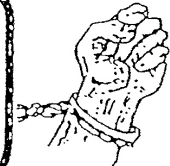




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DENOUNCE SUDANESE ACTION AGAINST REFUGGES

Sudanese security forces and the police have raided the homes of Ethiopian refugees in Khartoum and not only robbed and committed rape but have also arrested dozens for eventual deportation. It is to be remembered that Sudan had, in the past, deported many refugees including Azanaw Demile and others who have been disappeared and Major Atanaw Wassie and fourteen others who are jailed in Kaliti.

The present brutal action against defenseless refugees follows military and security agreements made by the regimes in Addis Ababa and Khartoum. The regime of Omar Beshir is trying to please the Meles regime by taking such an illegal action against bona fide refugees. The shops and homes of the refugees (including Eritrean ones) have been robbed, at least 14 refugees have been brutally beaten and several young Ethiopian girls raped. Ther UNHCR in Khartoim is powerless and has proved its failure to give any protection to Ethiopian refugees. The Western countries have dried up the third country resettlement possibility claiming the regime in Ethiopia, a client body, is not repressive at all. In the meantime, the refugees continue to suffer. The raid and brutal action is expected to take place in Gedaref, Kassala, Hasaisa, Basonda and other palces in which Ethiopian refugees are to be found. It should be mentioend that Sudanese troops crossed into Ethiopian territory around the Taya border point a week or so ago and killed many Ethiopian farmers.

SOCEPP strongly condemns the continuing Sudanese brutality against Ethiopian refugees and calls upon the UNHCR and all human rights organizations to raise their voice agaist the actions of the Omar Beshir security forces.

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