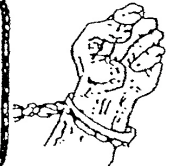




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REPRESSION AGAINST THE PRESS INTENSIFIES IN ETHIOPIA

One of the State controlled courts has sentenced the editor of the FITH newspaper, Ato Temesgen Desalegn, to four months imprisonment or a fine of 2000 Birr. Reports indicate that the Meles regime is out to close the FITH newspaper, perhaps the last of the relatively free press in the country.

Ato Temesgen is accused of printing the trial statements of journalist Eskinder Nega, Andualem Arage, Natnael Makonen and Abebe Kesto who are all accused and jailed under the so called Anti Terror law. To further curtail freedom of expression and the free press the regime has now imposed a draconian decree on printers to censor/refuse to print any article that may be deemed illegal by the regime and its laws. This is the democracy of Meles Zenawi that its apologists in the Western countries try to sell to the world.

Stop the repression against independent journalists!!

Denounce the repressive regime of Meles Zenawi !!

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