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## URGENT ACTION AND PROTESTS NEEDED ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES IN LIBYA DUMEPED IN THE DESERT

Fifty seven Ethiopian refugees held under inhumane conditions in one of the many prisons of Tripoli are facing a serious danger to their lives at this moment. The refugees including women and babies have been suffering since the upheavals in Libya and have been facing mistreatment that cannot be described but as savage and racist.

In the last three days, the Libyan authorities have taken 17 of the refugee prisoners to the border with Chad and kept them in a dark room prior "being deported" to Ethiopia. One wonders how. Five women prisoners have been granted (on with a six months baby) by the Eritrean embassy in Tripoli. Eritrean refugees are also suffering in Libyan dungeons and containers. Libya under and after Khadafy has proved a hell hole for all Africans who have been forced to suffer crude Arab racism towards black people. Many refugees have been killed and both men and women raped by the soldiers and the rebels of the time. It is a horror no one can ignore or forget. This is why the international community should act fast to save the lives of those dumped in the desert (near the Chadian border) and those held in inhumane conditions in Tripoli and other prisons in Libya.

SOCEPP calls on the Ethiopian Diaspora and media to at urgently to publicize the plight of our compatriots and also to stage protest actions in front of Libyan embassies and consulates all over the world.

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