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**ERITREAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (EPP)**  
**Chairman's Office**

Mr. Antonio Guterres,  
The UN High Commissioner for Refugees

17 December, 2008

Dear Sir,

We have received reliable information that the Egyptian authorities are once again finalizing preparations to forcefully deport back to Eritrea well over 800 Eritrean asylum seekers currently kept at different detention centers in Egypt. There is little to doubt that many of these persons are in the wanted lists of the security apparatus in Eritrea and that they will face severe inhumane treatment, including torture and death in the hands of the dictatorial regime. This table gives the breakdown:

Detention Centre	# of Rooms	Women	Children	Pregnant Women	Men	Total
Nekhili	4	16	2	2	78	98
Aswan		18	3	1	108	130
Alexandria		13			132	145
Ishmelia		3			32	35
Aresh	20	32	4	1	313	350
Kardag		2			28	30
Genafir		7			43	50
Rafie		5			35	40

Our sources from inside Egypt confirm that the majority of those under an imminent threat of flight back into the hands of the cruel regime in Eritrea were arrested in Egypt and some were deported from Israel. They reportedly suffer under distressful condition and have no access to the outside world. They are held in very small rooms with no windows. Food shortage is alarming.

We are copying, Sir, this urgent message through emails to many concerned UNHCR units in the field and at your Headquarters in addition to other international human rights organizations that we trust can extend a helping hand at this distressful situation of Eritrean refugees.

Sincerely yours,

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