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## **ILLEGAL DETENTION OF 9 BLOGGERS CONTINUES**

Those collectively charged as "terrorists inciting people to violence" are known as the zone 9 bloggers (six young bloggers and three journalists) and the regime in Addis Abeba has illegally kept them in prison for the last six months.

Bloggers Befekadu Hailu, Atnaf Berhane, Ms Mahlet Fantahun, Zelalem Kibret, Natnael Feleke, Abel Wabela and journalists Tesfalem Woldeyes, Edom Kassaye and Asmamaw Haile Giorgis were rounded up in April 25 – 26 and accused of terrorism under the convenient anti-terrorism law that literally makes even the mildest dissent a crime. This "law" is being used to detain and keep behind bars numerous dissenters, journalists, and political opponents of the regime. The bloggers and journalists did not violate any law, they were at most peaceful protesters who did not incite violence but expressed critics on the regime and its political measures. They were not members of any political party and even if they were they have the right to choose their stand. But all this is criminal in the eyes of the repressive regime.

Release all political prisoners in Ethiopia!

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