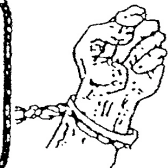




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TEACHER AND COLUMNIST ILLEGALLY DETAINED IN ADDIS ABEBA

On Tuesday, June 21. the security services of the ruling EPRDF apprehended teacher Riyot Alemu from her work place at the Kechenie Medhanie Alem secondary school in Addis Abeba. Riyot also worked as a columnist for the weekly Fitih (Justice) paper and was also an editor with the Awramba Times many of whose editors and journalists have been detained and harassed at one time or another.

The security police searched her parents' house where she dwells and took her documents, CDS, etc with her. On Wednesday she was presented to the Arada First Instant Court and the police were granted the 28 days they requested to "complete their investigations". No specific reason has been given for Royot's arrest and detention but the security services have let it be known that the case against her could involve working secretly with a "terrorist organization", an accusation that is freely attached to all cases involving political dissidence of all sorts. The regime has recently labeled five organizations inside and outside Ethiopia as terrorist.

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