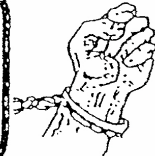




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SIDAMA PEOPLE'S BLOOD STILL CRIES FOR JUSTICE

May 24/2002, EPRDF special forces were unleashed on peaceful demonstrators at Loque (Hawassa). Dozens of people lay dead. The violent repression was commanded by top EPRDF officials including Abay Tsehaye, Bereket Semon, Haile Mariam Desalegn (now deputy prime minister), Mulugeta Alemseged (now ambassador in Rome). Meles Miramo and Shifferaw Shigute. Many who were imprisoned at the time are still languishing in the dungeons of the brutal regime.

As it has done every year for the past 9 years, SOCEPP calls on the arrest and punishment of the perpetrators of the massacre. Similar calls have been made by SOCEPP calling for the arrest of those top officials who ordered the massacre of Anuaks in Gambella. The Sidama people staged a peaceful demonstration to oppose an injustice and to demand their rights and were met with ruthless Special Forces ordered to kill at will. The massacre at Loque was and is a crime against the people for which the EPRDF has to account for, for which the EPRDF officials must be made to pay.

SOCEPP expresses its solidarity with families of the martyred and calls for the release of all political prisoners.

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