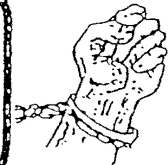




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BRITAIN AND THE EPRDF GUILTY OF ASSEFA MARU'S MURDER

MAY 8 1997: teacher and human rights activist Assefa Maru was summarily killed outside his home by British trained security forces who came in British supplied Land Rovers. Britain has trained and backed the security forces of the repressive EPRDF and, to add insult to injury, Tony Blair had named Meles Zenawi, the strongman of the repressive EPRDF, as one of the two man member of the African Commission.

Assefa Maru was cold bloodedly murdered. The order for his execution came direct from Meles Zenawi, Sebat Nega and foreign minister Seyoum Mesfin. As he came out of his house, the security forces ambushed and summarily shot him to death and then claimed he was resisting arrest. Up to now, the repressive regime has not been pressurized to give an explanation for this outright murder. Another human rights activist, Tesfaye Tadesse, was also brutally stabbed to death by two security officers as he left his house for work and the case has been ignored. The EPRDF regime, backed by Britain even now, is responsible for countless murders, disappearances and massacres in Ethiopia. It is time to bring the murderers of Assefa Maru, Tesfaye Tadesse and many others to trial. Britain and the EPRDF have a lot to answer for.

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