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HORRENDOUS CRIMES AGAINST DOMESTIC WORKERS IN LEBANON

The Meles Zenawi regime is deeply involved in the human trafficking of Ethiopians (mostly women) and the sale of children for adoption by foreigners. Profitable businesses both. Ethiopian women sold to modern slavery in the Middle East have been suffering for long without anyone coming to their rescue. Especially in Lebanon, where the racism is foul and intense and legal protection almost nil, dozens of women have been mutilated, killed, tortured and have had their organs stolen. The attached story of an Ethiopian woman who was beaten and subjected to abduction in broad daylight and who has now committed suicide is a sad example of the plight of Ethiopian domestic workers in the Middle East. SOCEPP strongly condemns the Meles regime for trafficking the girls and women in the first place and castigates the Middle East regimes who condone and cover up the crimes of their nationals vis a vis helpless domestic workers. Socepp calls on human rights organizations in the Middle East (and particularly Lebanon) to condemn such criems and to stand on the side of the helpless domestic workers.

Ethiopian domestic worker beaten on camera commits suicide March 14, 2012
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LBC's broadcast shows the Ethiopian woman being pushed into a car by Mahfouz and another accomplice.

BEIRUT: The Ethiopian domestic worker whose beating outside her country's consulate was widely publicized on video committed suicide Wednesday morning, Ethiopia's consul general in Lebanon confirmed to The Daily Star.

Alem Dechasa, 33, hanged herself using her bed sheets between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m., Ethiopian General Consul Asaminew Debelie Bonssa said doctors told him. He spoke to The Daily Star while returning from the hospital Psychiatrique de la Croix Hospital, known as Deir al-Salib. Police took her to the hospital after the incident. The video released by LBCI last week showed Dechasa moaning as a man, later identified as Ali Mahfouz, beat her and forced her into a car. According to Bonssa, who said Dechassa was in Lebanon illegally, the incident took place two weeks prior to its release. Mahfouz said Dechasa had previously attempted suicide. Bonssa said he saw Dechasa Saturday and she appeared fine. Bonssa also said doctors told him they checked on her at 5 a.m. this morning and when they returned at 6 a.m. she was dead. Bonssa said he was "deeply shocked" by the news. The hospital declined to comment, citing privacy concerns.

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