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BRUTAL BEATINGS AND TORTURE CONTINUE IN ETHIOPIA

WEINSHET MOLA is a young female political activist and a meber of the Semeyawi party (she is also a member of the National Council) and was recently subjected to a barbaric beating session (right arm broken, skull cracked, body heavily bruised, etc...) in the hands of the regime's police and security force. Weinshet in now held incommunicado. Only last Friday, the police provoked a clash with Muslims praying in the Anwar Mosque of Addis Abeba and rushed into the Mosque in great numbers to beat up, maim and even kill innocent Muslims. In Northern Shoa, repression against Amharas has claimed many lives. Bloggers have been charged with terrorism. All facts seem to affirm that the regime in place is in a frenzy of senseless and ruthless violence against political dissenters and activists of other parties. The Semeyawi party is a clear target, the youths considered dangerous and Amharas as a people labeled evil. The refusal of the regime to let the British embassy visit the kidnapped Andargatchew Tsige has also put in front the ominous possibility of his being tortured as the British drag their feet and seemingly act as accomplices of the thuggish regime. Some sources allege that the regime is relying more and more on repression and violence as the general election approaches and even though the result is known in advance (the ruling front will win come what may in an expected vote rigging exercise) the panic of the regime is very palpable.

SOCEPP demands that the repression and violence of the regime be stopped by a concerted action, both local and international
All political prisoners must be released without any precondition!