

Qalna– Eritrean Human Rights Group
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DEPORTATION OF ERITREAN REFUGEES CONDEMNED

Toronto– Qalna–Eritrean Human Rights Group today expressed its concern about the deportation of Eritrean refugees from Egypt and calls the international community to exert international pressure on the Egyptian government to immediately halt the deportation of Eritrean refugee and give due attention to the situation of Eritrean refugees. The recent deportation of about 700 Eritrean refugees from Egypt is against the principle of non–refoulement and has exposed refugees possible to arrest, torture and execution.

Recently, Eritrea has become again one of the leading refugee producing countries per capital. Eritrean refugees, who fled from their country because of persecution based on religion, political opinion, gender and abuses in endless military service or servitude have found themselves in a hopeless and dire situation. In attempt to find a safe place, many refugees died of dehydration in Sahara Dessert and drown Mediterranean seas; hundred of thousands are forgotten in protracted refugees situation and reached the third generation in refugee camps,located in East Sudan; thousand of them are in Ethiopian refugee camps, a few kilometers from the volatile Ethiopia and Eritrean borded and live in very unsafe camps,

many of them found themselves in legal limbo in Canada and live for years without permanent status because of their involvement with Eritrean liberation movements and fronts.

On this especially day, when we commemorate the World Refugee Day and Eritrean Martyr's Day, Qalna is deeply concerned by the lack of attention given to the plight of Eritrean refugees who are inhumanely treated in Egypt and Libya detention centers as well as those forgotten in Sudan and Ethiopian refugee camps and other countries.

Qalna would like to call UNHCR, United Nation Human Right Commission, Amnesty international, Human Right Watch, Canadian Council for Refugees and other refugee and human right organization:

- to pressure the Egypt government to immediately stop deportation of Eritrean refugee and give unhider access to UNHCR;
- to ensure the safely of Eritrean refugee detained in Egyptian and Libyan detention centre;
- to urge the Canadian government and other countries to increase international protection including resettlement in particular those for those who are in danger of being deported;
- To ask the Canadian government to expediate the on-going resettlement process of Eritrean refugees in Egypt; and
- to give due attention to the plight of Eritrean refugees

CC:

United National Higher Commission For Refugees Canada

Amnesty International Canada

Human Right Watch Canada

Canadian Council For Refugees

Citizenship And Immigration Canada

Immigraton And Refugee Board Of Canada

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