

**Mr. Menghesteab Asmerom Meets U.S. Representative of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor**

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Eritrean People's Party Head of the Department of Information and Culture, Mr. Menghesteab Asmerom met with Ms. Simone O. Joseph U.S. representative of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor at the U.S. foreign affairs office in Addis Ababa to discuss the human rights condition in Eritrea.

During the meeting, Mr. Menghesteab gave a broad account of the human rights conditions in Eritrea and stressed on the following topics:

1. That Eritrea is a single party state dominated by one man where no other parties or oppositions are permitted to operate in the country.
2. The total absence of rule of law in Eritrea
3. The atrocities of the regime against Eritreans under the guise of national service
4. The conditions, inhumane treatment, and disappearances the Eritrean prisoners are facing under the present regime.
5. The conditions of Eritrean refugees who are being deported forcibly to Eritrea from Libya, Egypt and other countries and their unknown fate once they arrive in Eritrea. Mr. Menghesteab also emphasized EPP's concern over the failure of the international community to stop such forcible deportation of Eritrean refugees.

In addition, Mr. Menghessteab answered different questions raised by the U.S. Representative of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor.