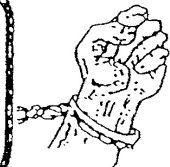




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SUPPORT THE HUNGER STRIKERS IN KALITI PRISON

Several prisoners condemned on made up charges of terrorism (a few are journalists) have been on hunger strike for a week now. Other prisoners in the notorious Kailiti prison supported the hunger strikers and demanded that the regime heed their demands before they die of hunger but the acting head of the prison (TPLF member Ambaye) ordered police to start shooting and as a result many prisoners have been injured (some critically).

The Meles regime has decreed a dubious anti terror law that makes all dissent a punishable act and as a result many citizens with critical views have been jailed on charges of terror. Journalists Eskinder Nerga, Woubshet Taye, Reeyot Alemu (female) are cases in point. The hunger strikers are protesting the mistreatment meted out to them by the prison guards and wardens. The brutal attempt to break the strike and silence the prisoners who supported the strikers needs strong condemnation.

SOCEPP expresses its firm solidarity with the hunger strikers in Kaliti and calls on all international human rights defenders to express their support to them and to condemn the brutal action of the Meles regime.

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