidnapped in the Al Daid region of Sharjah (UAE), gang raped and then struck by stones till she died. The main killer had previously murdered a young Pakistani girl but was released when he paid blood money.

It is true that the primary responsibility for the refugees and the sale of young women unto modern slavery lies with the repressive and corrupt regime in Addis Abeba. However, the cruel violation of the rights of Ethiopians in Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, the Emirates , Kuwait and Libya should be of concern to all Arab human rights organizations as the governments in all these countries are evidently part of the problem and the violations that are continuing unabated. Young Ethiopian girls work 16 hours daily, some are denied their pay, others are raped, beaten, mutilated, driven to suicide and subjected o crude racism. Unconfirmed reports allege that some are forcefully used as organ donors especially in Libya and Lebanon. It is clearly one of the main duties and tasks of the human rights organizations in Arab countries to raise their voices against the modern day slavery and the gross violations of the rights of Ethiopians in all the Arab countries.

SOCEPP had in the past addressed similar letters to your attention. The situation has not improved but has, on the contrary, worsened. SOCEPP has to be honest too and declare that the campaign on your parts has not been really determined and effective. Hence, SOCEPP once again calls on all of you Arab Human Rights bodies to raise your voices against this injustice.

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