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**BRING THE MURDERERS OF MEZGEBNESH ABAYOU TO JUSTICE**



MEZGEBNESH ABAYOU (also known as Hirut) was an active member of the opposition Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP) who was murdered in her apartment in April 1988 in Philadelphia (USA) by hired killer/s. Mezgebnesch was a wanted person by the totalitarian military regime and her husband, a militant like her, was killed during the Red Terror that massacred hundreds of thousands in Ethiopia. She played a major role in the publication of the then famous GOH magazine.

Mezgebnesch became a refugee in the Sudan in 1980 and later left to the United States where she pursued her education and got employment. On the tragic April morning when she was preparing to leave for work in the morning, her killer/s knocked or rang at her door and when she opened it she was repeatedly stabbed and murdered. Police found evidence of struggle as she tried to defend herself from her assailant or killers. No robbery was reported. It was evident that Mezgebnesch was killed for political motives. There were powerful individuals who did accuse of her being responsible for the killing of a political dissident in Addis Ababa though the allegation was false. Did these powerful people hire a killer or killers to stab her to death? That she opened the door did indicate she may perhaps have known her killer and some possible names were mentioned in this instance too. However, the police closed the case and Mezgebnesch was denied justice. This is the situation up to now.

SOCEPP wants the case opened and is calling on the police in Philadelphia to render justice to Mezgebnesch who was a victim of a premediated political murder. SOCEPP calls on Ethiopians in Philadelphia na elsewhere to come forward and to demand justice for the militant woman who was brutally murdered at her young age of 33 years.

Justice for Mezgebnesch (Hirut)

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