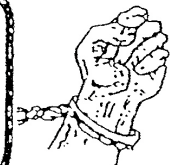




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SUDAN ACTING AGAINST ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES AGAIN!

Sudan is once again implementing measures that are negatively affecting the status of Ethiopian refugees and may end up by facilitating their deportation. It is to be noted that Sudan has in the past deported several refugees and one Azanaw Demile has disappeared while another (elder Atanaw Wassie) has died in detention and many still find themselves in Kaliti and other prisons.

Sudan has now practically erased the status of refugees and ordered all recognized refugees to return their IDs and to take a new one which designates all of them as Asylum Seekers. This is a blatant violation of the rights of refugees. The Sudanese government has no right to revoke en masse the status of refugees and to declare them all asylum seekers. Many are those who declare that this ploy is intended to facilitate and justify deportations that are sought by the Meles Zenawi regime.

Ethiopian refugees in the Sudan are in grave danger and SOCEPP calls on Ethiopians and others to mobilize to denounce the illegal action of the Sudanese government. SOCEPP also calls on the UNHCR to raise its voice against this measure that arbitrarily deprives the refugees of their status.

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