

Stop the support of the dictatorial Ethiopian Regime!

Stop Deportation!



In October 2006 we founded the *Ethiopian War Resisters' Initiative* (EWRI). It comprises active refugees from Ethiopia who are living in Germany. We believe that all forms of war and military oppression are a hindrance to justice, freedom, democracy, rule by law, human rights, and sustainable peaceful development in our country and the whole region. The *Ethiopian War Resisters' Initiative* (EWRI) is dedicated to a long-lasting peace on the basis of human rights and the rights to refuse war, militarisation, forced recruitment and to oppose all forms of human rights violations.

Since the current regime could take over the power in 1991, the ruling party is engaged in warfare, violating human rights and oppressing the people with the help of the military.

Recently, *Amnesty International* reports that the war in Ogaden is still running. Ethiopian troops as well as the *Ogaden National Liberation Front* (ONLF) are violating human rights. In addition: though the Ethiopian government declared they would withdraw all troops from Somalia by January 2009, the Ethiopian military was engaged in fights in the capital city Mogadishu in August 2009.

The dictatorship under Meles Zenawi manipulated the May 2005 election and detained opposition leaders and their supporters, civil society leaders and journalists. Hundreds of thousands were arrested arbitrarily, mistreated and tortured. After arrests by the security forces there were executions without any trial, other people disappeared. Even today, members of the opposition continue to be imprisoned.

Again the regime is trying to engineer the May 2010 election by creating problems with the opposition. The new government declaration on NGO activities in Ethiopia is repressive and meant to hinder the activities of NGOs inside and outside of Ethiopia. With its activities any opposition and resistance could be criminalised easily.

A growing number of civil persons, considering the repressions, intimidations, harassments and widespread human rights violations, can see no chance but to leave the country. They are living scattered in other African countries and in the Middle East. Furthermore numerous refugees have come to Europe to get asylum. But we had to realize that refugees are not treated fairly. Their asylum claims are rejected, especially in Germany. Therefore we, the *Ethiopian War Resisters' Initiative*, demand that Ethiopian and other refugees are treated with full respect. Refugees need asylum.

Peace for All!

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Eritrea

The Ethiopian-Eritrean war was bloody and cost over 100,000 lives between 1998 and 2000. Both governments refuse to implement an international accepted agreement to solve the border conflict. There is always a threat of war on the border. Still the conflict is not resolved. Both regimes are stirring up the conflict which can break out again any day.

The Eritrean dictatorship under Isayas Afewerki is militarizing the country more than any time in its history. Young Eritreans, women as well as men, are forced to join the military. Antimilitarists have to face intimidations, torture and unlimited imprisonment.

Somalia

AFP reported August 30, 2009, that hundreds of Ethiopian troops were backing Somali government forces in an action against Islamist fighters. *Human Rights Watch* reported 2007 about the last intervention of Ethiopian troops that it „violated the laws of war by widely and indiscriminately bombarding highly populated areas of Mogadishu with rockets, mortars and artillery. On several occasions, the troops specifically targeted hospitals and looted them of desperately needed medical equipment.“

Our Demands

- Free and peaceful election in Ethiopia in May 2010;
- Freedom of the press and unrestricted election campaign of the opposition;
- Stop of arrestings, torture and killing of members of the opposition;
- No intervention in the sovereign country of Somalia;
- For a peaceful solution of the border conflict with Eritrea.

Furthermore we urge the German government to grant asylum for refugees. Stop Deportation!