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## COLONEL TADESSE MULUNEH "DISAPPEARED" IN ERITREA

Colonel Tadesse Muluneh, an Ethiopian air force pilot during the previous regime and one time leader of the Eritrea based Ethiopian Patriotic Front, was detained in Asmara last year and has been disappeared since. Colonel Tadesse had resigned from his leadership post and was trying to leave Eritrea to get special treatment abroad for his back ailment.

SOCEPP had joined other bodies to discreetly demand an account on the fate of colonel Tadesse but authorities in Asmara have chosen to remain silent on the subject. Colonel Tadesse fled into exile when the Tigrean Front of Meles Zenawi took power in 1991. From Kenya he moved to Uganda and then went back to Addis Ababa, from where he moved to Eritrea. Those who claim to know what happened state that colonel Tadesse was against the interference of the Eritrean authorities in the affairs of the Patriotic Front and as a result he was ousted, marginalized and subsequently arrested. Other reports accuse the Eritrean regime of torturing to death or of killing EPF leaders like Tesfaye Getachew.

SOCEPP calls on the Eritrean authorities to release colonel Tadesse without any condition or to account on his whereabouts.

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