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A Human Rights Violation Committed Against Oromo Students of Addis Ababa University

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According to evidence gathered by EHRCO, a cultural show was due to be staged at 1:00P.M.on January 18 2004 at the Christmas Hall of the Sidist Kilo Campus of Addis Ababa University. Students and other invited guests were gathered in the Hall. When the organizers of the show took the stage to announce the commencement of the show, a conflict arose between some students from the audience and the organizers of the show. Following this, there was a throwing of stones from different directions. As a result, glasses of the widows of the Christmas Hall and the Kennedy Library were shattered. Glasses of cars parked near the hall were also shattered. Damage was also caused to other university property. The campus security managed to calm down the situation, which resulted in the cancellation of the show. An account of what happened after this incident on 18 January 2004 is presented below.

- On January 18,2004 at 3:00 P.M. plain-clothes security personnel apprehended six students and beat them up after taking them to a place located at the back of the Christmas Hall. The security people along with the chief of campus security later took the six students to the campus police station and detained them until 12:00 P.M. The students were later taken to Addis Ababa Police Crime Investigation Department. At around 3:00 A.M.on the same day, the security men searched the student dormitories and took two more students to the Addis Ababa Police Department.

Table 1.Students arrested on 18 January 2004 and still detained at the Addis Ababa Police Investigation Department

No.	Full Name	Campus	Department
1	Imiru Gemechu	Sidist Kilo	PSIR
2	Getachew Gadissa	“ “	Physical Edu.
3	Belina Monkocha	“ “	Physical Edu.
4	Tamirat Gadissa	“ “	Physical Edu.
5	Terfessa Berkessa	“ “	Accounting
6	Temesgen Gemeda	“ “	Physical Edu.
7	Merga Nemo	“ “	Psychology
8	Million Diriba	“ “	Management

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- EHRCO has an observer status in the African Commission on Human and People’s Rights, is a member of World Organization Against Torture and is also a corresponding member of the International Federation of Human Rights.

The Dean of Students handed over Imiru Gemechu whose name appears No.1 on the above table to security personnel at 3:00 A.M.on 18 January 2004 after he woke him up from his sleep and told him that he (the Dean) wanted to speak with him.

- On the next day, students who wanted to know the safety and whereabouts of the eight students gathered in front of the office of the Dean of Students. They also asked the Dean why he handed over Imiru Gemechu to security forces. The students further demanded the University to give them guarantee as to their safety and security as they felt threatened by what had happened to their fellow students.
- The Dean of Students replied that he did not deliberately hand over Imiru; the security personnel had taken him against his (the Dean's) will. The Dean also told the students that he could arrange a visit for student representatives to see the arrested students at their place of detention.
- Accordingly, on January 19,2004, five representatives visited the detained students and reported the well being of the detainees to the other students. The Dean of Students told the students that they would get answers to the rest of their requests at 12:00 on January 21.
- Eyewitnesses told EHRCO that in the night of 20 January 2004 there was a black out at the Sidist Kilo campus as of 9:00 P.M.Following this, unidentified men threw stones at Building No.505, a dormitory building and glasses of windows were shattered. Then, the Federal Police entered the Campus and captured nine students. Seven of them were released after a short while whereas the police took two Oromo students.
- At noon on 21 January 2004, several students were gathered in front of the President's office as per the appointment given to them by the Dean of Students on January 19.The Dean, however, never showed up. Instead, the President and the Academic Vice President appeared at about 2:00 P.M. and asked the gathering why they were there. The students told the officials that they were there as per the appointment they have with the Dean of Students. The two officials ordered the gathering to disperse and threatened to call the police and went to their offices.
- At about 3:00 P.M. hundreds of helmeted Federal Police forces armed with machineguns and clubs stormed the campus through the different gates and marched directly to the place where the students were gathered.
- Then the students were ordered to give their student identification cards to the policemen and get into the police trucks. Female students were segregated and taken by another truck. The detainees were all taken to the Kolfe Police Training Camp.
- Once they arrived in the Camp, a detailed registration of names, place of origin and department of each detainee was made. Then, the detainees were ordered to take off their shoes and belts. They were made to roll up the sleeves of their jackets and legs of trousers up to their arms and knees respectively. Then, they were ordered to run fast bare footed, to crawl on all fours on the graveled field. They were also made to roll on the field and run across the field carrying each other. The detainees went through this agonizing ordeal from 4:00 P.M. up to 7:30 P.M.
- At 7:30 P.M.they were taken to five halls found in the Camp. More than hundred detainees were stuffed in each hall. There, a piece of bread was given to each detainee.
- The detainees spent the night sleeping on the cold floors of the halls, as they were not provided with any bedding. At about 4:00 A.M.the female detainees were taken in advance and made to go through the punishments stated above. The male detainees told EHRCO that they could hear the cries of agonies of the female

detainees while they were in the halls. The male detainees were also taken to the field at about 4:30A.M.and underwent the punishments.

- The detainees were each given a piece of bread at 10:00 A.M.on 22 January. At 11.00 A.M., another round of registration of names and addresses was conducted. The detainees were asked to admit guilt, which they all refused. Then, they were grouped in tens and had their pictures taken on photo and video.
- Two female and 12 male detainees were selected and taken to the Crime Investigation Department of the Addis Ababa Police.The rest of the detainees were strongly warned by security personnel not to get near the University campus. They were also told to wait for evening radio and television broadcasts to know the decision as to their education. Then, they were ordered to make a group of four and escorted out of the Camp in different directions.

As the police took their student identification cards, the released students were denied entrance to the campuses. Since most of them are from the regional states out of Addis Ababa, they had nothing to eat and nowhere else to go. They could not get in to the campuses, not even to take their clothes and educational materials. The students told EHRCO that they were forced to beg around for their foods and they are spending the nights on the streets.

The students told EHRCO that they are afraid to get back to their homes because some of them have received messages from their families that their names have been transferred to the police in their hometowns.

Table 2.Names of Students that were Transferred to the Addis Ababa Police Crime Investigation Department

No.	Full Name	Campus	Department
1	Meselech Tadesse	Sidist Kilo	PSIR
2	Lelisse Tadesse	“ “	Business Education
3	Worku Benti	“ “	English Language
4	Gadissa Merga	“ “	Information Science
5	Habtamu Jimma	“ “	English Language
6	Amini Abdulkerim	“ “	Law
7	Dessaagne Legesse	“ “	English Language
8	Taye Denedea	“ “	Law
9	Hassen Barisso	“ “	History
10	Dawit Kuda	“ “	Law
11	Birhanu Mekonnen	Arat Kilo	Biology
12	Telila Bulbula	Amist kilo	Engineering
13	Gemechis Haile	“ “	Pharmacy
14	Tolossa Abella	“ “	Pharmacy
15	Milkessa Dendea	“ “	Information Science

The Federal Police issued a statement on 21 January stating that it has arrested 329 students who were suspected of riot and destruction of university property. It also stated in another statement issued on 22 January 2004 that it has released 315 of the detained students and continued its investigations on the 14.On the same day the Office of the President of Addis Ababa University announced in a press release that it has decided to suspend from study 315 students. The press release further states that the suspended students could apply for admission provided they “publicly recognize their wrongdoing before a committee for readmission”. Another 23 students were dismissed for good effective 22 January 2004.

According to information gathered from the detained students, the number of students that had been detained by police and received heavy physical punishments is about 494. EHRCO could get the names of 349 until the time of preparing this report. A complete list could not be found as the students were disbanded and could not be traced.

The Addis Ababa Police told EHRCO that it has 8 students arrested on 18 January and they all appeared before a court on 19 January. EHRCO visited the detained students at their place of detention at the Addis Ababa Police headquarters. The judge at the Addis Ababa City Court allowed the 14 days requested by the police to conduct its investigation and remanded the suspects in custody until 2 February 2004. The detainees appeared before the judge on 2 February and another 14 days was allowed to the police, as it did not complete its investigation.

Another 15 students who were among the hundreds of students detained at the Kolfe Police training Camp, appeared before the Addis Ababa City Court Mexico square division on 24 January 2004. The court remanded them in custody upon the request of police for 14 days to conduct investigation. EHRCO has been following up the situation. The 23 students listed in tables 1 and 2 have been detained at the Addis Ababa Police headquarters.

Based on the complaints it received from the aggrieved students, EHRCO tried to further investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident of 18 January and the consequent measures taken by the University administration and the police. We were given an appointment for February 9 to speak to the President of the University. However, his secretary called our office on 6 February and told us that the President could not speak to us and the appointment is cancelled. As a result, we could not incorporate the University's views on the matter.

Table 3. Names of Students Detained At The Police Training Camp and Physically Abused

No.	Name	Sex	Department	Year
1	Abdi Bekele	M	public Adm.	3 rd
2	Abdi Nemera	M	Pharmacy	3 rd
3	Abdisu Adam	M	pre-Eng'g	2 nd
4	Abdulazq Hussen	M	Pharmacy	3 rd
5	Abdulahakim	M	English	2 nd
6	abdulkadir Waliyi	M	Pharmacy	3 rd
7	Abdulzerk Hussen	M	Pharmacy	3 rd
8	Abebaye Bekele	F	Psychology	2 nd
9	Abebe Abdeta	M	Business Education	2 nd
10	Abebe Beyena	M	Pre-Eng'g	2 nd
11	Abera Birhanu	M	Pharmacy	3 rd
12	Abera Mengesha	M	Pre-Eng'g	2 nd
13	Aberham Mitiku	M	Law	2 nd
14	Abiyot Desta	M	PSIR	4 th
15	Adone Sisay	M	Economics	2 nd
16	Adisu Atomsa	M	Pharmacy	3 rd
17	Adugna Nagasa	M	Physics	2 nd
18	Ahimad Aman	M	Chemical Eng'g	3 rd
19	Ahmad Mohammed	M	Management	2 nd
20	Ahmid Mohammed	M	Geology	2 nd
21	Ajema Bekele	M	Pharmacy	4 th
22	Alem Demisse	M	Economics	2 nd
23	Alemayehu Abdisa	M	Math.	3 rd
24	Almayehu Boru	M	Economics	2 nd

No.	Name	Sex	Department	Year
25	Alemayehu Gerba	M	Geography	4 th
26	Alemayehu Gurmesa	M	Economics	3 rd
27	Alemayehu Gurmesa	M	Math.	2 nd
28	Alemu Haile	M	Pre-Eng'g	2 nd
29	Alemu Ijara	M	Law	2 nd
30	Alemu Mulata	M	Business Education	2 nd
31	Alemu Rorisa	M	Geology	3 rd
32	Alemu Rorisa	M	Mathematics	4 th
33	Ali Tadi	M	Ph. Education	2 nd
34	Aliyi Desiyo	M	Ph. Education	3 rd
35	Amanuel Temesgen	M	Amharic Language	2 nd
36	Amenu Daba	M	Commerce	2 nd
37	Amenu Hunde	M	Physical	3 rd
38	Amenu sengi	M	Physical	4 th
39	Ameyu Tola	M	SOSA	2 nd
40	Amir Mohammed	M	Philosophy	2 nd
41	Arif Abdulehi	M	Philosophy	2 nd
42	Asefa Tolasa	M	Public Adm.	2 nd
43	Asefa yadeta	M	Geography	2 nd
44	Asfaw Gerbi	M	Biology	4 th
45	Asfew Duguma	M	Psychology	2 nd
46	Ashagrie G/wold	M	Law	3 rd
47	Ashanaf Banti	M	Medicine	3 rd
48	Ayansa Abdisa	M	Psychology	3 rd
49	Ayansa Fanta	M	Mathematics	3 rd
50	Ayantu Bacha	F	Law	3 rd
51	Ayantu yadachu	F	Computer Science	3 rd
52	Banjaw Bekele	M	SISA	4 th
53	Banti Firomsa	M	Pharmacy	2 nd
54	Baraka Dori	M	Mathematics	3 rd
55	Bayesa Deresa	M	Psychology	2 nd
56	Bayisa Lata	M	Economics	2 nd
57	Bedassa Bekele	M	History	2 nd
58	Begna Chala	M	Mechanical Eng'g	3 rd
59	Bekema yando	M	Chemistry	3 rd
60	Bekere Gemachu	M	Geography	2 nd
61	Belay Tesema	M	Business Education	2 nd
62	Belay Muleta	M	Linguistics	2 nd
63	Belay Takele	M	Geography	2 nd
64	Berihun Ararisa	M	Geography	3 rd
65	Beyissa Dinsa	M	Law	2 nd
66	Bifa Talila	M	English	3 rd
67	Bikila	M	Amharic	2 nd
68	Bikila Hambahun	M	Business Education	2 nd
69	Bilisuma Deberie	M	Architecture	5 th
70	Birhane Merga	F	Linguistic	2 nd
71	Birhanu Bogale	M	Economics	2 nd
72	Birhanu Malaku	M	Economics	3 rd
73	Birhanu Yadeta	M	Chemistry	2 nd
74	Birhanu Gemachu	M	English	2 nd
75	Bogele Shifarew	M	Pre-Eng'g	2 nd
76	Bokeshi	F	Pre-Eng'g	3 rd
77	Bontu Teshome	F	Technology	2 nd
78	Bula Wakassa	M	Geography	3 rd

No.	Name	Sex	Department	Year
79	Burka Nanessa	M	Business Education	2 nd
80	Chala Dechasa	M	Business Education	2 nd
81	Chala Diessa	M	Public Adm.	2 nd
82	Chaltu Alemu	F	SISA	2 nd
83	Chaltu Takele	F	Political Science.	2 nd
84	Chaltu Tesfaye	F	Business Education	2 nd
85	Chelchisa Deberei	M	Management	2 nd
86	Cheraka Korma	M	Geography	2 nd
87	Chimidi Dinki	M	Mechanical Eng.	4 th
88	Chuche Fanta	F	Mechanical Eng.	5 th
89	Dagim Gada	M	Psychology	2 nd
90	Damane Abebe	M	Management	2 nd
91	Dame Taye	M	Computer Science	3 rd
92	Daneil Ambisa	M	Computer Science	3 rd
93	Daneil Bakele	M	Computer Science	3 rd
94	Daneil Gemachu	M	Pharmacy	5 th
95	Daneil Lata	M	English	3 rd
96	Dangachew H/Mariam	M	English	4 th
97	Dawit Buli	M	Civil Eng.	4 th
98	Debele Getachew	M	Chemistry	2 nd
99	Dechasa Merga	M	English	3 rd
100	Dechasa Deressa	M	Psychology	2 nd
101	Dechasa Geleta	M	Linguistics	3 rd
102	Degfu Mulugeta	M	Psychology	3 rd
103	Degitu Dinsa	F	Public Adm.	2 nd
104	Degu Demise	M	History	2 nd
105 2 nd	Dejene Boru	M	Pre-Eng'g	
106	Dejene Tekle	M	Pre-Eng'g	2 nd
107	Dejene Tsegaye	M	Chemistry	3 rd
108	Dejene W/Semayat	M	Chemistry	4 th
109	Dejene Waktola	M	Statistics	3 rd
110	Denge Legessa	M	Management	3 rd
111	Derartu Haile	F	Pharmacy	2 nd
112	Dereje Chemada	M	Pharmacy	4 th
113	Dereje Guteta	M	SOSA	4 th
114	Dereje Kebede	M	Geology	2 nd
115	Dereje Misgane	M	SOSA	2 nd
116	Dereje Tallo	M	Physical Edu.	
117	Dereje Waktola`	M	Statistics.	3 rd
118	Deresu Abera	M	English	4 th
119	Derje Kalo	M	English	3 rd
120	Desalegn Gusu	M	English	3 rd
121	Desalegn Terefa	M	Psychology	2 nd
122	Desta Tolera	M	Civil Eng'g	5 th
123	Dhenge Boru	M	Pharmacy	3 rd
124	Dinsa Lemesa	M		
125	Dirba Girma	M	History	3 rd
126	Dirba Madesa	M	Physical Education	2 nd
127	Disasa Tolera	M	Pharmacy	5 th
128	Dula Wakasa	M	Geography	3 rd
129	Ebisa Olana	M	Electrical Eng'g	5 th
130	Ejigu Gajea	M	Amharic	4 th
131	Eskindir Aliye	M	Chemistry	4 th

No.	Name	Sex	Department	Year
132	Fanta Fekadu	M	Philosophy	2 nd
133	Fekadu Disasa	M	SOSA	2 nd
134	Feyisa Bijiga	M	SOSA	4 th
135	Foad Hamza	M	Physics	3 rd
136	Foziya Ahmed	F	Theatrical Art	2 nd
137	Gada Jemberi	M	English Language	3 rd
138	Gada Tolera	M	Psychology	2 nd
139	Gadisa Hirpassa	M	Civil Eng'g	4 th
140	Gadisa Tessema	F	Technology	3 rd
141	Galgalo Halake	M	Management	2 nd
142	Garoma Sagni	M	Mathematics	4 th
143	Gazehagn Indris	M	Accounting	2 nd
144	Gebre Huluka	M	Amharic	3 rd
145	Gemachis Bekele	M	Pharmacy	4 th
146	Gemachis Merga	M	Chemistry	2 nd
147	Gemachis Mosisa	M	SOSA	3 rd
148	Gemachu Deresa	M	Psychology	2 nd
149	Gemachu Gibhe	M	Psychology	2 nd
150	Gemechu Terfasa	M	Psychology	2 nd
151	Gemechu Nafabas	M	Ph.Education	2 nd
152	Genamo Bariso	M	Ph.Education	3 rd
153	Getachew Aseffa	M	PSIR	2 nd
154	Gete Kenea	M	PSIR	2 nd
155	Getu Abate	M	Civil Eng'g	4 th
156	Getu Terefa	M	Civil Eng'g	4 th
157	Girma Bahiru	M	Accounting	2 nd
158	Girma Deseleng	M	Accounting	2 nd
159	Girma Temasgen	M	Accounting	2 nd
160	Gizachew Gabisa	M	Philosophy	2 nd
161	Gurmessa Merga	M	Philosophy	2 nd
162	Guya Tafese	M	Philosophy	2 nd
163	Habib Derse	M	Physics	2 nd
164	Habib Furo	M	Ph.Education	2 nd
165	Habrudi Tola	M	Mathematics	2 nd
166	Habtamu Aboma	M	Electrical Eng'g	3 rd
167	Habtamu Feyisa	M	Physical Edu.	2 nd
168	Habtamu Mengistu	M	English	4 th
169	Habtamu Tadesa	M	English	4 th
170	Habtu Jima	M	Pre-Eng'g	2 nd
171	Hasen Mohammed	M	History	4 th
172	Hassen Shube	M	Geology	2 nd
173	Hawine Benti	F	SOSA	2 nd
174	Hawiso Dage	M	Technology	3 rd
175	Hayata Delcha	M	Chemistry	2 nd
176	Hayider Aman	M	Amharic	3 rd
177	Hika Fekede	M	English	4 th
178	Hika Gutama	M	SOSA	3 rd
179	Husen Bullo	M	SOSA	4 th
180	Husen Guyo	M	Psychology	3 rd
181	Ibsa Dejene	M	Philosophy	2 nd
182	Ibsa Serbesa	M	Philosophy	3 rd
183	Inatihun Fufa	F	History	2 nd
184	Indalickew Banti	M	Mathematics	3 rd
185	Jafer Mitiku	M	Mathematics	2 nd

186	Jeylan Kasim	M	English	4 th
187	Kafyalehu	M	English	3 rd
188	Kamal Taha	M	Construction	3 rd
189	Kaneni Kano	M	Mechanical Eng	5 th
190	Kasim Shafa	M	English	2 nd
191	Kassim Mohammed	M	Mathematics	3 rd
192	kebede Tamirat	M	SOSA	2 nd
193	Kebene Wondimu	F	Psychology	2 nd
194	Kedir Yesuf	M	History	2 nd
195	Kesahun Shibashi	M	Mechanical Eng	3 rd
196	Kesahun Tasew	M	Mathematics	2 nd
197	Kiflu Aschalew	M	Psychology	3 rd
198	Lata Tesfa	M	PSIR	2 nd
199	Lebata Fufa	M	Geography	2 nd
200	Legessa Jalkaba	M	Pharmacy	4 th
201	Lelise Soboka	F	Physical Edu.	2 nd
202	Lencho Jirata	M	SOSA	3 rd
203	Mamo Soboksa	M	History	2 nd
204	Markos Zelalem	M	Business Education	4 th
205	Mathewos Kolfallo	M	SISA	2 nd
206	Mehirat lami	F	ILS	3 rd
207	Mekonnen Hailu	M	History	3 rd
208	Melessa Alemayo	M	SOSA	2 nd
209	Mengistu Dengia	M	PSIR	2 nd
210	Merga	M	Mechanical Eng	3 rd
211	Merga Banti	M	Psychology	2 nd
212	Merga Beleyine	M	"	3 rd
213	Meseret Fantahun	F	Geography	2 nd
214	Meskerem Ayana	M	Mathematics	4 th
215	Midakso Gudata	M	ILS	4 th
216	Milion Derb	M	Management	2 nd
217	Miraj Abibeker	M	Building	3 rd
218	Mirgise Gameda	F	Socio.(Sosa)	2 nd
219	Misganu Ayele	M	English	2 nd
220	Mogas Fufa	M	Business Education	2 nd
221	Mohammed A/Kadir	M	Building	3 rd
222	Mohammed Abdnlkadir	M	Business Education	2 nd
223	Mohammed Abdurra	M	Management	2 nd
224	Mohammed Ahmed	M	SISA	3 rd
225	Mohammed Amin	M	SISA	3 rd
226	Mohammed Haile	M	Business Education	2 nd
227	Mohammed Harun	M	Chemistry	2 nd
228	Mohammed Kenno	M	"	3 rd
229	Mohammed Usmael	M	Mathematics	2 nd
230	Mokonen Badada	M	SOSA	3 rd
231	Mokonen Gemachu	M	Business Education	2 nd
232	Mokonen Ifa	M		
233	Mokonen Tadesa	M	SOSA	4 th
234	Mokonen Taye	M	SOSA	3 rd
235	Moreda Kebede	M	Geography	4 th
236	Motuma Gari	M	English	2 nd
237	Mugudda Lamma	M	Mathematics	3 rd
238	Muktar Jamal	M	English	2 nd
239	Mulgeta Merga	M		
240	Mulgeta Nugusa	M	Business Education	3 rd
241	Mulune Taye	M	History	2 nd

242	Musa Dawud	M	Electrical Eng'g	4 th
243	Magash Hailu	M	History	2 nd
244	Nagash Tilahun	M	History	2 nd
245	Nagash Tilahun	M	Business Education	2 nd
246	Nasiro Hasan	M	Geography	4 th
247	Nedi Haji	F	Political Sine.	2 nd
248	Nigusa Lemessa	M	Mathematics	3 rd
249	Nigusa Amayeu	M	Business Education	2 nd
250	Obsa Abdata	M	Biology	2 nd
251	Olani Sakata	M	EDPM	2 nd
252	Rabuma	M	Law	5 th
253	Rata Gonfa	M	Geography	2 nd
254	Reta Bekele	M	Physics	3 rd
255	Roba Gadefa	M	Stat.	3 rd
256	Said Mohammed	M	Mathematics	3 rd
257	Sarfedin Mamma	M	Statistics	3 rd
258	Sehara Hangeba	M	Math.	3 rd
259	Seyfi Mamma	M	History	2 nd
260	Shamsadin Abdulahi	M	Chemistry	2 nd
261	Shasho Zalake	M	Chemistry	2 nd
262	Shibru Tssfaye	M	SOSA	2 nd
263	Shumi Kano	M	Psychology	3 rd
264	Sinkinesh Ayana	F	Psychology	2 nd
265	Siraj A/kadir	M	Mathematics	3 rd
266	Sisay Bayisa	M	Psychology	3 rd
267	Siwaye Merga	F	Psychology	4 th
268	Solomon Tadesa	M	English	2 nd
269	Sutuma Kenea	M	English	2 nd
270	Tadese Kebede	M	Political Science	3 rd
271	Tadese Megrsa	M	Political Science	4 th
272	Tafari Firisa	M	Law	2 nd
273	Taha Dediyo	M	Geology	3 rd
274	Taha Turi	M	Law	4 th
275	Takele Hailu	M	SOSA	2 nd
276	Takele Tolesa	M	Geology	3 rd
277	Takitu Misgana	F	History	2 nd
278	Tamene Bekele	M	Pre-eng'g	2 nd
279	Tamirat Asefa	M	Economics	2 nd
280	Tamirat Gadisa	M	Pre-eng'g	2 nd
281	Tamirat Tesfaye	M	Chemistry	3 rd
282	Tana Alemayehu	M	Theatrical Art	2 nd
283	Tariku Beyena	M	Accounting	2 nd
284	Tariku Itana	M	Geology	4 th
285	Tashale Galana	M	Economics	2 nd
286	Tashome Tesfaye	M	Accounting	2 nd
287	Tefera Abera	M	Accounting	2 nd
288	Teklu Bekele	M	Physical	2 nd
289	Temesgen Ejita	M	Mathematics	4 th
290	Tena Alemayehu	M	English	2 nd
291	Tesfa Kabata	M	Accounting	2 nd
292	Tesfahun Tadeg	M	SOSA	2 nd
293	Tesfaye Diriba	M	SOSA	2 nd
294	Tesfaye Gurmessa	M	Psychology	2 nd
295	Tesfaye Niguse	M	Chemical Eng'g	3 rd
296	Tesfaye Roba	M	Technology	4 th
297	Teshale Shumi	M	Geology	3 rd

298	Teshome Amanti	M	Psychology	3 rd
299	Teshome Duguma	M	Geography	4 th
300	Tessama Dhangasa	M	Mathematics	3 rd
301	Tigist Solomon	F	Psychology	2 nd
302	Tigistu Bedasa	M	Pre-Eng'g	2 nd
303	Tilahun Gemachu	M	Geography	3 rd
304	Tolasa Dabala	M	Pharmacy	5 th
305	Tolasa Shanko	M	Economics	2 nd
306	Tomas Birhanu	M	Mathematics	3 rd
307	Usen Yado	M	Mathematics	4 th
308	Wadajo Tariku	M	Pre-Eng'g	2 nd
309	Wakasa Tesama	M	SOSA	2 nd
310	Wakgari Elsai	M	SOSA	3 rd
311	Wakgari Hunde	M	Accounting	2 nd
312	Wakgari Temesgen	M	Pre-Eng'g	2 nd
313	Wakgari Tesisa	M	English	2 nd
314	Wakgari Yohanes	M	Linguistics	2 nd
315	Wako Kebeta	M	Pre-Eng'g	2 nd
316	Wakshume Terefa	M	Biology	4 th
317	Wandimu Fanta	M	Pre-Eng'g	2 nd
318	Wandimu Fekadu	M	Business Education	2 nd
319	Wandimu Tesfaye	M	History	2 nd
320	Wedajo Tariku	M	Pre-Eng'g	2 nd
321	Workalem Mulata	F	Law	3 rd
322	Workinesh	F	SOSA	3 rd
323	Yadeta Obsa	M	Pre-Eng'g	4 th
324	Yetarik Sibatu	F	SOSA	4 th
325	Yezabwork Merga	F	English	4 th
326	Yonas Bacha	M	SOSA	2 nd
327	Yusuf Tuke	M	SOSA	3 rd
328	Zaye Chemera	M	SOSA	4 th
329	Zelege Holjira	M	English	3 rd
330	Zelalem Ademu	M	English	4 th
331	Sileshi Degefa	M	Biology	3 rd
332	Teshome Kabeta	M	Statistics	3 rd
333	Eba Senbeta	M	Mathematics	2 nd
334	Dereje Kebede	M	Statistics	3 rd

Conclusion

The measures taken against the students by the government security forces are in utter transgression of the fundamental human rights of citizens stipulated in the FDRE Constitution. Article 18(1) of the Constitution Provides:

“ Everyone has the right to protection against cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.”

Also, Article 21(1) stipulates that;

“All persons held in custody and persons imprisoned upon conviction and sentencing have the right to have treatments respecting their human dignity.”

It was in contradiction of these constitutional provisions that the police had detained and physically abused the students.

The actions of those university officials who ordered the mass arrest of the students who were gathered to peacefully present their requests was also constitutes a violation of Article 30(1) of the FDRE Constitution which provides:

“Everyone has the right to assemble and to demonstrate together with others peaceably and unarmed, and to petition....”

The decision taken by the University to suspend those students who were released from detention without any formal investigation or criminal charges and making public recognition of wrongdoing a precondition for admission for an act which has not been proven to be wrong is a blatant act of violation of the rights and liberties of the students; it is also unbecoming of a higher learning institution of AAU's stature.

Moreover, the dismissal of 23 students who are still in police custody is tantamount to a presumption of guilt before conviction on the part of the university officials as the students have not yet even been formally charged with any crime let alone be convicted. So, passing a decision to dismiss them at this stage is a violation of their rights to be presumed innocent until proven guilty which is provided in the FDRE Constitution and international human rights instruments.

In general, the illegal acts committed by government forces i.e., entering to students dormitories, illegally arresting them and inflicting physical and psychological punishments, instead of taking suspects to a court of law, have to be condemned.

The actions of University officials who invited external forces in a matter which they could have resolved through peaceful deliberations with the students, coupled with the their dismissal and suspension of students aggravated the violations of rights committed against the students. Thus, EHRCO appeals to the pertinent authorities:

- to lift the suspension imposed on the students;
- to release the detained students and let them follow up their cases while attending their classes;
- to bring to justice those members of police and security forces who committed human rights violations against the students.

EHRCO also calls on citizens, governmental and non-governmental organizations, national and international human rights organizations and government envoys to exert pressure on the Ethiopian government so that it respects citizens' human and democratic rights and work for the realization of the rule of law, by writing to the government bodies and officials listed below.

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- H.E. Ato Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister, FDRE
P.O.Box 1031, Fax (251-1) 552020 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- H.E. Ato Harka Haroye, Minister of Justice, FDRE
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- H.E. Wro. Genet Zewde, Minister of Education, FDRE
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