

A Bomb Blast being heard, and Political Sidama Prisoners Made to Disappear; Awassa Sidama, Ethiopia

It has been learnt that the Sidama prisoners who were innocent, but, alleged instigation of peaceful and unarmed Sidama demonstrators who were claiming their international human rights of self governance on May 24/2002 were made to disappear from Awassa main prison and taken to an unknown location according to the eye witness from Awassa city. Nobody knows their whereabouts since then. The massacre of the Sidama peaceful demonstrators by the security forces of TPLF/EPRDF led Ethiopian regime was pre-planned and deliberate to devastate the Sidama nationalism and national interest.

The Sidama prisoners are not allowed to be tried where they are alleged of instigating the Sidama peaceful demonstrators. Anti-Sidama national interest program has continued in different forms until today. This is a part of TPLF's policy against the Sidamas which is intimidation, harassing and making disappearance of the Sidama people from their own land. Hundreds of thousands have disappeared from their homes since the massacre and no one knows their whereabouts. A significant number of them have fled the country. There is a mounting evidence of fear and suspicion from the families of prisoners in particular from that time onwards and huge tension in Sidama region in general since the massacre of the peaceful Sidamas demonstrators.

The families of the prisoners are deeply expressing their concern. There is a speculation that the prisoners have fallen under the cruel and inhuman TPLF/EPRDF's killing squad according to the secret government sources (who is Sidama) who doesn't want to be identified for security purposes. All the Sidama nation is seeking international community's intervention without delay to save the lives of Sidama prisoners.

FABRICATION OF THE CASE TO MOVE THE SIDAMA PRISONERS FROM THEIR LAND

In the week of Abyssinian New Year eve, 10th of September 2003, a bomb blast was heard in main Awassa prison compound which is believed to be thrown from TPLF's security forces. The perpetrators were not officially identified. The second bomb blast was heard on 25th of September 2003 in the same compound. In this case again no one was brought to the public attention. In both incidents no casualties were reported. Just it was a simple blast to allege the Sidamas!!

The source from Sidama witnessed that this is purely the act of TPLF/EPRDF's security agents to pave a way to move the Sidama prisoners to unknown location in allegation from their families and people to others where they can't see their families and relatives. In practice the Sidamas are intimidated and harassed day to day by the security forces of the TPLF's regime and their loyal cadres let alone to bomb the Sidama prisoners. So this is a fabrication of TPLF led regime according to the sources from the event.

As the very nature of TPLF/EPRDF led Ethiopian regime is a deception as we have repeatedly increased the awareness of the international community on this issue, today

once again they are repeating the same history against the Sidama prisoners. Thus, the need for international community's in particular human rights organisations and regional organization intervention to save the Sidama prisoners is paramount.

It's time to reveal the hidden face of TPLF/EPRDF led democracy galvanised and deceitful Ethiopian regime against the human rights of the Sidama prisoners and the Sidama people as a whole. We, the Sidamas in Diaspora once again would like to express our deep concern on the silence of international community despite all these mounting evidences against human rights violations of the Sidama and other oppressed nations under Abyssinian Empire. To save the lives of innocent people, it's important to act on time before a millions lives are lost indiscriminately.

We finally, kindly request the support of the west who are knowingly or unknowingly helping the TPLF/EPRDF led regime bilaterally and laterally to be firm and critically investigate the real human rights violations in the country rather than reading and believing the reports from the government.

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