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WORLD AIDS DAY

THE EFFECT WORSENS, THE EMBEZZLEMENT INCREASES

The ruling clique in Addis Abeba declared boldly and falsely that the damage of AIDS has decreased in Ethiopia and congratulated itself for the "success". However, the truth is that the number of AIDS victims has increased and the money given by foreign donors to combat AIDS has been swindled by none other than the wife of Meles Zenawi himself.

The EPRDF regime has recently made a triumphant statement to the effect that the AIDS virus has been checked and that the number of victims has been reduced. But this is not true. The virus has continued to devastate Ethiopia. The anti AIDS task force established by the previous regime was arbitrarily dissolved by the Meles regime and the peasant army of the ruling group let loose to spread the virus. The overall effort to combat AIDS was hijacked by none other Azeb Mesfin, wife of Meles Zenawi, and the money donated to combat AIDS embezzled by her. The official anti AIDS campaign is fake and weak when compared, for example, to the campaign in Uganda. However, the money given to the campaign has been routinely diverted by Azeb and the head of the Orthodox

Church, himself an Abune/Patriarch called Paulos and a loyal servant of the TPLF regime.

The regime in power Ethiopia militates for the existence of conditions that favor the spread of AIDS. Young girls are on the street selling their bodies, traffic of females is widespread, those in power rape at will, prostitution is rampant. The majority of people are not really made aware of the dangers of AIDS. The ruling clique itself is accused of rape, of patronizing illegal bars with preteen nude and semi nude girls serving as waitresses. As we observe international AIDS day we are forced to declare that the spread of AIDS in Ethiopia is due to the rule of Meles Zenawi who wrecked the health institutions and the overall health care system.

SOCEPP calls on international donor bodies not to give money to the institutions controlled by the wife of Meles, Azeb Mesfin, and to the so called patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. These are swindlers par excellence.

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