

Pressemitteilung, 08.07.2020

Oromo demonstration for justice, freedom and democracy against dictatorial rule, racism and discrimination in Ethiopia

When: 07/09/2020, 11:00 am

Where: Federal Chancellery, Willy-Brandt-Straße 1, 10557 Berlin

The takeover of power by Dr. Abiy Ahmed as Prime Minister (since April 2018) raised hope for freedom and democracy in Ethiopia.

A new chapter in the history of Ethiopia is to be opened and a real federal state will be created through democratic and free elections.

Unfortunately, this hope was destroyed after a short time, e.g. by:

- political repression against opposition and other thinking
- multi-Tatarian administration of areas, where political opposition receives popular support
- Campaign against independent media, in particular Oromia Media Network (OMN) has been closed. The Internet has been shut down or blocked.
- racist campaign against their Oromo-identity (culture, language, history, traditions, etc.)
- extrajudicial discrimination against the public authorities which do not belong to the other party
- Arrests of intellectuals, businessmen and young people of the Oromo (Qerro, who actually helped to take over the power of Dr. Abiy)
- Killing of personalities (sympathizers within the Oromo population), by killer command of the government. On 29.06.2020 was e.g. the well-known Oromo human rights activist and singer, Hachalu Hundessa, murdered. This was followed by arrests of political opposition activists such as Bekele Garba, Jawar Mohammed, Dr. Shugt Geleta, Mikka'el Borana and all journalists of the Oromo Media Network in Finfine (Addis Ababa) as well as several thousand supporters.

We, the Oromo in Germany,, are demonstrating against this dictatorial policy of the Ethiopian Government and are appealing to the German Government and their public to continue to work for justice, respect for human rights,, release of political prisoners, freedom of the press and the freedom of the press in Ethiopia.

We cordially invite you to our demonstration.

We are very grateful for the great support of the German Government and civil societies in Germany to respect human rights and the recognition of freedom in Ethiopia. sind wir sehr dankbar.

We also call on the EU-Commission and the EU-Parliament as well as the International Communities to work to investigate the murder of Hachalu Hundessa by independent corporate representations. Experience so far shows that the murders that have taken place since April 2018 are unfortunately still unexplained.

*"I knew very clearly that the oppressor must be as free as the oppressed. A person who deprives another person of his freedom is a prisoner of his hatred, he is imprisoned behind the bars of his prejudices and narrow-mindedness. (...) As I walked through the doors of the prison, this was my mission: to free the oppressed and the oppressor at the same time." - Mandela in his autobiography**

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* www.welt.de/politik/ausland/article160308178/Die-zehn-wichtigsten-Zitate-von-Nelson-Mandela.html