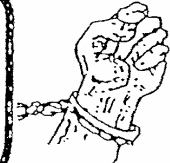




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CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ABERA YEMANE AB

December 1993: Abera Yemane Ab was arrested at Bole Airport Addis Abeba when he arrived with a peace and reconciliation conference leading a group of members of the CODEF opposition organization. He was railroaded through the EPRDF controlled courts (one court order for his release was ignored) and imprisoned illegally for 12 years. He was then sentenced formally for ten years imprisonment, released, not even compensated for his two years more imprisonment and then rearrested and sent back to prison under a new conviction and sentence of 25 years.

Abera Yemane Ab is still incarcerated in the notorious Kaliti prison. His case was ignored by the local human right body and by Amnesty International too just because the regime labelled him a Red Terror criminal without proving its allegation in a proper court of law. Abera has not benefited from any parole right up to now and all indications are, barring pressures for his release, he may be in Kaliti for many more years to come. SOCEPP has from the outset exposed the fact that regime's action against Abera is politically motivated and not linked to any Red Terror action or crime. Abera was a leading member of the the opposition COEDF that was struggling against the Meles Zenawi regime and the actions taken against Abera were a result of his political involvement and opposition to the rule of Meles Zenawi.

SOCEPP calls on all international human rights organizations to call for the immediate release of Abera Yemane Ab whose plight should not be forgotten.

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