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(Kinijit)**

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***November 1<sup>st</sup> A day of sorrow; a day of solidarity; a day of renewed commitment.***

Ethiopians all over the world are planning to join hands to commemorate the first anniversary of the November 1 2005 mass murder and imprisonment. This is one of the darkest days in the history of the Ethiopian People. We recall the sequence of events that dragged the people of Ethiopia into the abyss.

The government of Meles Zenawi called a general election on May 15 2005 with absolute certainty that it will win. It never expected to lose to the opposition. Contrary to the expectation of the incumbent and its foreign backers the opposition won. The Party of Meles Zenawi was not prepared to leave office. It put the civilian and military bureaucracy at its disposal on an overdrive and began conducting massive electoral fraud. The people of Ethiopia and the leaders of opposition parties stood firm and demanded that the votes be counted. Meles Zenawi arrogantly spurned all civil and peaceful means of solving the electoral dispute. The choice that the government of Meles Zenawi left to the Ethiopian people was to live under slavery.

The people of Ethiopia whose yearning for freedom has been awakened by the visionary leaders of the opposition refused. A protest against vote rigging engulfed the whole country. Meles Zenawi responded with extreme violence. In one single evil stroke the hopes and aspiration of the Ethiopian people for a free and prosperous life was dashed. On November 1 2005 **hundreds** were murdered in cold blood. Tens of thousands were rounded like cattle and were kept in inhuman condition in concentration camps all over the country. Man's inhumanity against his keens darkened the days. A child playing in the garden, a wife begging mercy for husband, a mother of seven who gave shelter to a terrified teenager were shot in cold blood and murdered.

November 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 became the culmination for the most unbelievable human and democratic rights abuse that begun in June as a warning shot. As evinced by the events that followed since then this has now become the norm. The mask of the democrat that Meles Zenawi has put for the sake of pleasing its foreign masters in the west was cast aside and he appeared in his true self, fresh blood of innocent children dripping from his gnashing teeth. It was the signal that announced the end of the nascent political pluralism, freedom of the press, freedom of expression and the end of the fledgling independent civic institutions. On the morrow of November 1, leaders of

the main opposition party- CUDP, journalists that paid huge price to protect the fledgling free press, advocates of civic rights and representative of civic organization ended up in jail accused of trumped up charges of genocide and treason. A kangaroo court has been set up to conduct a show case trial and it has been going on for months without an end in sight.

Despite the massive repression, the struggle for freedom and democracy in Ethiopia has not died. Brave men and women write inspiring letters and book of freedom and love and smuggle them out through the incredibly tight security of the prison regime. The youth print and distribute hundreds of thousands of flyers demanding the release of their leaders from jail and in the process they pay the ultimate sacrifice in Meles Zenawi's torture chamber. [Senior diplomats](#), [judges](#), [army officers](#), journalist and other professionals that used to work for the government are abandoning their posts and fleeing into exile.

As part of our share of the struggle let us all Ethiopians in the diaspora join hands to remember the murdered and those who are languishing in prison. Let us unequivocally tell Meles Zenawi that no amount of repression will stop the dawning of freedom in Ethiopia. Lets us inform the jailed political leaders, journalists and the thousands of prisoners of conscience in Meles Zenawi's prison that we shall not rest until they are freed and until Ethiopia is free from the despotic rule the reigning tyrant.

Look at the detail below and see if there is any activity that will take place on or around November 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 in your area. If there is not any take the initiative and plan your own commemoration.

Country	Address	Time	Contact details (Tel and Email address)
United Kingdom London	10 Downing St, Whitehall, London	Oct 30 4.00 PM to Nov. 01 8.00 PM	<a href="mailto:kinijit97@yahoo.co.uk">kinijit97@yahoo.co.uk</a> Tel: +44 (0) 20 7168 9893 Mobile: +44 (0) 7946 644 831
Belgium Brussels	<a href="#">Metro Schumman</a>	<a href="#">Look out for details Nov. 08</a>	<a href="tel:0032485582464">0032485582464</a>
Switzerland Geneva	Helvetiaplatz, USA Embassy. Bern	Nov. 01, 1.00 PM	<a href="mailto:kinjitch@yahoo.com">kinjitch@yahoo.com</a> , <a href="mailto:kinjit.cudp@bluewin.ch">kinjit.cudp@bluewin.ch</a> Over all org. Mobile 079 207 9 207 Media affairs. 078 8415603,078 707 9 207, Inter community,078 611 90 37, 0796156985 & 0786573745
Sweden Stockholm	In front of USA Embassy Stockholm	Nov 01 2.30 PM	<a href="mailto:Tadesse.kostre@gmail.com">Tadesse.kostre@gmail.com</a> Tel. +46762642705 or +46737223694
Norway Oslo	Oslo Central Train Station	Nov. 01 12.00 PM	<a href="mailto:Shimelea@hotmail.com">Shimelea@hotmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:Ksdonorway@yahoo.com">Ksdonorway@yahoo.com</a>

	Jernbanetorget		Mobile: 004793623776
Germany Berlin	Berlin (zoo)	Nov 01 6:30 PM	004915205926983
Germany Frankfurt	Frankfurt (Hauptwache)	Nov 01 4.00 PM	00491736675974
Germany Munich	Munich (Karlplatz Stachus)	Nov.01 5.30PM	00498971039219
Austria Vienna	Boltzmanngasse 16, 1090 Vienna	Nov. 03 03:00 PM	Mobile : 0043 69911 06 4298 Mobile: 0043 65091 38 064
Netherlands			
South Africa	Outside The Union Building	Nov. 01 11.00 AM-1.00 PM	27723498980, 27723115306, 27723992349, 27832385395
Canada Vancouver	700 Hamilton St CBS TV (Hamilton&Georgia)	Nov 1 6.00 PM	cudvancouver@shaw.ca 604-318-0915,604-729-0448
Canada Calgary	City Hall - Municipal Complex 800 Macleod Trail SE	Nov. 01 12 PM	403-698-1666, 403-263- 8597 403-618-5036
Australia Sydney	Hyde Park, St. James Railway Station	Nov1 @ 10:00AM	61-(0)412169402, unitedeth@yahoo.com.au 61-(0)422708457 61-(0)401683746
Australia Perth	Kings Park, Botanic Garden	7:00PM Perth Time	
Australia Melbourne	Corner of Lonsdale&William St.,Melbourne City Centre	Nov1, 8:30AM:	61-(0)431260231 61-(0)421131529
Australia Brisbane	King George Square, Adelaide St.	Nov1, 10:00AM	61-(0)402960889

Note: We have prepared, in relation to Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, a number of [letters](#) to various governmental and non governmental institutions. This letters can be easily adopted by individuals and groups and will help to save time and effort. Click on "letters" above to have access on line

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