

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

**Supplemental Statement**

**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**

For Six Month Period Ending October 30, 2011

(Insert date)

**I - REGISTRANT**

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.

Ethiopian People Revolutionary Party 4789

(c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

P.O.Box 73337  
Washington DC 20056

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

(a) If an individual:

- (1) Residence address(es) Yes  No
- (2) Citizenship Yes  No
- (3) Occupation Yes  No

(b) If an organization:

- (1) Name Yes  No
- (2) Ownership or control Yes  No
- (3) Branch offices Yes  No

(c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

**IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).**

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C<sup>1</sup>, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes  No

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>1</sup> The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes  No

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes  No

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

## II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No
- If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No
- If yes, furnish th following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)<sup>2</sup> whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Ethiopian People Revolutionary Party

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A<sup>3</sup> Yes  No Exhibit B<sup>4</sup> Yes  No 

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes  No 

If no, please attach the required amendment.

<sup>2</sup> The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

<sup>3</sup> The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

<sup>4</sup> The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155) sets fourth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Ethiopian People Revolutionary Party.

See No. 12 below

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity<sup>5</sup> as defined below? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

From June 30, 2011 to July 2, 2011, Fassika Bellette, Tegegne M. Aboye and Fanta Taye participated in the Conference of the EPRP members in North America convened to assess EPRP's political activity in North America and to discuss the current political situation in Ethiopia.

October 2, 2011 Fassika Bellette and Tegegne M. Aboye addressed a conference held in Washington Ethical Society, organized by the EPRP Youth League.

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes  No

If yes, describe fully.

<sup>5</sup> The term "political activity" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

## IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## 14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes  No

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.<sup>6</sup>

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
May, 2011	Members & Supporters	Membership fee & contribution	\$ 5,470.00
June, 2011	" "	" "	\$ 2,690.00
July, 2011	" "	" "	\$ 7,968.00
August, 2011	" "	" "	\$ 3,951.20
September, 2011	" "	" "	\$ 3,000.00
October, 2011	" "	" "	\$ 5,892.38
			\$ 28,971.58
			Total

## (b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign<sup>7</sup>, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D to your registration? Yes  No

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date \_\_\_\_\_

## (c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value<sup>9</sup> other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

**15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes  No (2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes  No 

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
May, 2011	Tsehay Meshesha, Verizon, PEPCO, AWS AOL, Capital one, Fara, Misc.	Rent, telephone, electricity, garbage, internet, credit card payment, registration, misc.	\$ 3,620.09
	Fassika		\$ 700.00
June, 2011	Tsehay Meshesha, Verizon, PEPCO, Wash.gas. Cpital One, EPRPYL, Tegegne, Misc.	Rent, telephone, electricity, garbage, credit card, Misc.	\$ 6,866.02
	Fassika		\$ 700.00
	Transfer overseas		\$ 1,000.00
July, 2011	Tsehay Meshesha, Verizon, PEPCO, Wash.gas, Cpital One, AWS, ADT, Enanu Degefe, American Express Card, Best buy, Tegegne, Misc.	Rent, Telephone, electricity, gas, credit card pmt. garbage, security, conference expenses, Misc.	\$ 10,599.46
	Fassika		\$ 700.00
August, 2011	Tsehay Meshesha, Verizon, PEPCO, Capital One, AWS, AOL, Washington gas, Tegegne, Misc.	Rent, telephone, electricity, credit card pmt. Garbage internet, gas, Misc.	\$ 5,694.59
	Fassika		\$ 700.00
September, 2011	Tsehay Meshesha, Verizon, PEPCO, Captal one, AOL, AWS, Tegegne, Misc. Fassika	Rent, telephone, electricity, credit card pmt. garbage, Internet, AWS, Misc.	\$ 4,092.89
October, 2011	Tsehay Meshesha, Verizon, PEPCO, Capital One, AWS, Washington Gas, EPRPYL, Tegegne, Misc.	Rent, telephone, electricity, credit card pmt., garbage, gas, misc.	\$ 3,377.10
	Fassika		\$ 700.00
			\$ 39,450.15
			Total

**(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value<sup>10</sup> other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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**(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value<sup>11</sup> in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes  No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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<sup>10, 11</sup> Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?<sup>12</sup>  
Yes  No

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?  
Yes  No

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.  
Ethiopian People Revolutionary Party

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes  No

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- Radio or TV broadcasts
- Magazine or newspaper
- Motion picture films
- Letters or telegrams
- Advertising campaigns
- Press releases
- Pamphlets or other publications
- Lectures or speeches
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Electronic Communications**

- Email
- Website URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Social media websites URL(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (specify) Mail. \_\_\_\_\_

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- Public officials
- Newspapers
- Libraries
- Legislators
- Editors
- Educational institutions
- Government agencies
- Civic groups or associations
- Nationality groups
- Other (specify) Ethiopians \_\_\_\_\_

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- English
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes  No

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes  No

12 The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

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**VI - EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>13</sup>)

November 30, 2011

/s/ Fassika Bellette

eSigned

November 30, 2011

/s/ Fanta Teye

eSigned

November 30, 2011

/s/ Teegne M. Aboye

eSigned

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<sup>13</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

SHORT-FORM REGISTRATION INFORMATION SHEET

The Department records list active short-form registration statements for the following persons filed on the date indicated by each name. If a person is not currently functioning in the same capacity directly on behalf of the foreign principal, please indicate the date of termination in Item 5 of the supplemental statement.

**Short Form List for Registrant: Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party**

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
Aboye	Tegegne M.	04/07/1993
Belléte	Fassika	04/07/1993
Taye	Fanta	04/07/1993

**Title and Brief description  
Of EPRP's Press Releases**

**Title:** We Honor and Celebrate May Day

**Date:** May 01, 2011

**Brief Description:** On the occasion of May Day Celebration , EPRP, through this press release, extends its solidarity to the working people of the world.

**Title:** Sudanese Soldiers Kill Five Ethiopians

**Date:** June 02, 2011

**Brief Description:** The press release condemns the May 22, 2011 killings of five Ethiopians who were residents of an Ethiopian village called Korgena , by the Sudanese soldiers.

**Title:** The Farce of a Criminal Regime Pardoning Mass Murder

**Date:** June 4, 2011

**Brief Description:** By releasing this press release the EPRP expresses its objection to the cancellation of the Death Sentence imposed by the courts of the Melese's regime on 23 top officials of the former regime accused of mass murder.

**Title:** Galloping inflation, increased poverty, cooked up statistics= EPRDF rule

**Date:** June 10, 2011

**Brief Description:**The press release exposed the sham economic growth claimed as success by the regime of Meles Zenawi.

**Title:** EPRP Denounces the Eviction of People From Metema

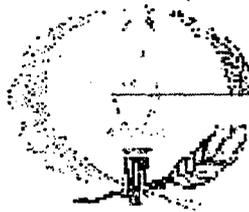
**Date:** June 20, 2011

**Brief Description:** By releasing this press release the EPRP condemns the action taken by the regime of Meles Zenawi to forcefully evict people from the town of Metema.

**Title:** EPRDF and The Almost Hidden Famine

**Date:** August 9, 2011

**Brief Description:** The press release condemns the attempt of Meles's regime to cover up the gravity of existing famine in Ethiopia and calls upon the international community to help the famine victims.



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May 01/ 2011

**WE HONOUR AND CELEBRATE MAY DAY 2011**

May Day is observed by all peace loving people as a day of solidarity to workers' struggle for economic and political rights, for peace, for democracy and social justice and for a better world free from exploitation, repression, discrimination and persecution.

We celebrate May Day at a time when the global economy is in deep crisis, a crisis that has negatively affected the quality of life and economic well being of the working people of both developed and developing nations. Rising prices, unemployment, reductions in wages, pensions and other social benefits are wide spread. This appalling and grave global situation calls for persistent and united struggles of all working people of the world for better life, freedom and economic well being.

The May Day celebration of 2011 marks also the historic event of general uprisings of the working people, particularly of those in the Middle East and North Africa against long standing dictatorship, tyranny, repression and discrimination. While we congratulate our brothers in Tunisia and Egypt for their success in dethroning their respective dictators we extend our solidarity to the people of other countries in the region and declare that we stand by them in their relentless struggle to do away with the dictatorships once and for all.

The working people of Ethiopia have been under the yoke of dictatorship for the last twenty years. There is no freedom and democracy and the rights of the people have been severely curtailed. Thousands have been killed, imprisoned and put incommunicado during the last twenty years simply because they opposed the destructive polices of the regime. In addition to going through this physical repression and tyranny the working people of Ethiopia have been victims of the regime's exploitation and the global economic crisis. Inflation, unemployment, reduction of wages, absence of essential products, famine, poverty etc. have made them destitute and indigent. In order to reclaim their dignity and protect their political and economic freedoms the Ethiopian people have no option other than to dismantle the dictatorship through their arduous and relentless struggle. Being one arm of the people, the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP) has waged relentless struggle against successive dictators and has recently intensified its struggle against the regime in power.

In honoring and celebrating the May Day of 2011, the EPRP extends its solidarity to the working and peace-loving people of the world in support of their struggle for economic, political rights and freedom and calls upon them to wage a united struggle against dictatorship, exploitation and tyranny.

Long live May Day!

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June 02/2011

**PRESS RELEASE**

**SUDANESE SOLDIERS KILL FIVE ETHIOPIANS**

The EPRP vigorously condemns the murder of five Ethiopian villagers at Korgena (situated between the border garrison town of Metema and Mendoka) by Sudanese soldiers who had crossed into Ethiopia.

On May 22, armed Sudanese soldiers crossed into Korgena and told the villagers to evacuate as Korgena has been given to the Sudan by the EPRDF of Meles Zenawi. The Ethiopian villagers resisted and the Sudanese soldiers opened fire and killed five before they were able to overcome the villagers and take control of Korgena. The soldiers of the EPRDF did not come to help the Ethiopian villagers. After the takeover, the Sudanese soldiers have proceeded to put up border posts and markings. This delineation of the border is proceeding up to Gelegu in Quara with the Sudanese forcefully chasing villagers out of their land and taking Ethiopian territory as their own with full backing of the traitorous regime of Meles Zenawi. It is to be noted that Sudanese soldiers are still on Ethiopian soil at Quara (especially around Nefso Gebeya hill)

The EPRP condemns the sold out regime in Addis Abeba and the invading Sudanese government. The violation of Ethiopian territorial integrity cannot be tolerated and the EPRP has called on the people to protect Ethiopia's sovereignty by all means necessary.

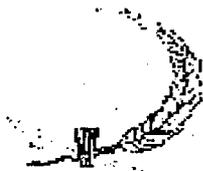
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*Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP)*

June 4/2011

**PRESS RELEASE**

**THE FARCE OF A CRIMINAL REGIME  
PARDONING MASS MURDERERS**

The regime of Meles Zenawi has announced a few days ago that it has cancelled the death sentence imposed by its own courts on 23 top officials of the former regime accused of mass murder during the notorious Red Terror campaign (late seventies). The commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment is expected to be followed by the release of the accused as they have been in prison for the last 20 years.

The EPRP condemns the decision of the repressive regime on the grounds that the TPLF organization of Meles Zenawi has no moral or legal power and legitimacy to accuse, sentence and pardon Red Terror criminals as it was part of the terror campaign itself using its cadres who had infiltrated the Mengistu regime to denounce EPRP supporters and members in Tigray and to have them arrested and liquidated. The lip service given by the regime to honor the martyrs of the EPRP contradicts the brutal repression that the same regime has unleashed against the EPRP. Many EPRP leaders and members have been disappeared by the Meles regime (Tsegaye Debteraw, Hagos Bezabih, Sitotaw Hussein, Aberash Berta, journalist Berhanu Ijigu, Wondusirak Desta, Abebe Aynekulu, etc...) and others have been martyred (Gaim in Addis Abeba). The EPRP is still illegal and hunted in Ethiopia.

The Red Terror by the totalitarian regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam killed at least 250,000 Ethiopians in a brutal manner. Many were tortured and mutilated and still bear the physical and psychological scars. Millions have been traumatized by the savage measure that visited so many homes. Hence, the ones to pardon the criminals, if this be the people's choice, are not the officials of the criminal regime but the Ethiopian people. The charade orchestrated to cover the whole process behind the so called intervention of

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very dubious and pro-regime religious leaders has not duped Ethiopians. For the last 20 years, the Ethiopian people have never heard a word of protest from the concerned religious leaders protesting against the gross violation of rights by the Meles regime. The whole thing is a political maneuver especially as many of the accused criminals have not recanted or expressed any public regret. In other words, the arbitrary measure by the Meles regime has angered the people and families of the victims and EPRP joins the people in expressing its condemnation of the illegal and arbitrary measure of the Meles regime.

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June 10/2011

**GALLOPING INFLATION, INCREASED POVERTY,**  
**COOKED UP STATISTICS= EPRDF RULE**

For the last 20 years, the regime of Meles Zenawi has been boasting of double digit economic growth and proclaiming to all who would listen that Ethiopia under its rule has defeated poverty. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The economic policy of the ruling regime has been and is bankrupt.

IMF and the World Bank were usually the very ones applauding and lauding the repressive and bankrupt regime. Though they may still continue, for political reasons, to give substantial financial aid to the tyrannical regime both institutions have been forced to admit that not all is well at all in the foul reign of Meles Zenawi. The World Bank's country director for the Horn of Africa, Ken Ohashi, has openly declared that the EPRDF's "dependence on foreign capital to finance budget deficits and a five year investment plan is unsustainable". This was what we had been saying all along. Mr. Ohashi went on to explain that "the government plans to borrow at least 398.4 billion Ethiopian birr (\$23.6 billion) from home and abroad to fund the five-year growth plan, with an additional 75.4 billion birr to finance fiscal deficits over the same period." A joint International Monetary Fund and World Bank study in May 2010 found that Ethiopia's debt rose to 14 percent of gross domestic product in 2009, according to the Finance Ministry website. The ratio of debt to exports will reach about 133 percent this year, it said. The regime's triumphant (and false) claim of an 11% annual economic growth has been refuted by the IMF itself.

The concept of economic growth limited to official statistics has often been used to cover up the poor status of many countries and the failure of the economic policies of the command economies. The Ethiopian economy is dominated by the

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**firms of the ruling party grouped in the EFFORT conglomeration owned by the Tgirean front of Meles Zenawi. The boasting of the regime aside, 70% of Ethiopians are still surviving on less than \$2 daily income burdened with 29% inflation on basic necessities that the regime's price cap has not been able to decrease. The regime has now, as expected, removed the price cap and prices of goods have soared up as the price of petrol has been increased. The fiction of economic growth has been burst by the dire and glaring reality of an impoverished populace, by 12 million plus people made dependent on food aid, nation wide misery, inflation and unemployment and the conviction by the majority of Ethiopians that they are not part of the so called economic growth. That the IMF and the World Bank have finally tried to speak the truth confirms what the Ethiopian people have been living for the last 20 years—a political and economic disaster under a brutal, corrupt and greedy regime.**



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**EPRP DENOUNCES THE  
EVICTON OF PEOPLE FROM METEMA**

The regime of Meles Zenawi, that is busy selling Ethiopian land cheaply to foreign firms, is trying to uproot by force thousands of people who have lived in Metema (Ethio-Sudanese border) for years and years. The official reason given by the regime is that Metema is a garrison town and the civilian population must move away to nearby Shehdi and other places while the people concerned know that the real reason is that part of the land around Metema has been ceded to the Sudan and other parts leased out.

Last week the regime again tried to oust the people by force but once again they came out en masse to resist and its plan was foiled for now. The regime has also forbidden any Ethiopian peasants from the highlands to farm in lowland areas extending from Quara to Metema. The whole area is known for its fertile land. It is to be recalled that the Meles regime has declared all Ethiopian land (except in its home region of Tigray) for sale and has evicted thousands of Ethiopians to hand over huge tracts of fertile land (the size of Israel/Belgium) to foreign companies (Indian, Chinese, Arab, etc). These huge agro industry firms are felling trees, and exclusively farming for export. The whole operation is cruel and modern plunder with little or no benefit to Ethiopia, notwithstanding the lying regime's claim to the contrary. To note also that the Meles regime has undertaken forced resettlement without even a pip of protest from foreign quarters who had cried to the skies when the former pro Soviet regime tried the same thing.

The EPRP has time and again condemned the repressive activities of the Meles regime and cautioned the foreign companies to desist from aiding and abetting in his criminal and anti Ethiopia act. China especially not only grabs Ethiopian land and has imposed a neo-colonial stranglehold on the economy but is helping the regime to control the internet and jam radios and TV broadcasts to Ethiopia. When the bubble bursts, as it would sooner or later, the wrath of the people may very well target these allies of the regime and the consequences could be very damaging.

The EPRP expresses its solidarity with the people of Metema who are resisting eviction from their ancestral land.

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**EPRDF AND THE ALMOST HIDDEN FAMINE**

As a concerned world rushes to bring help to millions of famine victims in the Horn of Africa, the brutal regime of Meles Zenawi, which is more to blame than the drought for the dire situation, has opted to keep silent or to minimize the impact of the tragedy in Ethiopia. Previous regimes in Ethiopia had also opted for hiding devastating famines (1973, 1984) and caused hundreds of thousands of unwarranted deaths.

Despite the attempt by the Meles regime and its acolytes to minimize the famine and claim it is present only in "remote border areas and refugee camps", the famine spreading like an epidemic and is presently seriously affecting the regions of Tigray, the Afar, and Amhara. Somali, Borena, Guji, Burji and Geleb peoples and region. Many millions (at least five million) are in need of urgent help and are being endangered by the cruel regime's attempt to cling to its fiction of economic development and surplus grain production. Actually, the prevailing famine testifies to the bankrupt agricultural policies of the regime, its corruption (the sale of stored grain to a foreign country), the marginalization and impoverishment of the peasantry, the sale of land the size of Belgium to foreign firms and the chasing off farmers from their lands, etc...are more responsible for the famine than the almost proverbial drought. Add to this the regime's bloody anti insurgency campaign in the Ogaden where the famine has been used for political and military ends. Experience (1984) has also proved that the ruling front is known for massively swindling food aid (and also using it for political purposes) and it should not be trusted this time around with money and food aid. It should be noted that the Meles regime has been aided and supported by the USA and the European Union despite its totalitarian policies, massive repression and gross violations of human rights.

The EPRP condemns the Meles regime for exposing our people to this catastrophe once again and for trying to cover it up in various ways. It calls on the international bodies to help the famine victims in the Horn of Africa but to make sure the vultures in power do not lay their hands on the food aid. The grain stored for emergency situation like the

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**present famine has been depleted, sold, used up by the regime. In Ethiopia, many more people than in Kenya and Somalia are starving (consider also that inflation in July shot up to 39% and food prices increased by more than 41%) but the silence is deafening. Let us break the silence, condemn the cruel regime and effectively and directly help the famine victims.**

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