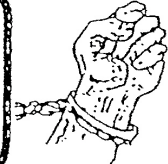




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REPRESSION IN GAMBELA REPORTED

The call for the boycott of the May 2010 already rigged election is getting wide spread approval from the people at large and an incensed regime is stepping up its repression to break this movement. Previous reports have indicated that government cadres have been going from home to home even in Addis Abeba to force people to register "or else".

Latest reports from Gambella reveal that a number of students from the Wiburi School have been shot at and also detained in what the regime calls "attempts to disrupt the electoral process". It is to be recalled that few years back the regime's cadres and security forces massacres close to a thousand Anuaks in Gambella under the direct order of Meles Zenawi, Abay Tsehaie and Dr. Barnabas. The students injured and jailed from the Wiburi school are:

1. Utango Chamo Ujewato
2. Oderi David Uware
3. Ojulu Umod Uchambo
4. Umod Ojulu Kiro
5. Okelo Ushan Uman
6. Kuwait David Uwar

Kuwait was shot in the back and is in a critical condition. The jailed students have been told that they will be released only after the May election.

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