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**URGENT CALL!**

**Human Rights Violations Committed Against Members  
and Supporters of the Opposition Parties Should be Stopped**

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The Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO) has repeatedly urged for the immediate stoppage of human rights violations such as killing, illegal detention, beating, torture and harassments committed by various organs of the Government so that the problems created in connection with the nationwide election to the House of the Peoples Representatives and Regional Councils that were conducted on May 15, 2005 may be resolved peacefully and legally. In addition, EHRCO, in its special statements, election reports and press releases that were issued before and after the election, has been calling upon the Government, contending parties and members and supporters of the contending parties to conduct their affairs in a legal and peaceful manner, to respect the right of the people to express their views and aspirations in a manner that is peaceful and legal and to recognize the right of the people to freedom of association, expression and other constitutional and human rights without any interference.

However, conditions are not improving but rather worsening day after day. Consequently, the country is now in a precarious condition. As a human rights organization, EHRCO conducts investigations into such conditions and also receives pertinent information daily. EHRCO's assessment indicates that, as a result of the illegal measures that are being taken against members and supports of the opposition parties, citizens are without guarantee of peace and, therefore, are forced to live in an intimidating and threatening atmosphere. It is, thus, not difficult to estimate the seriousness of human and material loss that the country may incur if conditions remain unchanged.

Starting from September 25, 2005 Government security forces, members of the police force and kebele militiamen have been detaining, forcibly kidnapping, beating, torturing and inflicting other harms against members and supporters of the Coalition for Unity and Democracy (CUD) and United Ethiopian Democratic Forces (UEDF) in Addis Ababa, Bahir Dar, Woldiya, Dessie, East Gojam, North Wollo, Awi Zone, North Shoa, Mekele, Arsi Zone, Harrar, Nekemte, Hadiya and Gamo Gofa Zone. CUD disclosed that, during the period mentioned above, more than 1,250 of its members in different regions have been detained, 12 of its offices have been closed, and request for permission to stage a public gathering on October 2, 2005 has been disallowed. It has also been confirmed that members of UEDF have been detained during the period mentioned. Additionally, different kinds of crimes have been committed against members of the Ethiopian Teachers' Association. EHRCO has conducted investigations into some of the complaints that were brought to its attention by political parties and professional associations. Details of the crimes committed are indicated below.

A. **Beatings and unlawful detentions against leaders and members of the Ethiopian Teachers' Association**

Starting from September 25, 2005, teachers, whose names are stated below, have been beaten and unlawfully detained.

No.	Names of Victims	Particulars
1.	Teferi Gessese	He is a resident of Addis Ababa city, Gulele Sub-City. An elderly man of 61 and a father of nine children, he is the General Secretary of the Addis Ababa Teachers' Association under the Ethiopian Teachers' Association and member of the Executive Committee and Treasurer of the Ethiopian Teachers' Association. He has reported to EHRCO that, on September 25, 2005 at 10:15 a.m., he was taken to Gulele Sub-City Police Department, forced to fill out a form and photographed against his will and beaten during his stay at the police station.
2.	Kassahun Kebede	He is the President of the Addis Ababa Teachers' Association under the Ethiopian Teachers' Association. He has reported to EHRCO that, on September 25, 2005 at 10:00 a.m., five men came to his residence and took him in a pickup car, plate No. 2-1862, and detained him in Second Police Station from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. He said that he was forced to fill out and sign a form and photographed against his will before he was released.
3.	Tamrat Tesfaye	He is a member of the Executive Committee of Addis Ababa Teachers' Association. He has reported to EHRCO that, on September 26, 2005, he has arrested by the police, forced to fill out a form and photographed before he was released.
4.	Tesfaye Yirga	These members of the Ethiopian Teachers' Association has reported to EHRCO that, on September 26, 2005, they were arrested by the police, forced to fill out a form and photographed against their will.
5.	Wasyihun Melese	
6.	Deriba Kuma	
7.	Bekele Gagi	
8.	Oyicha Alolo	
9.	Yitbarek Kebede	
10.	Tena Shewa	
11.	Berhanu W/Semayat	
12.	Dages Degu	

## **B. Violations committed against members and supporters of the CUD**

List of members and supporters who were beaten, detained and threatened:

Addis Ababa

No.	Names of Victims	Particulars
1.	Artist Debebe Eshetu	An elderly man of 60 and a father of four children, he is a resident of Gulele Sub-City and a member of the Public Relations Committee of CUD. On September 20, 2005 he has reported to EHRCO that, on September 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., he was beaten by two individuals that are unknown to him while he was entering his residence, which is at Gulele, close by Rufael Church. Additionally, he was arrested by Government security forces on October 14, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at his residence and taken to the Central Criminal Investigation Department. He was held in detention at the time of the issuance of this statement
2.	Lieutenant Kebede Abebe	An elderly man of 53 and a father of five children, he is a resident of Nefasilk-Lafto Sub-City and CUD candidate running for the House of People's Representatives in Gindeberet woreda constituency, West Shoa. He has reported to EHRCO that, on September 25, 2005 at 6:00 a.m., he was arrested by the police and taken to Kebele 14 Police Station. He said that at 10:00 a.m., an individual in plainclothes interrogated him and had his photograph taken before he was

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		released at 2:30 p.m.
3.	Shimelis Mekonnen	He is a resident of Kirkos Sub-City. In the morning of September 11, 2005 he received, from unknown individuals, a letter enclosed in an envelop in connection with the opinion that he expressed in the public meeting that was called by CUD at Kirkos Sub-City on August 28, 2005. The content of the letter was as follows: "We have come to realize that your current activity is provoking the youth to face unnecessary carnage. We would like to tell you beforehand that you will receive your due before you make a move to realize your illegal activity, leave alone entering the palace to do any harm. If you are unable to think that your activity is harmful to you and your family, you will be served right". He reported to EHRCO that, after receiving this threatening letter, he was arrested and held in detention by members of the police force of Kirkos Sub-City on September 27, 2005, at 7:00 a.m. and that he was taken to Woreda 20 Police Station, forced to fill out and sign a form and photographed against his will before he was released the next day.
4.	Lieutenant Girma Amare	He is a resident of Kirkos Sub-City, woreda 20, and a member of the provisional organizing committee of CUD. He reported to EHRCO that, on September 9, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., he received a letter sent to him from unknown individuals and that the letter was sent to him through a child living in the neighborhood. The content of the letter was as follows: "You and those who were with you and, if at all, God, know the ordeals you underwent as a soldier before you came to your present condition of life. Now, thinking that your days have come, it seems that you are yearning for the days of your tribulations. Consequently, a few days have passed since you immersed yourself in the cry for violence and insurrection. Unfortunately, it would be a futile venture if you are toiling to preserve your soul, which you brought home with so much difficulty, to be a cause for the demise of the souls of other innocent individuals. The time for cleansing the filth is beside you. You will be told the time when your poor soul will depart. You just count "one!" You will not have another chance. It is clear, isn't it?" He further said that, after this warning letter, he came under constant surveillance and that, as a result, he is exposed to threats.
5.	Bahiru Enkuahone	A resident of woreda 24, he is a teacher at Repi Elementary School. On October 3, 2005 at noon, four members of the security forces in plainclothes illegally arrested him in the compound of the school and took him in their car. Until the issuance of this statement his whereabouts is not known.
6.	Bisrat Woldu	A resident of Yeka Sub-City, he is a bus driver in Anbessa City Bus Service Enterprise. He reported to EHRCO that, on September 27, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., he and other six employees of the enterprise received a message enclosed in envelopes. They received the envelopes through the transport service deployment section of the enterprise. The following was the essence of the message: "It is clear that you are beating death drum and preoccupied with the fantasy of 'Georgia, orange, <i>adei abeba</i> , blah blah blah . . .' But, weigh each of your moves carefully and think what might befall you before the season when <i>adei abeba</i> blossoms." He said that, since the time when he received this intimidating letter his life is under threat.

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7.	Kidanie Argaw	<p>A resident of Lideta Sub-City, he is a driver in Anbessa City Bus Service Enterprise. He is married and a father of three children. He reported to EHRCO that, on October 1, 2005, at 3:50 a.m., four members of the security forces in plainclothes arrested him in the compound of the enterprise he was working for and took him to Bole Sub-City Police Station in a car with a private plate number. He said that the chief interrogator of the sub-city framed the charges against him as: "You are inducing CUD not to join the parliament; you are agitating the people to come out for demonstration." He (Ato Kidanie) explained to the chief interrogator that he was not involved in such activities. He also reported that he was video recorded against his will and released on own recognizance on October 3, 2005 after being held in detention for three days without being brought before court.</p>
8.	Birkayehu Mekecha	<p>A resident of Gulele Sub-City, he is CUD desk coordinator. He is married and a father of five children. On September 26, 2005 at 1:00 a.m. six members of the Federal Police jumped over the fence of his residence and knocked at the door of his residence saying, "Open! We are policemen." Ato Birkayehu responded saying, "Lawful policemen do not knock at the door of individuals at this hour of the night; I don't want to open the door since you could be robbers." The policemen repeatedly knocked at the door, but upon being convinced that the door will not be opened, they passed the night sitting in the compound of the house. At 6:00 a.m. the policemen arrested Ato Birkayehu as he was coming out of his residence. Ato Birkayehu said to the policemen, "What you are doing is illegal. If there is any crime that I am charged with you should proceed legally. You should not come at night and harass me and my family." Because of these words the policemen kicked him, clobbered him in his face, hit him with the butts of their rifles, threw him into their car, took him to Gulele Sub-City Police Station and detained him there. On September 28, 2005 the police department of Gulele Sub-City brought him before court and applied for a remand upon which the court granted a five-day remand. On October 3, 2005 the police again applied for an additional remand, but the court rejected the request and ordered the release of Ato Birkayehu on 500 Birr bail. It has been medically confirmed that, as a result of the beatings he received, his rib bone on the left side has fractured. Earlier, on June 8, 2005, Ato Birkayehu Mekecha had been abducted by members of the security forces while he was coming out of CUD office, where he was working. Then, he was taken to Zeway Reformatory, where he was held in detention for fourteen days without being brought before court. He revealed that he was released on October 7, 2005 after being held in detention for a total of 27 days without charge.</p>
9.	Shiferaw G/Tsadik	<p>A resident of Woreda 28, he is married and a father of two children. On September 24, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., he was arrested by members of the Federal Police in a Kebele recreation center at Kotebe. The policemen took him beating and detained him in Yeka Sub-City Police Station. He reported that, while in detention, he was forced to give the names and addresses of his family members, relatives and friends, that he was photographed against his will, and that he was released on October 4, 2005 at 10:00 p.m. on his own</p>

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		recognizance. Ato Shiferaw further reported that on June 9, 2005 he had been arrested in the street by the police while he was on his way to work and that he had been taken to Zeway Reformatory, where he was illegally detained for about ten days before he was released.
10.	Sintayehu Negash	A resident of Arada Sub-City, he is a member of CUD. He reported to EHRCO that, on October 4, 2005 at 8:40 a.m., four members of the security forces in plainclothes arrested him in a garage at Qera where he was working. He was detained in Woreda 19 Police Station and released at 2:00 p.m. of same day. At the police station his mobile telephone, wallet and note book were taken. He got these items back on October 6, 2005.
11.	Liqe Hiruyan Getachew Guadie	He reported to EHRCO that, on September 29, 2005 at 6:30 a.m., three armed policemen arrested him at his residence and took him to Yeka Sub-City Police Station where he was forced to fill in a form his name, his life history, names of his mother, sisters and friends and also the telephone number of his residence and the number of his mobile telephone. After filling out the form he was forced to sign it and his photograph was also taken against his will. He was told to "examine" himself and detained until 10:30 a.m. of same day before he was released.
12.	Mekonnen Getachew G/Tsiyon	They are residents of Kolfe-Keraniyo Sub-City. They reported to EHRCO that, on September 25, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., four policemen armed with kalashnikov guns, forcibly took them to Kolfe-Keraniyo Police Station where they were forced to fill out and sign a form. They were released at 9:00 p.m. of same day.
13.	Mesfin Sileshi Bogale	
14.	Behailu Afework Memiru	He reported to EHRCO that, on September 26, 2005 at 6:00 p.m., seven armed members of the Federal Police forcibly took him to Kolfe-Keraniyo Police Station where he was forced to fill out and sign a form. He was released the same evening at 8:00 p.m. of same day.
15.	Idae Mekonnen Hailie	He reported to EHRCO that, on October 1, 2005 at 3:00 p.m., two policemen in plainclothes arrested him while he was watching a game of billiards at Jimma Bar, in the vicinity of Abinet, and took him to Woreda 4 Police Station. At the police station he was forced to fill out a form. When they wanted to photograph him he protested but gave in after three policemen in plainclothes approached him and threatened him. He was released at 8:00 p.m. of same day.
16.	Woudneh Wodaj	A taxi driver, he is a member of CUD. He reported to EHRCO that, on October 2, 2005 at 6:00 a.m. four members of the security forces in plainclothes arrested him without any question at Bulgaria Mazonia, former sheep market, while he was chatting with his friends and took him to Woreda 20 Police Station. At the police station he was forced to fill out a form and detained until October 5, 2005 without being brought before court.
17.	Private Berhanu Fekadu	He reported to EHRCO that, on August 7, 2005 he was arrested by members of the Federal Police and taken to Woreda 14 Police Station, where he was beaten. Then they released him with the remark: "Since you are a member of our police force, we want you." But starting from September 28, 2005 he has come under the surveillance of members of the security forces in plainclothes. They accused him of, "Renting a house for the use of members of CUD" and also "Promoting

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		terrorism" Because of the incessant threats and intimidations he faced, he was forced to leave his residence and live in a hideout.
18.	Adbaru Alemu	He was detained in Zeway Reformatory for one month and released on bail the pretext being his involvement in the incident that took place in Addis Ababa on June 8, 2005. He reported to EHRCO that, again, he is being intimidated and threatened by members of the security who alleged him to be a member of CUD. As a result he is forced to leave his residence and live in a difficult condition.
19.	Manaye Gurmessa	A resident of Burayu Special Kebele in Wolmera Woreda, he is an employee of the Ethiopian Telecommunications Corporation. On October 3, 2005 he reported to EHRCO that, on September 24, 2005 at 11:00 a.m., four militiamen and officials of Burayu Special Kebele came to his residence, pointed a gun at him and intimidated him in the following words: "You are a supporter of CUD. If you want to spare your life, you should refrain from your activities. Or else, we can take any measure against you." During the national and regional elections he was a participant in agitation activities for CUD. On October 5, 2005 members of his family reported to EHRCO that his whereabouts is not known since October 3, 2005.
Nazreth		
20.	Belay Negussie	These are members of CUD residing in Nazreth town. On September 25, 2005 at 12:35 a.m., they were arrested by four armed members of the security forces in plain clothes and taken to Kebele 12 where they were held in detention. They were arrested while they were coming out of a party meeting held in the office of the party in Nazreth town. Then they took each of them by turns and hit them with their feet and fists in a room in the Kebele. As a result of the beatings: Ato Negussie Kassa has sustained a serious abdominal injury. He is bed ridden and there is blood in his urine. Ato Belay Kassa's right ear is deafened and doctors have confirmed that there is an internal wound in his stomach. Ato Admassu Kebede has sustained injury in his stomach and his head. After sustaining the beatings in this manner the four individuals were taken, at about 4:00 p.m., to Kebele 18 Police Station where they were detained. While in detention the police repeatedly stepped on the bare feet of Ato Takele Tadesse, Ato Belay Negussie and Ato Admissu Kebede after they ordered them to take their shoes off. They were kept in a dark room for four days without appearing before court and finally released on September 29, 2005 through a guarantor. Moreover, Ato Belay Negussie and Ato Tadesse Takele were, for the second time, arrested on October 2, 2005 and re-detained for one day after which they were released with a warning that they would be shot if they are seen around CUD office any more. Ato Negussies Kassa was separated from the other detainees and taken to the Zonal Police Station where he was also detained for four days without appearing before court and released through a guarantor. He was arrested for a second time on October 1, 2005 and re-detained for two days after which he was released with a warning that he should never go to the office of CUD any more.
21.	Tadesse Takele	
22.	Nigussie Kassa	
23.	Admassu Kebede	
24.	Shenkut Abebe	A member of CUD, he has notified EHRCO that, on September 14, 2005, he escaped the arrest of uniformed

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		armed members of the Federal Police at Adama town. Again the police tried to arrest him while he was coming out of CUD meeting at 12:00 a.m. of September 14, 2005. Since they are hunting for him he has gone underground.
Arbaminch		
25.	Dereje Alemu	Ato Dereje is the Secretary, Ato Lulu is the Deputy Chairman, Ato Abriham is the Organization Affairs Officer and Ato Nigatu is the Agitation and Information Officer of CUD at Arbaminch town. It has been disclosed that all of them have been arrested and detained on September 28, 2005.
26.	Lulu Mesele	
27.	Abriham Anagaw	
28.	Nigatu Kebede	
North Wollo		
Woldiya		
29.	Belete Gebrie	It has been learnt that these 30 individuals have been arrested by the police on September 25, 2005. Their families were prohibited to visit them. They have been brought before court but they have been sent to Woldiya Reformatory after the application of the police for a 14-day remand has been accepted.
30.	Adane Tilahun	
31.	Eshetu Tegegn	
32.	Mulugeta Asfaw	
33.	Tilahun Aragie	
34.	Yaregal Fentaw	
35.	Abubeker Kemal	
36.	Mengesha Nega	
37.	Major Tesfahun Kassaw	
38.	Yared W/Yesus	
39.	Goshu Getahun	
40.	Woiz. Adina Getahun	
41.	Woiz. Genet Belay	
42.	Ashebir Mekonnen	
43.	Memhir Debalkie	
44.	Habtamu	
45.	Fentaw Baye	
46.	Dessalegn Fentaw	
47.	Sisay Tsegaw	
48.	Lieutenant Eshetu Mekonnen	
49.	H/Yesus Betirie	
50.	Solomon G/Hanna	
51.	Lulseged Demissew	
52.	Demilie Atnafu	
53.	Seid Gumataw	
54.	Eshetu Nega	
55.	Solomon Yimam	
56.	Seid Yimer	
57.	Mesay Awraris	
	Addis Wollie	
Habru Woreda		
58.	Tesfaye Worku	These three individuals were arrested after their residences were searched on September 27, 2005 at 5:00 a.m. They have been brought before court but it has been learnt that they have been sent to Woldiya Reformatory after the court has accepted the application of the police for a 14-day remand.
59.	Mohammed Adem	
60.	Worku Teshome	
Kobo		
61.	Ayalew Zewdie	It has been disclosed that they have been detained since September 30, 2005.
62.	Fentaw Deribew	
63.	Dessalegn Asmamaw	
64.	Nega Kebede	
65.	Mengesha Tamene	

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66.	Kassa Mariye	
South Wollo		
Dessie		
67.	Usman Hassen Awalie	These individuals were arrested by the police on September 25, 2005 and detained in 1st and 3rd police stations until September 29, 2005. Then they were sent to Dessie Reformatory. Among these twelve detainees only Asnakew Derese was released from 4th Police Station on September 26, 2005. Asnakew reported to EHRCO that all his personal notes that were in his pocket have been confiscated. The other detainees were brought before court on October 5, 2005 and released on 1,000 Birr bail per detainee.
68.	Usman Mohammed Ali	
69.	Solomon Molla Aberra	
70.	Fantahun Kebede	
71.	Mekonnen Amedie	
72.	Berhanu Abate Yimer	
73.	Getahun Mekonnen	
74.	Masresha Belay	
75.	Girmachew Demisachew	
76.	Binyam Fereja	
77.	Mulugeta Mekonnen	
78.	Asnakew Derese	
79.	W/t Edget Balemual	A young lady of 21, she is a resident of Dessie town and a member of CUD. On October 2, 2005 at 7:00 a.m., she was arrested by the police at her residence and detained in 2nd Police Station. She was released on bail on October 3, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. During her stay in detention the question that she was asked by the security and police was: "On September 26, 2005 you have distributed illegal papers in the town." But EHRCO has verified that on the said date she was at Addis Ababa on medical case.
80.	Sheik Hussein Mohammed	An elderly man of 45, he is a resident of Dessie Zuria Woreda, Kebele 022. He earns his livelihood by farming. He sustained injury when two members of EPRDF knifed and clubbed him on September 28, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. while he was on his way to visit his relatives.
Kombolcha		
81.	Seid Endrias	On September 28, 2005 these individuals were arrested by Kombolcha police and brought before court. They were sent to Kombolcha Reformatory after the application of the police for a 14-day remand was granted. They were, however, released on October 5, 2005 without bail before the expiry of the period of the remand.
82.	Jemal Hussein	
83.	1st Serg. Alamirew Bisema	
84.	Mohammed Yasin	
85.	Seid Liben G/Medhin	
86.	Awol Musa Qoricho	
87.	Fekade Arega	
88.	Dereje Solomon	
89.	Geta Mekonnen Hailie	
90.	Debas Yesigat	
91.	Tsegaye Betemariam	
92.	Getu Mekonnen	
93.	Mohammed Awol	
Kalu Woreda, Harbu Town		
94.	Seid Mohammed	It has been learnt that these five individuals have been arrested by the police on October 1, 2005 at 9:00 p.m. at their residence and detained in Kombolcha Reformatory.
95.	Abdu Seid	
96.	Seid Endris	
97.	Ambaw Abdela	
98.	Ahmed Seid	
Kutaber		
99.	Bezie Asfaw	It has been learnt that these three individuals have been arrested by the police on October 1, 2005 at 9:00 p.m. at their residences and detained in Kombolcha Reformatory.
100.	Zerihun Eshetu	
101.	Bedru Yimer	



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Bahir Dar		
102.	Nega Abeje	He was arrested by the police on September 26, 2005. He is held in detention.
103.	Lieutenant Alemnew Nibret	These individuals are CUD organizers at Bahir Dar. They were released on bail on October 5, 2005.
104.	Andargie Bezu	
105.	Shambel Adamu	
106.	Woiz. Meseret	
107.	Teshager Legesse	
108.	Sergeant Negussie Dagnie	
109.	Asrat W/Gebriel	
110.	Minichil Demie	
111.	Amsalu Mekonnen	
112.	Damtie Hailie	
113.	Akele Ejigu	
114.	Isa Umer	
115.	Adamu Mekuanint	
116.	Daniel Asresu	He was arrested and detained on September 26, 2005 and released on October 7, 2005.
117.	Admas Muchie	They were arrested by the police and detained on September 28, 2005. Except Muchie Tebikew and Masresha Bezuallem the other detainees were released on 500 Birr bail on October 10, 2005. It has been disclosed that Muchie Tebikew and Masresha Bezuallem are held in detention.
118.	Muchie Tebikew	
119.	Masresha Bezuallem	
120.	Tadesse Ayanew	
121.	Getachew Chanie	
South Gonder		
122.	Melak Tarekegn	A resident of Farta Woreda, he was arrested and detained by the police on September 26, 2005.
123.	Addis Seyoum	These individuals were arrested and detained by the police on September 29, 2005.
124.	Gedefaw Molla	
125.	Mersha Gelaw	
126.	Alemnew Fetene	
127.	Alemayehu Ademe	
128.	Asefie Berhan	
129.	Dinku Getaneh	
130.	Bezuayehu Eshetie	
131.	Misganaw Ayalew	
132.	Azmeraw Ayalew	He was arrested and detained on September 22, 2005.
133.	Abate Addisalem	These three individuals are CUD coordinators in Fogera Woreda. It has been disclosed that they are held in detention since September 25, 2005.
134.	Nibret Engidaw	
135.	Mariye Mesele	
Debre Tabor		
136.	Lidetu Kebede	It has been disclosed that they have been arrested by the police on September 30, 2005 and that they are still held in detention.
137.	Mesfin Getu	
138.	Negash Yihunie	
Libo		
139.	Tsegaye Tarekegn	It has been disclosed that they have been held in detention since September 30, 2005.
140.	Melaku Terefe	
141.	Tigistu (student)	
142.	Mesafint (student)	
Lay Gayint		
143.	Wondimnew Tarekegn	It has been disclosed that they were arrested and detained by the police on September 29, 2005.
144.	Almosha Abate	

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Estie		
145.	Azmeraw Mazengia	It has been disclosed that they were arrested and detained on October 1, 2005.
146.	Abebaw Abebe	
147.	Dereje Aynalem	
Ebnat		
148.	Anteneh Mekonnen	It has been disclosed that they were arrested and detained by the police on September 29, 2005.
149.	Nega Semegn	
150.	Kassa Achenef	
151.	Mogessie Getaneh	
152.	Mesafint Getaneh	
153.	Tiruneh Getaneh	
154.	Endeshaw Getaneh	
155.	Misganaw Worku	
156.	Bewketu Takele	
East Gojam		
157.	Melkamu Worku	They are CUD organizers at Mertulemariam town. It has been disclosed that they were arrested and detained by the police on September 25, 2005.
158.	Mezgebe Adamu	
159.	Muluken Minalu	
160.	Tesfaye Tariku	Ato Tesfaye was a candidate for the House of People's Representatives in Dejen Woreda constituency. The rest are CUD coordinators in Dejen town. It has been disclosed that they were arrested and detained by the police on September 25, 2005.
161.	Nigus Asnake	
162.	Wondimeneh Dessalegn	
163.	Mulu Gashu	
164.	Welelaw Wassie	
165.	Getinet Wassie	
166.	Goshu Dejen	Residents of Lumamie Woreda, they are CUD coordinators. It has been disclosed that they were arrested and detained by the police on September 26, 2005.
167.	Woudneh Temesgen	
168.	Solomon Tsehay	
169.	Merigeta Abiye Anbessiew	It has been disclosed that he was arrested by the police on October 3, 2005 and detained in Lumamie town.
170.	Mechemer Woudu	
Liben/Achefer		
171.	Lieutenant Liyew Tegegne	It has been disclosed that they were arrested by the police on September 29, 2005 and detained in Durbetie town.
172.	Abitie Ababayehu	
173.	Muhabaw Negussie	
174.	Atinkut Molla	
175.	Misganaw Yeshiwas	
176.	Lieutenant Limenih Alehegn	
177.	Tegegne Admassu	
178.	Ambaye Teferra	They are residents of Achefer Woreda. It has been disclosed that they were arrested by the police on October 5, 2005 and detained in Durbetie town.
179.	Debasu Meseret	
180.	Minyichil Simeneh	
181.	Debebe Degarege	
182.	Belay Asrat	
183.	Asmamaw Lule	
184.	Sintie Zegeye	
West Gojam		
Shindi		
185.	Ayalew Dagnaw	It has been disclosed that they were arrested and detained by the police on September 29, 2005.
186.	Asterie Tsheday	
187.	Zelalem Hunegn	
188.	Merg. Wondimu Limech	
189.	Bisema Mesfin	

No.	Names of Victims	Particulars
Bichena		
190.	Shegaw Ayele	It has been disclosed that they have been arrested and detained by the police since September 25, 2005.
191.	Ayele Belete	
Debre Marcos		
192.	Lieutenant Yohannes Abate	He was arrested and detained by the police on September 27, 2005 and released on October 4, 2005.
193.	Capt. Arega Mekonnen	He was arrested and detained by the police on September 29, 2005 and released on October 3, 2005.
194.	Tesfaye Mersha	It has been disclosed that he has been arrested and detained by the police since September 28, 2005.
Amber		
195.	Merig. Ajemegi Awoke	It has been disclosed that he has been arrested and detained by the police since September 29, 2005.
196.	Tegoda Mengesha	
197.	Mehari Mekuriaw	
198.	Yeshita Tegegn	
199.	Antehun Gashu	He is a resident of Picolo Abay. It has been disclosed that he has been arrested and detained by the police since September 29, 2005.
200.	Gashaw Gessese	It has been disclosed that they have been arrested and detained by the police since September 29, 2005. It has also been disclosed that they were beaten.
201.	Tazebew Alamirew	
202.	Yimer Nibret	
203.	Sendek Teferi	
204.	Abeje Getu	
205.	Tesema Tadesse	
206.	Shitahun Kassahun	
207.	Tadesse Limenih	
208.	Gedefaw Tasema	
209.	Chale Teferra	
210.	Kassa Belay	
211.	Aniley Alene	
212.	Kassie Imirie	
213.	Abebe Alamirew (teacher)	
214.	Mekonnen Workie	
215.	Admas Mogessie	
216.	Tsega Atalay	
217.	Endalemaw Dagnaw	
218.	Menber Getie	
219.	Bayih Berhanu	
220.	Simie Ewnetu	
221.	Kassa Tilahun	
222.	Minwagaw Wale (teacher)	
223.	Belayneh Alemneh	
224.	Alehegn Hailu	
225.	Alehegn Fetene	He is a resident of Adet. It has been disclosed that he was arrested and detained by the police on October 10, 2005.
226.	Mulaw Gebrie	They are residents of Adet Zuria. It has been disclosed that they have been arrested and detained by the police since September 29, 2005.
227.	Gebrie Tizazu	
228.	Shegaw Admassu	They are residents of Adet 03 Kebele. It has been disclosed that they have been arrested and detained by the police since September 29, 2005.
229.	Liyew Debebe	
230.	Azmeraw Belay	
231.	Yismaw Mengie	
232.	Geremew Abitie	
233.	Asmamaw Bishaw	They are residents of Adet 01 Kebele. It has been disclosed

No.	Names of Victims	Particulars
234.	Sailie Yilak	that they have been arrested and detained by the police since September 29, 2005.
235.	Gedamu Berhanie	They are residents of Debal Kebele. It has been disclosed that they have been arrested and detained by the police since September 29, 2005.
236.	Ejigu Yihunie	
237.	Damtie Getahun	They are residents of Gonj Kebele. It has been disclosed that they have been arrested and detained by the police since September 29, 2005.
238.	Amlaku Dessie	
239.	Alebachew Tsehay	
240.	Yibeltal Gebeyaw	
241.	Simegn Alene	
242.	Wodajo Muluaalem	
243.	Simegn Genanaw	They are residents of Aybar Kebele. It has been disclosed that they have been arrested and detained by the police since September 29, 2005.
244.	Zigale Alamirew	
245.	Moges Sefineh	
246.	Animut Sharew	They are residents of Gubie Kebele. It has been disclosed that they have been arrested and detained by the police since September 29, 2005.
247.	Shitahun Abebe	
248.	Yirga Gedif	He is a resident of Simarga Kebele. It has been disclosed that he has been arrested and detained by the police since September 29, 2005.
249.	Andualem Ayalew	He is a CUD candidate who won the election to the House of People's Representatives in Finote Selam town. He was arrested, beaten and detained by the police on September 29, 2005. He was subsequently released.
Machakel Woreda		
250.	Ayalew Dershe	It has been disclosed that they have been arrested by the police on September 29, 2005 and detained in Debre Marcos Reformatory, far away from family.
251.	Azmera Assefa	
252.	Sergeant Meliktu Bekele	
253.	Ayene Tadele	
254.	Workneh Simeneh	He is a resident of Debre Elias town. It has been disclosed that he has been arrested and detained by the police on October 3, 2005.
Bure Woreda		
255.	Abebe Alamirew	Abebe and Assefa are Kuch Kebele residents while Abere and Minbale are G/Dingil Kebele residents. It has been disclosed that they have been arrested by the police and detained in Finote Selam town since September 29, 2005.
256.	Assefa Jembere	
257.	Abere Mulu	
258.	Minbale Mamo	

C. EDFU members who are held in detention.

No.	Names of Detainees	Particulars
1.	Sergeant Nigussie Dagnie	A resident of Kebele 08, Bahir Dar town, he is the representative of EDFU. It has been disclosed that he has been arrested and detained by the police since September 26, 2005.
2.	Asrat W/Geriel	A resident of Kebele 09, Bahir Dar town, he is a member of EDFU. It has been disclosed that he has been arrested and detained by the police since September 26, 2005.
3.	Minichil Demie	A resident of Kebele 13, Bahir Dar town, he is a member of EDFU. It has been disclosed that he has been arrested and detained by the police since September 26, 2005.

## **D. Beating**

### Ato Daniel Bekele

He is a resident of Woreda 15, Addis Ababa. He is a lawyer and representative of Action Aid, Ethiopia. On October 16, 2005, at 8:30 p.m. two armed men in plainclothes stopped his car in the vicinity of a place commonly known as Addisu Gebeya. He was on his way back home after driving his friends to their homes. The two armed men pointed their pistols at him and hit him with the butts and muzzles of their pistols. As a result of the beatings he has sustained several wounds in his head and his left eye has been injured.

### Conclusion

EHRCO has been monitoring the iniquities that have been perpetrated upon members and supporters of the opposition parties in connection with the May 15, 2005 election. It has issued statements that are based on established human rights violations and repeatedly notified concerned Government bodies to find appropriate solutions for the problems.

However, because the problems that are linked with the election have not been solved, the human rights violations that are being perpetrated by Government bodies have reached a critical stage. The above cited incidents are indicative of this fact. If the human rights violations continue unchecked the existing tensions will be intensified making the problem uncontrollable. Therefore, EHRCO calls upon the following bodies to take the appropriate measures before things get out of control:

1. Government bodies should respect the Constitution of the country and the international human rights covenants.
2. The detained members and supporters of the opposition parties should be released after their cases have been dealt with accordance with the law of the land.
3. Government security forces, the police and Kebele militiamen should stop the illegal measures they are taking against members and supporters of the opposition parties.
4. The ruling party and the opposition parties should come together, discuss their differences and solve their problems in a manner that is peaceful, fair and legal.

EHRCO also calls upon the world community and concerned indigenous and international organizations to put pressure on the concerned bodies taking into consideration the existing grave condition of the country.

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