



## RSADO FOREIGN MISSION

*Advocating for the Rights and Dignity of the Red Sea Afar in the Horn of Africa*

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### **State of Eritrea:**

### **Crimes against Humanity and Genocide against Red Sea Afar People.**

Brussels-Belgium, August 30, 2012, RSADO (Red Sea Afar Democratic Organization) is extremely troubled to learn about the extent of crimes being committed in side Eritrea. Mass Murders, Rapes and Sexual Violence are being committed against our indigenous Red Sea Afar people, the Red Sea Afar men, women and children at the hands of Eritrean Government. The recent news of deliberate killings of ethnic minority group by Eritrean government is proof positive of its policy and intent to exterminate ethnic Afar from their ancestral homeland in Eritrea.

Our organization has confirmed the killing of large group Red Sea Afar elders, Businessmen, youth who were missing for over a decade. A former political prisoner, and member of Afar Regional assembly in Assab (Dankalia) Mr. Ahaw Ali Ahaw, who has been in detention for over 13 years have made it safe to neighboring Ethiopia.

Mr. Ahaw revealed the death of all the Afar prisoners who were kidnapped by Eritrean security forces in 1999. Among those were, Mr Ali Yussuf Mohamed (member of Afar regional assembly), Mr Issa Ahmed (Abali-Isse, Afar elder & Bussinesman) and Mohamed Ahmed (Negro, Afar activist and businessman). According to Mr. Ahaw the mass killing of defenseless Afar prisoners took place at Tewahido prison near Assab City, Eritrea in 2000 amidst intense battle between Eritrea and Ethiopia. As Eritreans were retreating from around Assab, the prison guards received orders to cleanse empty the prison of Afar prisoners. These men were highly influential Red Sea Afar leaders from Ethnic community.

The pattern and extent of crimes committed by Eritrean authority against Ethnic Afar population is in line with the international legal definition of genocide, the intent to destroy ethnic group and the actual committing of crimes against large group of people.

Eritrean government's systematic ethnic cleansing of Afar at the top of their leadership attributes to crimes of Genocide. It deprives the indigenous Red Sea Afar population from ever exercising their fundamental rights and freedom as indigenous people, rights to self determine, self govern, it denies them of basic human right to sustain their traditional way of life and economy in their historic autonomous province of Dankalia.



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Since its creation in 1991 Eritrea's the massive human rights violations inside the country has gone unnoticed by international community. Recently however, Eritrean Government's involvement with terrorist groups as financier, supporter and sponsor of illegal activities to destabilizing the entire region of Horn of Africa, Including aggressive incursions on neighboring states has brought down sever restrictions, sanctions and human rights abuses in Eritrea to the fore.

The international human right organizations, UNSC Security Council, USA and EU have all criticized the Eritrean government for its ongoing serious human rights violation and raised their concern for respect of human and democratic rights of population in the country.

RSADO Chairman, Mr. Ibrahim Harun has applauded the efforts by international communities to pressure Eritrea to respect basic and fundamental rights for all Eritrean population. Mr. Harun further applauds especially the appointment of Special Rapporteur to Eritrea by UN Human Rights Council. RSADO urge the special rapporteur to investigate the genocide of Red Sea Afar population in Eritrea.

RSADO has obtained some names of Red Sea Afar from hundreds of missing. Due to reclusive nature of Eritrean regime and stifled press freedom in the country this news had just surfaced now even though these murders took place in 2000.

Name	Age	Date of death	Profession	Comments
1. Ali Yussuf Mohamed	52	2000	MP, regional asmly	Father of 6
2. Mohamed Ahmed Hassan	45	2000	Afar elder/ activist	Brave activist
3. Omar Ahmed Ibrahim	54	2000	Afar elder / activist	-----
4. Mohamed Ali Sugne	55	2000	Afar elder/ activist	Shy, respected
5. Mohamed Yussuf Ali(liynun)	35	2000	Businessman	Polite
6. Mohamed Ali Haysama	35	2000	Businessman	Father of 2
7. Issa Ahmed Mohamed	60	2000	Businessman/elder	Generous
8. Ahmed Mohamed Sugne	45	2000	Businessman	
9. Ahmed Hassan Ibrahim	43	2000	Businessman	-----
10. Ahmed Omar Mohamed	25	2000	Businessman	Courageous
11. Ahmed Ali Gibid	35	2000	Businessman	
12. Mohamed Omar Ahmed	37	2000	Elder / activist	
13. Issa Kamil Ali	55	2000	Elder/Businessman	
14. Yarde Salih	50	2000	Businessman	
15. Omar Mohamed Ali	38	2000	Elder/activist	



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### Mass killings and Genocide of Red Sea Afar people by Eritrean Security Forces

**Place of Crimes:      Date:      Cause/Reason      Number#**

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|-------------------------|------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Abehtekoma, Dankalia | 2009 | Ethnic crimes     | 25 Afar Villagers were Murdered  |
| 2. Gaharee, Dankalia    | 2007 | Mil- officer dead | 27 Afar men taken, gunned down   |
| 3. Wade, Dankalia       | 2008 | Nomadic- Caravan  | 32 young men executed            |
| 4. Wade, Dankalia       | 2009 | Ethnic crimes     | 55 civilians raided and executed |

### Kidnapping:

Unknown numbers (Thousands) of Red Sea Afar from across Dankalia, in Eritrea, are missing since 1999-present (Dabaysima ,Harsile ,Garbaado ,Lamasan, Assab, Baylul ,Tio, Bada, Bori, Massawa) and many are presumed dead in captivity.

### Rapes, Sexual Violence and Torture of Red Sea Afar by Eritrean Security Forces

**Name      Date & Place      Cause/Reason / Remarks**

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|--|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Fatuma(Balila)Med,  | 2008-Qekello  | Raped/Killed    | Mom of 5, eyes gouged out       |
| 2. Hawa Abdu Ali   | 2009-Qekkelo  | Raped/Killed    |                                 |
| 3. Halima Ali Beta   | 2011-Qekkelo  | Raped/Killed    | Body dumped in the Sea          |
| 4. Two Girls (Unknown)   | 2011- Bada    | Raped /survived | Infected by HIV/AIDS by Soldier |
| 5. Two women (unknown)   | 2007-Awdaq    | Raped/killed    |                                 |
| 6. Three Women (unknown)   | 2007-Fura     | Raped, Killed   | -Security forces                |
| 7. Abdu Kore   | 2010, Assab   | Torture, killed | Electrocution, private parts    |
| 8. Mohamed Ibrahim   | 2010, Harsile | Torture, Killed | Kidney exploded by beating.     |
| 9. Countless Red Sea Afar women and girls are used as forced concubines by army officers as their Husbands forced to serve in Eritrean military or missing in captivity. |               |                 |                                 |

US, State Department Report on Eritrea 2011, acknowledges “The government did not take steps to prosecute or punish officials who committed abuses, whether in the security services or elsewhere in the government. Impunity was the norm”.

RSADO urgently appeal to International Criminal Court (ICC) and other Right organizations to bring those responsible and complicit in crimes against humanity of the Red Sea Afar People in Eritrea, including Maj General Humad Ahmed Karikare (Navy) and Maj. General Haile Sameul (China) for crimes against Humanity and Genocide against Red Sea Afar.

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