



## Dawit Isaak Honored with Swedish PEN Club Award

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The Swedish PEN Club, a renowned and longest member of the International PEN, presented journalist Dawit Isaak with the 2009 Tucholsky award.

The Swedish PEN selected Dawit Isaak as the recipient of the Club's 2009 award, in recognition of his outstanding dedication and service to journalism, democracy, and liberty. Mrs. Sophia, Dawit's wife, received the award on Dawit's behalf on November 15.

*Arrested in Sept. 21, 2001, Dawit Isaak is a Journalist & playwright.*

Dawit was arrested in September 23, 2001 as part the government of Isayas Afeworki's major crackdown on groups and prominent political activists who demanded constitutional governance in Eritrea. Dawit still remains incommunicado since

his arrest in September 2001 without charge or trial. Dawit is reported to have serious health problems.