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CRIME AGAINST ETHIOPIANS--THE UNHCR IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE!

Brutal murder of Ethiopians by Daesh (IS) in Libya. The killing of Ethiopians in South Africa. Deportation of Ethiopian refugees by the Sudan, Djibouti and Kenya. The terrible plight of Ethiopian in Yemen. The UN agency supposed to protect and care for refugees is nowhere to be seen. Shame on the UNHCR that, by not doing its duty, has helped those who went after Ethiopian refugees with evil intent.

Over the years, SOCEPP has raised its voice against the UNHCR and its non action to protect Ethiopian refugees in the region. Actually, many UNHCR offices in the neighboring countries had been accused of complicity with the repressive regime in Addis Abeba. At one time, the UNHCR even went as far as designating Ethiopia as a safe place for refugees to return while thousands were fleeing the tyrannical regime in front of its eyes. The plight of Ethiopians in Libya was ignored for many years as was the suffering of Ethiopian refugees in the Sudan, Kenya, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Uganda and other places. Deportations went on unmentioned. Kidnappings ignored. The UNHCR has failed in the past and continues to fail as Ethiopian refugees continue to suffer and get slaughtered denied of safe refuge and resettlement.

Ethiopian refugees are in a precarious situation in most neighboring countries. The UNHCR has not been actively present to bring them support and protection. When Sudan deported dozens and most of them landed in prison and some died denied of medical care the UNHCR kept silent. When the powers that be launched their destructive campaign against Libya and all the warring factions started their brutal actions against Ethiopians and SOCEPP and others called for help the UNHCR was nowhere to be seen. Not one Ethiopian refugee, male or female, was accorded repatriation rights or showed concern.

For the present horrible actions being taken against Ethiopian refugees the UNHCR is also responsible, by neglect, by dereliction of its duty and mandate.

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