

# Demonstration

**Demonstration in the City Center of The Hague in The Netherland, organized by Eritrean Refugees and Peace Loving Dutch Eritreans Against the Policy of the government of Israël towards the Eritrean Asylum Seekers.**

Today the 17 th of March 2017, about 150 Eritrean young refugees demonstrated Against Israëlî government's Policy of rejecting the Eritreans refugees request for asylum in the Country, but deporting Many of them bsck to Africa.This frastrated many Eritrean refugees living in the Netherlands. This time a group of refugees who escaped from HOLOT joined the demonstration and they used the Hebru Language to Protest. In the protest march they chanted in Hebrews, Tigriгна, Dutch and English.



[See the \*appeal\* e-mailed to the Embassy of Israël in The Netherlands below..](#)

# Appeal to the Ambassador of the State of Israël,

Buitenhof 47,

2513 AH The Hague The Netherlands

**Subject: STOP the Deportation of thousands of Eritrean asylum Seekers, who already have suffered a lot, including harsh imprisonment in Holot, in the Négev desert without any human considerations, followed by Indefinite detention and danger.**

**Our Reference: The court decision to deport Eritrean assylum Seekers**

**The Hague, March 16,2017**

**Your Excellency the Ambassador;**

We the Dutch-Eritreans Appeal to your government to reverse the policy of No Tolerance for the thousands of asylum seekers arriving in your country, especially the Eritreans and Sudanese political refugees. As we are aware that your country is a signatory to the 1951 UN convention for refugees who are seeking help due to their political or humanitarian problems to be accepted as refugees to get the protection from your government and allow them to live and work in your country.

Your Excellency

The situation in Eritrea for the whole population and especially the youth is hell to live in, exasperated by the Stalinist rule of Issayas Afewerki. Every Eritrean under the age of 50 is supposed to fulfill an indefinite time in Military service. The decree is an unwritten law, and not a constitutional law decided by a parliament like your own. Eritrea is ruled not by law but by fear and it is obvious that those who have already suffered by a subhuman degradation should leave and look for safety in countries with a democratic system of governance. Israel is in the eyes of Eritrean asylum seekers a democratic and law-abiding nation including the International laws which it is a signatory.

## Indefinite detention or dangerous decision by the Israeli government.



*Desperate refugees tracking the desert to show their grievances and frustration.*

### Background

Eritrean refugees are in Israel, since the sixties when Ethiopia occupied Eritrea by force without the consent of the UN decision, which put Eritrea and Ethiopia under federation and was one-sidedly abrogated by the then monarch in Ethiopia, Haile Selassie I in 1962. The military junta of Colonel Mengistu Hailemariam followed the footsteps of the Emperor and declared that he wanted Eritrea but without its people. This was the situation in the sixties and seventies, but today we are confronted with another home-grown Stalinist Dictator, worse than any one than the Ethiopian colonizers but worse than the Turkish Ottoman and the fascist Mussolini in occupying our country.



[Asylum seekers mourn 'lynched' Eritrean man.](#)

*Asylum seekers hold a memorial service for Habtom Zerhum, who was mistakenly shot and then severely beaten by Israelis at the scene of a terrorist attack in Be'er Sheva earlier in the week. Hundreds of Eritreans and Sudanese nationals gathered in south Tel Aviv's Levinsky Park.*

#### UN Security Council Sanctions on Somalia-Eritrea :

On 22 July 2002, a Panel of Experts on Somalia was established with the adoption of resolution 1425 (2002) to generate information on violations of the arms embargo with a view toward strengthening it. The Panel of Experts was succeeded by the Monitoring Group on Somalia established pursuant to resolution 1519 (2003) to focus on the ongoing arms embargo violations. Subsequent resolutions extended and expanded the mandate of the Monitoring Group. After the adoption of resolution 1907 (2009) the Monitoring Group changed its name to Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea. The mandate of the Monitoring Group currently in existence was extended until 30 November 2015 by resolution 2182 (2014). Its mandate is delineated in paragraph 13 of resolution 2060 (2012), paragraph 41 of resolution 2093 (2013), and paragraph 19 of resolution 2111 (2013).

On 23 December 2009 the Security Council adopted resolution 1907 (2009) by which it imposed a two-way (import and export) arms embargo on Eritrea as well as targeted sanctions (an arms embargo, a travel ban and an asset freeze) on individuals and entities designated by the Committee pursuant to paragraph 15 of the same resolution. Exemptions to the arms embargo were introduced by the Council in paragraphs 11 and 12 of resolution 2060 (2012) and have been consolidated in resolution 2111 (2013). Paragraphs 11 and 14 of resolution 1907 (2009) provide for exemptions to the travel ban and assets freeze, respectively.

Resolution 2023 (2011) expands the restrictive measures regarding Eritrea in the area of “Diaspora taxes”, the Eritrean mining sector and financial services.

These Sanctions are evident that the government of Eritrea is consistently engaged in arms deals and the training of several opposition groups from Ethiopia and Terrorists; like the Al Sebab in Somalia and the Houtis in Yemen.

UN Report on Human Rights Abuses and Human Trafficking in Eritrea by Officials of the government: In September 29, 2014 – Amid forced conscription, extrajudicial killings and enforced disappearances, the human rights situation in Eritrea continues to remain “dire,” a United Nations independent expert warned, adding that a new Commission of Inquiry would help “pave the way” to accountability. “The creation of my Special Rapporteur mandate has increased international awareness about the large-scale violations of human rights in Eritrea,” said Mrs Sheila B. Keetharuth, adding that “concrete steps are urgently needed to address such violations.”

Her comments followed a five-day mission to Italy, where she visited Eritrean refugees and migrants and collected their first-hand accounts. The widespread abuses allegedly faced by many in the Horn of Africa nation have prompted hundreds of Eritreans to flee their home country in search of asylum in Europe. According to the latest estimates produced by Italian authorities, 32,000 Eritreans were rescued in 2014 as they attempted to traverse the Mediterranean – the majority of all migrants rescued by Italy’s comprehensive Mare Nostrum operation. “Eritreans are escaping systematic and widespread human rights violations,” Ms. Keetharuth said in a news release, citing indefinite forced conscription, extrajudicial killings, enforced disappearances, arbitrary arrests and detentions, torture and inhumane prison conditions, as well as political repression.

When not brutalizing its own people, the regime is prone to wreak havoc elsewhere. Isolated from the international community and marginalized in the region and beyond, the Isaias’ regime has repeatedly drawn UN sanctions for playing a destabilizing role in the Horn of Africa.

#### Rapport by COI:

In 2015, a Commission of Inquiry for Eritrea was formed and reported that the Eritrean government of Issayas Afewerki has committed a Crime against Humanity.

These all happening inside Eritrea but also the Human Trafficking of the poor refugees is planned and collaborated with the Sinai Bedouins ,Eritrean Military officers and individuals like Phalestinians and Egyptians. The widespread practices of human trafficking for ransom with severe torture practices has collectively traumatised Eritreans- both victims and bystanders- who have been able to access the stories and images of tragedy through social networks.

Whereas the Human Trafficking started in the Sinai desert in Egypt, the trafficking for ransom has developed and spread within Egypt and throughout Libya- sex enslavement and organ harvesting are now part of the dangers facing refugees in the region.

Your Excellency

We appeal on behalve of the many Eritreans inside Israël who are languishing in prisons like Holot and in other places, also some are being tortured and mishandled by certain individuals, including a child of 5 years. We appeal that with your capacity to convince your government on the precarious situation those refugees are facing in Israël.

We hope that your Excellence shall forward our appeal to your government and to get back a positive response from your government.

Sincerly

For;

Eritrean Community Organizations and Civic Societies in the Netherlands  
(Dutch Eritreans and refugees residing in the Netherlands).

*Notes. The Report and followup of the Especial Rapporteur for Eritrea has been assigned to further report on the Human Rights in the country, with a one year extension of her mandate.*