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MARCH 8-- CONDITION OF WOMEN IN ETHIOPIA WORSENS

- Trafficking of young women to Libya and the Middle East where they are exposed to modern slavery and ugly racism costing them their lives and dignity;
- underage girls exposed to early marriages and child labor;
- young females sold in a shoddy adoption process that has become a lucrative business for the regime and forced into prostitution;
- women forced to work in sweat shops for slave labor wages;
- a wide spread domestic violence and rape that is more or less ignored by the police;
and women denied control of their bodies.

The demagogy of the regime on democracy is duplicate by its totally false claims tht it respects the rights of women. In the last few months alone thousands of women (young and old) ave been rounded up and jailed in the Awash desert (40 degrees C). Women political activists and journalists have been jailed, tortured and disappeared too as has happened to Aberash Berta of the EPRP (1993, Addis Abeba). State terrorism has not spared women in Gambella and the Ogaden, in Gondar, Gojjam, Harar, Ambo and other places. Compared to March 8/2016, the plight of Ethiopian women has become more deplorable, with their basic human rights further trampled upon. Support the struggle of Ethiopian women for their basic rights and democracy !