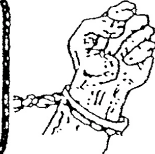




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STOP THE REPRESSION AGAINST OROMOS

Ever since it quarreled with its transitional government ally, the Oromo Liberation Front, the regime of Meles Zenawi has, as it has done with Amharas, Somalis, etc, consistently been repressing the Oromo people. Recently, the regime has accompanied the purge of its satellite Oromo organization (OPDO) with wide spread arrest of Oromo political activists and dissidents.

The regime holds more than 35,000 political prisoners all over Ethiopia and a substantial number of these are Oromos subjected to ethnic and political repression. The regime has also involved itself in the burning of churches and mosques and went on to arrest Moslems and Christians to cover its own criminal activities. Legally existing Oromo organizations in Ethiopia have declared that more than 200 members of their have now been rounded up. This repression should be condemned and their immediate release should be demanded. Together with this SOCEPP calls on all to demand the release of all political prisoners be they in Kaliti or in the labour camps (Dedesa, Zwai, Bir Sheleko, etc..) or in the secret so called ghost prisons.

The Meles Zenawi regime has increased its repressive action as the fear of a mass protest strikes it. In the last weeks many more people have been arrested from different organizations and sectors. The repression is expected to intensify.

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