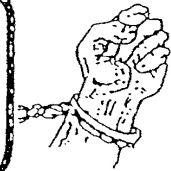




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### MORE TRAFFICKED WOMEN LAND IN ARAB JAILS

The regime in Addis Abeba whom those claiming to fight modern slavery call democratic is engaged in the trafficking of young women to the Arab countries of the Middle East, Egypt and Libya. And latest reports indicate that close to a hundred of these trafficked women are suffering in Arab jails after having been tortured.

The main culprits are Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, United Arab Emirates and Libya. They have tortured and jailed numerous helpless Ethiopian women. The EPRDF is exporting (trafficking) 45,000 maids per month to Saudi Arabia and there are more than 38,000 young girls under conditions of modern slavery in racist Lebanon. The embassies of the regime in Addis Abeba have turned a deaf ear to the plight of the exploited, beaten, tortured and jailed women as was evidenced in Kuwait recently. The problem is compounded by the fact that the traffic is now involving more and more girls from the rural areas of Ethiopia and most of the Christian girls are persecuted in Saudi Arabia because of their faith.

SOCEPP calls on the international community to first of all condemn the regime in Addis Abeba that is engaged in human trafficking and massive sale of children to foreigners. Secondly, there must be a strong condemnation against the modern slavery practice of the Arab countries. A call for an end to mistreatment, beating, exploitation, torture and killing of Ethiopian young women should be addressed to the concerned governments of the mentioned Arab countries. SOCEPP calls on Ethiopians in the Diaspora to intensify their struggle against the brutal practices of the regime in Addis Abeba.

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