

Washington Update
December 18, 2019

Thousands of Ethiopians have attended town hall meetings organized by Addis Ababa [Balderas](#) support group in Washington, DC, Dallas, Houston, Oakland, Seattle and to discuss their outrage over human rights abuses in Ethiopia.

In Washington, DC the journalist, human rights and democracy activist Eskinder Nega convened the meeting at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

Ethiopians are angered and saddened by vicious attacks and barbarous actions in their homeland over the last two months. Murders, dismemberment, burning churches, looting and robbing. They gathered to unanimously pass a resolution attributing the genocidal acts of the Querro to their leader, Jawar Mohammed. They demand that Mohammed and government officials who are complicit in his crimes face justice. Government officials who are entrusted with the responsibility of protecting the entire population witnessed and failed to intervene to prevent the Querro from killing innocent people and burning Christian churches.

We informed both the US State Department and Congress that Ethiopians are concerned that their government has taken no action to avoid further bloodshed. The situation is very dangerous and attention from the United States is needed to prevent Ethiopia from becoming a breeding ground for extremist groups such as al shebab, ISIS and al qaeda. Ethiopia is an ally in the war on terror with the United States.

The concerned Ethiopians requested that the resolution be communicated to the United States government, The United Nations, European Union and African Union.

At the National Press Club Eskinder said that his native Ethiopia is struggling between the persistent threat of genocide and the elusive reality of democracy. "Right now, we're not thinking of democracy, a luxury," Nega said. "Right now we're dabbling," with elections scheduled next year. "Genocide is the paramount issue," he asserted.

Eskinder Nega and Professor Getachew Haile and Wzro Tsigereda Mulugeta and other committee members in New York

met with Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights officials to present the resolution passed by Ethiopians in Washington, DC .

Mesfin Mekonen and Eskinder Nega met with State Department officials and with senior staff of the Africa subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee to inform them about the situation in Ethiopia and to share the resolution.

In addition to the resolution passed by Ethiopians in the US regarding the threat of genocide in the Oromo region, Eskinder Nega discussed the need to designate the Queero, led by Jawar Mohammed, as a terrorist organization. He noted the close relationship between the Queerro and certain government officials at the federal and regional levels.

Mesfin Mekonen briefed both the State Department officials and congressional staff about the upcoming elections in Ethiopia. He said that in order to have free and fair elections in Ethiopia, peace, and law and order must be respected. Fair elections cannot be held in an environment of brutal ethnic cleansing and genocide, which is occurring both in Southern Ethiopia. Peace must be guaranteed by the government before elections can occur.

Eskinder Nega said that in addition to the murders of 86 innocent Ethiopians and brutality in Oromo, the human rights situation throughout the country is deteriorating. He reported selective and deliberate incarcerations and harassments of journalists, human rights advocates, as well as young and promising political and civic leaders.

Some documentation of the events in Ethiopia:

1. Harar, 11/13/2019

In Ethiopia Islamic fundamentalists Leads by Jewar Mohamed so called "Queerro" started killing Christians, Burning Churches.

Church burnt, holy books destroyed by Jawar Mohammed Mob called Queeroo

<https://twitter.com/tesfamaryam21/status/1194968141337628672>
<blob:https://www.youtube.com/79b070ac-8138-4cd7-be0d-8d42b5dfec64>

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2. 11/14/2019

Haromaya University dorm under fire by Jawar Mohammed Mob

<https://twitter.com/tesfamaryam21/status/1194982658637549569/photo/1>

3. Western Harar

11/14/2019

4. **ErkeSelam Moges**, teacher in Western Harar, 15 days after giving birth, was stoned to death in her home by Jawar Mohammed Mob called Queeroo

<https://twitter.com/nardosabebe799/status/1194978974117638146/photo/1>

<https://twitter.com/mimibw/status/1195849075230294016/photo/1> (Yared Shumete Facebook)

<https://twitter.com/GhionawitF/status/1195844604307951619/photo/1> (Dire Dawa University)

5. Dodola:

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1199816262521540609>

Analysis: Ja-War, Aljazeera, Bloodshed and Terror in Ethiopia

<https://www.gudayachn.com/2019/10/analysis-ja-war-aljazeera-bloodshed-and.html>

Ethiopia: Stop harassing Eskinder Nega for his opinions

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2019/06/ethiopia-stop-harassing-eskinder-nega-for-his-opinions/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Shemsubireda/videos/10219048216093129/>

Ethiopian Orthodox Church

<https://www.facebook.com/MegenagnaTube/videos/2231757487138846/?v=2231757487138846>

Genocide

https://www.hks.harvard.edu/sites/default/files/centers/cid/files/publications/faculty-working-papers/257_Drott_Rwanda.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0rTa4eHkoO9lX5zu9jXpygZORrLUuFtpm1gY0L2D2-jDsjtO5DQFlnoo8

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZqgQlfgVFI&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jIc5HPbgzv4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59nFloyPcR8&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LWxBmYODmcw&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ducWiLTaJH4>

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-ethiopia-politics/at-least-78-people-killed-in-ethiopian-protests-last-week-prime-ministers-office-idUSKBN1XA21S>

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