



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends

This month has brought increasing concern as we witness the deteriorating situation in Ethiopia. The Ethiopian government's use of heavy weapons, including drones, against civilians in the Amhara region is alarming. Earlier this month in northern Ethiopia's Amhara region, government soldiers unleashed heavy weapons fire that witnesses said endangered historic, rock-hewn churches that date as far as the 12th and 13th centuries.

According to the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) report, heavy artillery and air/drone strikes in Gojjam, Wollo, and Northern Showa have resulted in civilian casualties, deaths, and injuries, forcing residents to flee their homes. Tragically, this has led to the death of a 19-month-old child. The EHRC also reports displacement of several residents, enduring dire conditions, with more than 3000 residents seeking shelter in schools and outdoors under trees. Residents from Metahara and Awash have also been displaced, facing destruction of crops, looting of property, and the demolition of homes by government-affiliated forces. The EHRC further notes government forces engaging in extrajudicial killings, including kindergarten students, and a pattern of sexual violence with at least 200 confirmed victims.

United Nations experts have criticized mass arrests in the Amhara region, with reports of civilians, including children, killed by government drone strikes. Thousands have been evicted, homes looted, and food supplies burned in Guarage, Gambela, and other Oromia regions.





AEPAC Congressional Briefing

AEPAC urgently calls for unity among Ethiopians to address the crisis unfolding in our homeland. A congressional briefings was conducted by AEPAC on October 17, 2023, to educate and lobby the US Congress, emphasizing the crisis as both a strategic and humanitarian issue requiring legislative action. Invited legislators and selected individuals attended the briefing, covering:

1. Ongoing war in the Amhara Region and mass people's resistance against the unjust practices of the Federal government.
2. Humanitarian crises affecting millions in various regions due to conflicts sparked by the state government and its ultranationalist allies.
3. Government actions, including cutting off power, internet, blocking humanitarian aid, and causing internal displacement.
4. Historical overview of governance in Ethiopia and the present ethnocentric apartheid system.
5. Details of the Silent Amhara Genocide, ethnic cleansing, and mass massacres.
6. Imprisonment of citizens and journalists, abuse of power, and economic corruption.
7. Urgent need for international condemnation to avoid regional catastrophe.

The US Congress is urged to influence the deteriorating situation in Ethiopia with the following actions :

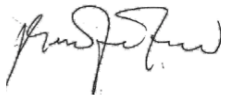
1. End the War in Amhara: Cease hostilities and hold accountable those accused of atrocities.
2. Respect Freedom of Religion: Stop persecution, grant religious freedom.
3. End the State of Emergency: Cease unchecked powers leading to human rights violations.
4. End Internet Shutdown: Lift the internet shutdown in the Amhara region.
5. Release Political Prisoners: Free political prisoners for peace and reconciliation.
6. Respect Media Freedom: Ensure freedom of the press.
7. Respect Freedom of Assembly: Guarantee free speech and peaceful protests.
8. The Magnitsky Act: Implement targeted sanctions against officials involved in atrocities.

Thank you for your partnership on this journey to secure a prosperous future for Ethiopia and the Ethiopian diaspora. Let us unite and speak up against delusion and absurdity! "Those who can make you believe in absurdities can make you commit atrocities" - quotation from an unknown writer.

We will keep you updated on actionable activities as legislative and diplomatic actions unfold.

Yours,

Mesfin Tegenu
Chairman



AEPAC endorse Angela Alsobrooks for US Senate



AEPAC of Maryland has endorsed Ms. Alsobrooks for the US senate. Ms. Alsobrook’s maintains a friendly relation with and continued support of the African Diaspora Community – including tens of thousands of Ethiopian Americans, who live in the great state of Maryland and meets all requirements set up by AEPAC for endorsement. In a press release we have noted, “AEPAC’s mission is to bring the U.S. and Ethiopia closer because we believe a stable Ethiopia is the best way to preserve peace and stability in the Horn of Africa and advance U.S. interests in the region. We believe that Ms. Alsobrooks will be a great partner in helping achieve that goal,” and concluded, “Angela Alsobrooks is a champion for diversity, and fights for equality and justice. She understands her community and can bring people together. She has been an inspiring and trusted leader, a fighter for women, children, and families. She advocates for her constituents and shares their concerns. We are proud to endorse her.”

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