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## **BRING MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM TO TRIAL**

Ethiopian dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam, who is living in lavish exile (Gun Hills, Harare Zimbabwe) should be tried for crimes against humanity and war crimes in accord with the Geneva Convention. We shall deal with this accomplices living in Ethiopia, the USA, Europe, Canada. South Africa and Australia in subsequent communiqués.

As is known the ICC deals with cases raised at the State level and follows a policy that has been justifiably criticized as prejudiced and concentrating on Africans not considered friends or useful by the West. Mengistu's departure from Ethiopia was organized by the USA to enable the easy takeover of power by the Meles Zenawi Tigrean group back in 1991. Even his host Mugabe has said as much and while smaller criminals have been hounded this murderer has been free to even go to South Africa for medical treatment. There is no international warrant out for his arrest, no demand for his deportation, no attempt to see justice done.

Mengistu unleashed the bloody Red Terror on the Ethiopian people killing an estimated 300,000 people at least. Crimes against humanity is defined as acts "committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population, with knowledge of the attack". Mengistu is responsible for the following:

Murder Extermination Deportation or forcible transfer of population Imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty Torture

Rape

Sexual violence

Enforced disappearance of persons

Persecution and

Other inhumane acts.

Witnesses to his crimes are very many and his responsibility as the main culprit undeniable. How come than this murderer lives comfortable in exile?

There are war crimes dealing only with international conflicts .But there are also war crimes under the Geneva Convention which refer to no international conflicts and under which Mengistu should be tried.

There are seven crimes which constitute serious violations of article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions and which are applicable only to non-international armed conflicts.

- 1. Murder
- 2. Mutilation
- 3. Cruel treatment
- 4. Torture
- 5. Outrages upon personal dignity
- 6. Taking hostages
- 7. Sentencing or execution without due process

The crimes of Mengistu Haile Mariam are well documented. Only justice remains to be done. Mengistu is so arrogant that he has even authored and distributed all over the world two volumes denying his crimes, in some countries denying genocide and crimes against humanity is by itself a crime.

SOCEPP is addressing this communiqué to the world at large to call on international forces to bring such mass murderers to trial without any procrastination. Some of these monsters are enjoying exile (and have become citizens) in the USA, Europe, Africa and Oceania. We shall expose and denounce them all and demand justice be done. Please express support for the demand of SOCEPP.

## Copy:

to H.E. President Robert Mugabe

Harare, Zimbabwe.

to the ICC,

Ministers of Justices in the USA, Europe, Oceania and South Africa,

Ethiopian and Other Human Rights Groups

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