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EHRCO denounces terrorist attacks targeting innocent citizens 108th Special Report

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Introduction

Article 6(1) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), to which Ethiopia is a party, provides that everyone has a natural right to life. The right to life is also reaffirmed in Article 15 of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (FDRE). Moreover, Article 16 of the FDRE Constitution states that, "Everyone has the right to protection against bodily harm." Article 14 of the Constitution expresses this right as an inviolable and inalienable.

Nevertheless, these inviolable and inalienable Constitutional rights to life, and the right to be protected against bodily harm are being violated on account of various reasons. Human rights violations as a result of terrorist attacks targeting civilians are becoming causes concern.

The Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO) issues this 108th special report to express its denouncement of the bomb explosions that occurred in Addis Ababa on April 14, 2008.

Details

Two separate bombs were detonated at two petrol stations owned by the National Oil Company (NOC), which are located in Bole sub-city, around 'Imperial Hotel', and in Yeka sub-city, near 'Lem Hotel', at about 6:30 P.M.

As a result of the blasts, a 21 year old man called Yonatan Girma and two other individuals whose names are not known for the time being were killed. Scores of others have sustained serious and light injuries. EHRCO was able to confirm that the following are among those who were injured as a result of the blasts.

Names of persons injured

S/N	Name	Age	Injury Sustained
1	Birke Abebe	18	Injury on left leg and face
2	Aregash Beyene	36	Injury on hands and entire part of her back

3	Chaltu Tensa	25	An employee of <i>Gerji</i> NOC petrol station, her face and hand were injured
4	Tsehay Temesilew	29	Light injuries on hand and leg
5	Esete Mariam W/Tsadik	46	Serious injuries on face, neck, head and leg
6	Edomias Getinet	17	Serious injury on face, neck, chest and leg
7	Wendimu biruk	22	Serious injury on hand, leg, face and buttock
8	Biruk Shiferaw	16	Light injury on leg, hand, face and buttock
9	Abate Dadi	19	Injury on face, eye, legs and head

Conclusion

- As mentioned above, at least three innocent citizens were killed and many others sustained bodily injuries in the two bomb blasts. The victims are innocent individuals who went to the gas stations to buy kerosene and the rest were employees of the gas station.
- EHRCO strongly condemns any such atrocious terrorist acts perpetrated by anyone, as they cannot be justified on any grounds.
- Thus, EHRCO urges the Government to track down the culprits and bring them to justice as well as to take all measures necessary to protect the security of citizens from such attacks.
- Moreover, EHRCO appeals to the Government to see to it that the perpetrators of these attacks pay commensurate compensation to the victims to seek lasting and peaceful solutions to problems that could lead to such terrorist acts.

In addition, EHRCO calls o citizens, national and international organizations, representatives of states and governmental organizations that stand for the respect of human rights and the rule of law, to denounce such acts of terrorism and to contribute their share to help the realization of the rights enshrined in the FDRE Constitution.

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