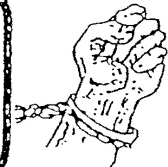




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Anti Terror or Anti Free Press? Brutal repression against independent journalists

SOCEPP: The repressive regime of Meles Zenaw has decreed a convenient anti terrorism law that is invoking to justify its repression against free journalist and all political dissidents. The so called law is such that a mild critic of the regime qualifies as terrorism. To help along, the regime has decreed quite a few journalists as terrorists even though some of them have no army or armed group or have never engaged in actions that can remotely be associated with terrorism.

Reeyot Alemu & Woubshet Taye are journalists jailed by the repressive regime and accused of being members of a terrorist organization. Woubshet has been brutally tortured in an attempt to force him to expose "his accomplices". Eskinder Nega, along with his wife, had passed time in prison when the regime jailed many opposition leaders following the 2005 election. He is now, once again, thrown into prison on charges of terrorism as he has been writing critical articles of the Meles regime. Eskinder's latest article was in fact arguing for the continuation of the peaceful struggle against the Meles regime. It is now very clear that the so called anti terrorism law is being used as a convenient means to strike at the free press and all dissidents. Woubshet, Reeyot and Eskinder are all innocent victims of a repressive regime that is desperately trying to stamp out all dissidence and independent voices in the country.

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