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Stop massive arrest and deportation of Ethiopians

The brutal regime of TPLF/EPRDF has continued hunting and harassing of its opponents in every front. TPLF/EPRDF is now playing another ugly game as the resistance gets harder and the people reject it totally. In its latest attempt and with the sole aim of crushing the opposition group and armed struggle in the country, it has negotiated the territorial integrity of Ethiopia with the Sudan without consulting the Ethiopian people and its own parliament.

TPLF has now in accordance with the agreement handed over part of Ethiopia's territory to the Sudan. In return the Sudan will arrest and deport Ethiopian refugees who hold legal status of refugee granted by the United Nations. Sudan is the signatory of the 1951 Refugee Convention, the 1967 Geneva Protocol and the 1969 African Declaration. Countries that signed the conventions have the obligation to guarantee the safety of refugees residing in their countries. Sudan's action of arresting and deporting Ethiopians is a direct violation of the convention.

We ask the Sudanese government

1. To stop immediately this mass arrest and deportation.
2. To respect the convention it has signed and guarantee the safety of the refugees
3. Release the names and the whereabouts of the refugees
4. Cooperate with the refugees and international organisations to solve the problem in a friendly and human manner.

We also ask all human rights defenders and those who stand for democracy to condemn this action.

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