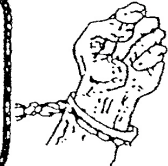




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RELEASE THE PRISONERS OF 2005

MAY--JUNE 2005-- the EPRDF regime committed fraud and cancelled the results of the general election. Its defeat was turned into "victory", more than 200 peaceful protesters shot dead, close to 50,000 people rounded up and sent to prison camps (Zwai, Shoa Robit, Dedesa and Bir Sheleko) and "ghost" prisons all over Ethiopia. At present, some 35,000 prisoners are still suffering in thousands of brutal wardens and prison guards.

The EPRDF regime did release some 120 leaders of the opposition, independent journalists and civic association leaders after keeping them behind bars in Kaliti for close to two years. However, it is keeping thousands without any due process of law and in inhumane conditions. SOCEPP strongly criticizes the so called elders committee and human rights groups who have raised no audible voice protesting against the continued incarceration of thousands of people especially in the horrible camps mentioned above.

SOCEPP strongly condemns the illegal regime of Meles Zenawi and calls for the immediate release of the thousands of innocent citizens suffering in the prison camps since June 2005. Dozens of prisoners have died since then for lack of adequate medical care and due to beatings, torture and mistreatment.

Release all political prisoners in Ethiopia!

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