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Enforced disappearance of 17 -young dynamic students from Dembi Dolo university Ethiopia. No one knows their whereabouts: where are they?

Prologue

Declaration on the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Adopted by General Assembly resolution 47/133 of 18 December 1992) proclaims the declaration on the protection of all persons from enforced disappearance. Moreover, *enforced disappearance is defined in **Article 2 of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance** which the UN General Assembly adopted in December 2006, as: the arrest, detention, abduction, or any other form of deprivation of liberty by agents of the state or by persons or groups of persons acting with the authorization, support, or acquiescence of the state, followed by a refusal to acknowledge the deprivation of liberty or by concealment of the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared person, which place such a person outside the protection of the law.* This declaration depicts the following that urges all states to accept it:

Article 1

- Any act of enforced disappearance is an offence to human dignity. It is condemned as a denial of the purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and as a grave and flagrant violation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms proclaimed in the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** and reaffirmed and developed in international instruments in this field.
- Any act of enforced disappearance places the persons subjected thereto outside the protection of the law and inflicts severe suffering on them and their families. It constitutes a violation of the rules of international law guaranteeing, inter alia , the right to recognition as a person before the law, the right to liberty and security of the person and the right not to be subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. It also violates or constitutes a grave threat to the right to life.

Article 2

- No State shall practice, permit or tolerate **enforced disappearances**.
- States shall act at the national and regional levels and in cooperation with the United Nations to contribute by all means to the prevention and eradication of enforced disappearance.

Where are the seventeen young, vibrant, dynamic students of Dembi Dollo university?

Enforced disappearance is frequently used as a strategy to spread terror within society and this is what the current state is executing against innocent people. The feeling of insecurity and fear it generates is not limited to the close relatives of the disappeared, but also affects communities and society as a whole. Family and friends of people who have disappeared experience slow mental anguish. Not knowing whether their son or daughter, mother or father is still alive. Not knowing where he or she is being held, or

how they are being treated. Searching for the truth may put the whole family in great danger. Not knowing if their loved one will ever return often leaves their relatives living in limbo.

The Noble prize winner-Abiy government doesn't follow the above standards promulgated in the 1992 UN General Assembly's Declaration on Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearances as it happened recently to seventeen young University students. These disappeared students are also at a high risk of torture since they are placed completely outside the protection of the law. They can be also at heightened risk of other human rights violations, such as sexual violence or even murder.





*Som of the portrait of the captives. Where are they? ዐቢይ አህመድ አላ **Abiy Ahmed Ali**-The Leader of State terrorist is responsible for their disappearance. Nobel Prize Laurite for serving neocolonialists and Arab Emirates.*

Please, involve in campaigning against Abiy's incidious act of terrorism, to stop forced disappearance and the release of these creams of society from the hands of criminals. We urge all ethiopians to come together to be the voice of the voiceless!