

Acts of terrorism should be stopped

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The Ethiopian Human Rights Council is a neutral organisation that stands for the sovereignty of law, development of democracy, and respect for human rights. That is why EHRCO unfailingly condemned terrorism in all the international, continental and national forums it has participated in. It also warned that political parties in our country are terrorism by trying to overpower each other through unlawful and inhuman activities instead of tolerating each other and creating a forum for solving their differences through discussions.

Regarding this, in its special report No. 13 issued on Miazia 24/1989(E.C) EHRCO stated that damage was done to people and properties by the bomb explosions that occurred on Miazia 4 and 6, in Tigrai Hotel, Blue Tops restaurant, and Tana Market Hall, A.A. It is also to be remembered that similar bomb explosions had occurred in Ghion Hotel, Wabe Shebele Hotel and the Dire Dawa Ras Hotel. A number of innocent people lost their lives and bodies as a result of these explosions.

The fact that innocent citizens lost their lives in a most cruel manner, since the May 2005 elections has become a cause for the inception of vengeance and expansion of hatred, this fact may not have been seen clearly by some people, but it is no secret to those who are far-sighted and are concerned for their country and their compatriots.

As a consequence, the explosions that occur in A.A. from time to time are causing injuries to human life and properties. People who wish to carry out their daily chores in peace are highly concerned about the situation. The explosion that occurred in the Lalibela Restaurant, across the Stadium, on February 27, 2006 at 12:10 P.M, injured mildly two men and two women, these are:

1. Dereje Negusse, aged 31, resident of Lideta Sub-City.
2. Mekdes Haile Mariam, aged 30, resident of Debre Zeit town.
3. One man and one woman whose names are unknown.

Likewise explosions that occurred at Addis Ketema and near tourist training school found at the railway head office caused some damage to properties.

It is very regrettable that the perpetrators of these explosions choose hotels, bars, and market centers as their targets. There are workers who earn their living as employees in these places. There are also a number of people who frequent those places to relax themselves after a day's work or to eat meals. There are also people who have rented rooms. Market places too are places where people go to buy and sell goods. The victims are innocent people and the properties destroyed are resources owned by the country and compatriots.

This type of terrorism being counter productive and harmful to the country EHRCO opposes in strongly.

Therefore, EHRCO opposes all acts of terrorism perpetrated by any party. It condemns strongly these explosions that harmed innocent people. It asks the perpetrators of these acts to stop their acts of terrorism.

EHRCO calls upon all those who stand for a democratic system, peace, respect of human rights and sovereignty of law, to condemn such acts of terrorism.

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