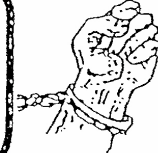


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**UPDATE ON THE BRUTAL TREATMENT OF
JOURNALIST ARAYA T.M. IN NEW DELHI**

SOCEPP had called on human rights organizations to come to the help of Ethiopian journalist Araya Tesfamariam who was attacked in Delhi by thugs bought by the Meles regime. Latest reports now indicate that Araya was apprehended by Indian policemen, taken to the underground of the hospital where his 14 years old daughter is being hospitalized and brutally beaten, threatened, and told never to come visit his daughter and/ or face deportation back to Ethiopia.

Araya Tesfamariam's appeal to the New Delhi UNHCR has received no reply whatsoever. This is not surprising actually as many UNHCR local offices have been accused of working hand in glove with the repressive Meles regime. Araya is thus defenceless and exposed to beatings and murderous attacks coordinated by one Hagos (an agent of Meles) who had been torturing him in Ethiopia and has now followed him to New Delhi "to finish him off". The Indian police who beat up Araya explained to him that the Meles embassy wanted him beaten. Araya is in serious physical condition with injuries to his arms and head.

SOCEPP calls on all Ethiopians and human rights groups to write to the UNHCR (HQ Geneva), to the local UNHCR office in New Delhi (indne@unhcr.org) and to the Indian government itself to assure full protection for Araya Tesfamariam and/or to expedite his resettlement in a safer country. Araya in danger facing alone a brutal regime that had made clear its intention to murder him just as it is bludgeoning and stabbing to death opposition elements inside Ethiopia.

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