

## **Eritrean Security Forces Killed 3 Farmers and Arrested 15 others**

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Eritrean security forces killed 3 Eritrean farmers and arrested 15 others in Golij livestock market on November 30, 2009 after farmers refused to sell their livestock to the government.

Sources revealed that the fight broke out between farmers and the regime's security forces when the security forces cordoned off the livestock market and ordered farmers to sell their livestock to the government 50% less than the market price.

We may recall that the government of Isayas had issued directives last year banning farmers from selling their livestock in the open market, either in Eritrea or in Sudan. It is believed that the regime's directive to ban the commercial activity of livestock in the open market is intended to alleviate the shortage of hard currency in the country.

The regime has a standing policy to buy and sell livestock owned by individual farmers and traders, denying the right of Eritrean farmers to make their own decision regarding their livestock.

Golij is a small town located between Omhajer and Teseney.