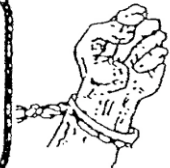




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RELEASE JOURNALIST MULUKEN TESFAHUN NOW !

JOURNALIST Muluken Tesfahun of the Ethio-Mahder private newspaper has been jailed in and near Assosa, Beni Shangul region, as he interviewed forcedly evicted farmers from the area close to the controversial and so called Renaissance Dam that the regime boasts it will build. The company in charge of the construction of the 4.7 Billion US dollars dam, the Salini Construction, was also at the center of a vast resettlement controversy back in the 1980s at Tana Beles (Gojjam region).

Sources have reported to SOCEPP that Muluken has been mistreated and harassed because he dared to go to the area and interview some of the thousands of the forcefully evicted peasants. The regime in Addis Abeba is a known predator of the free press and it considers any serious, independent and objective reporting as dangerous and subversive. It has closed dozens of newspapers, imprisoned many journalists and forced into exiles scores of others. SOCEPP demands the immediate release of journalist Muluken and the unconditional cessation of the forced eviction of peasants.

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