

Ethiopia: Government's Acts of Genocide
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An open letter to the US Secretary of State

Ethiopia is a major US ally in the Horn of Africa, yet America does not seem to be concerned about the blatant violations of human rights, lawless governance and unmitigated corruption by the regime in Addis Ababa

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The Hon. John F. Kerry

Secretary of State of the United States of America

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Sir,

I would like to present you my sincere compliments for the strong commitment you have made to solve the difficult problem of the Palestinian and Israel conflict, which may be key to the general instability that prevails now in the Middle East.

I am writing this letter to bring to your attention the serious political and social crisis that is developing in Ethiopia and the area of the Horn of Africa. Ethiopia with the second largest population in Sub-Saharan Africa has an important geo-political position that encompasses the Red Sea, the Arabian Peninsula, the Indian Ocean and in general Africa and the Middle East. It is also a repository of two major Religions, Christianity and Islam, whose adherents have cohabited the land for over 1300 years, and have shared common sacrifices and struggles to maintain the freedom and independence of their country Ethiopia.

In the past two decades , for reasons deemed to be of US national interests, the ruling regime in Ethiopia has enjoyed the unbound political and economic support of the United States, in spite of its blatant violations of human rights, lawless governance, unmitigated corruption and overall misdeeds with complete disregard to the very principles that the US advocates. The regime's flagrant interference both in Christian and Muslim religious affairs has created rifts and contentions amongst the religious communities. In the past the regime was boasting to have broken the back of the Orthodox Christianity with similar terrorization of innocent civilians; at this moment, in the guise of an unproven terrorist activity, it is conducting indiscriminately a most vile campaign of terror, mass arrests, killings and tortures against the Muslim Community in Ethiopia.

Sir,

For the United States policy makers neither economic development nor any strategic interests can justify such unlawful and criminal behaviour, without incurring an expansion of such kind of crisis in other areas; nor should the US must be viewed as accomplice to this kind of foul play. In view of the important political and strategic importance the United States gives to Ethiopia and the area of the Horn, I would like to suggest that immediate measures be taken to alleviate the present dangerous situation and bring a

legitimate democratic rule to the country. It is time for the United States to stand with the people instead of supporting armed criminal political regimes.

Respectfully.

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