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INTENSIFIED AND RUTHLESS REPRESSION IN ETHIOPIA

Since the outbreak of the popular protest last November, the regime in Addis Abeba has let loose a campaign of terror against the people, killing thousands, declaring a state of emergency, rounding up more than 40,000 people (to add to the thousands others that it had incarcerated since 1991) and using its special terror forces against the people. In the last three weeks alone, many youngsters have been picked up in daily and nocturnal raids in Addi Abeba, Gondar, Bahr Dar, Dangla and other places. In Gondar and Bahr Dar, illings bu the regime's squads have been reported.

The regime has set up a so called Command post dominated by Tigrean generals and intelligence officers and this body is doggedly continuing on the path of ruthless repression. Ever since the regime's high official, Seyoum Mesfin, declared that the EPRP is responsible for the popular uprising the jailing of alleged EPRP members or sympathizers has been relentless. In fact, latest reports indicate that accused EPRP members have been picked out of Tolai, Awash Arba and other notorious holding pens and transported to the infamous prisons in Tigray where, in the past, dozens of EPRP have been disappeared or summarily killed.

The violence and terror of the regime has pushed the people to resorting to armed self defense and further aggravated the crisis. Journalists, known dissidents, activist youngsters and bloggers have been jailed without any due

process. Many have trekked into exile to become victims of traffickers from Bosaso to Libya and beyond even though Fortress Europe continues to chase the illusion of Ethiopia as a safe country. It is obvious that the vast majority of the Ethiopian people have said no to the continuation of the dictatorial regime in Addis Abeba which runs actually a one party,ethnic discriminatory and violent system.

SOCEPP calls for the immediate release of the imprisoned thousands.

SOCEPP calls for the release of alleged EPRP members and other legal activists of other parties rounded up and are being tortured.

Stop the ruthless repression in Ethiopia!

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