

Appeal for Release of Irob Abductees

The Irob Rights Advocacy Association (IRAA) calls for the immediate release of the Irob and other Ethiopians abducted by the Eritrean regime.

After the bloody Eritrean invasion of the sovereign Ethiopian territories in the spring of 1998 the Eritrean armed forces controlled part of the Irobland and some other Ethiopian territories until they were driven away by a tornado type swift attack launched by the Ethiopian defense forces and the Ethiopian people in 2000.

During the two years period of invasion, aggression and occupation, the Eritrean army implemented the rule of terror over the people and kidnapped many innocent farmers and other civilians. Ninety six Irobs listed below are some of those abducted at that time. What is unique and important to note about the abduction of the innocent Irobs is that they all were hunted at their residences in their civilian status. Indeed, they have been raided by the Eritrean army amid their communities inside their homes. Since then however, neither the EPRDF Government of Ethiopia nor the International Community has tried to uncover where these people may be or what may have happened to them, in spite of constant appeal from Irob communities everywhere. Their whereabouts is still unknown for over 12 years. Nevertheless, their families, parents, relatives and close friends in particular and the Irob people at large are looking forward to hear from them. The people of Irob will never rest until the whereabouts is disclosed.

From every corner, every Irob, be it as an individual, as a group or else as people has been appealing to the Ethiopian government and the International Community on behalf of the abductees. Since their seizure, the EPRDF government has turned its deaf ear to the call of the Irob people. And yet, the Irobs are still and will remain in their act of continues demand and request for the release of their beloved ones. Moreover, the people of Irob will continue calling on the international human rights organizations and communities to investigate the abduction of the hostage Irobs taken from their homes and ask for their unconditional release. The people of Irob will never stop calling for justice and thus the release of their abducted community members. We also appeal for the unconditional release of all Ethiopian abductees.

The following list depicts some of the Irobs kidnapped by the Eritrean regime during the 1998-2000 aggressions of the Irob land and its people. However the agents of the Eritrean regime and paramilitary groups have continued to date taking young people from the Irob country side. Cattle raiding is widespread as well.

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Qebele</u>	<u>Wereda</u>	<u>Year</u>
1	Abdu W/Yohannes Tesfu	M	'Addaga	War'atle	Irob	1999
2	Abeba G/Giorgis Kurbia	F	'Herra	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
3	Abraha Gebray Kahsay	M	'Addaga	War'atle	Irob	1999
4	Abraha Gebru Woldu	M	'Addaga	War'atle	Irob	1999
5	Abraha Imalmali	M	Dilbi'are	'Allitena	Irob	1999
6	Abraha Sebhat Mosa	M	Aburta	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
7	Abraha Tesfay Gebray	M	Dayya	'Allitena	Irob	1999
8	Abraha Zigta Tesfay	M	Gammadha	'Allitena	Irob	1999
9	Abraham Solomon Gebray	M	Gabi'har	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1998

10	Abrehet W/Yohannes Imal.	F	'Addaga	War'atle	Irob	2000
11	Adayyu Miratse Fessuh	M	Mas'hafta	War'atle	Irob	1998
12	Adduma Hagos Tesfu	M	'Hallal'asa	Ara'e	Irob	1999
13	Ado'ali Sebhat Medhin	M	Alibadim	War'atle	Irob	1999
14	Adoni Yohannes Gebru	F	'Addaga	War'atle	Irob	1999
15	Ado'umar Welde Gebray	M	Hudamo	War'atle	Irob	1999
16	Alema Gebray Tesfu	M	Darro	War'atle	Irob	1999
17	Alema Hailat Lemlem	M	Sarayt'arah	War'atle	Irob	1999
18	Alema Hailemariam Giday	M	Katti	War'atle	Irob	1999
19	Alema Tesfay Adagiss	M	Awo	'Allitena	Irob	1998
20	Alema Tesfay Kahsay	M	Dayya	'Allitena	Irob	1999
21	Alema Tessema Gebray	M	Abe	War'atle	Irob	1999
22	Assefa Hagos	M	Maitsia	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	2000
23	Asfaha Giday Tesfay	M	Argullo	'Allitena	Irob	1999
24	Atakilti Beyene Woldu	M	Wankabo	War'atle	Irob	1999
25	Berhane Medhin Hagos	M	Sabatit	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
26	Berhe Tesfay Woldu	M	Darro	War'atle	Irob	1999
27	Berhe W/Gabriel Beyene	M	'Agarale	'Agaralecoma	Irob	1998
28	Birhane G/Michael Hadgu	M	'Haidille	Adgadi'Are	Irob	1998
29	Birhane Kidane Tesfay	M	Aburta	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	2000
30	Birhanu Tsairu Hagos	F	'Addaga	War'atle	Irob	1999
31	Biserat Hagos Kahsay	M	'Haidille	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1998
32	Burur Hagos Gebru	F	'Hallal'asa	Ara'e	Irob	1999
33	Daud Abraham	M	War'atle	War'atle	Irob	2002
34	Dehab Hagos Hawku	F	Saratta	War'atle	Irob	1999
35	Desta Gu'ulay Hagos	M	Garassa	War'atle	Irob	1999
36	Desta Tesfay Mosa	M	Amom'aet	War'atle	Irob	1999
37	Desta W/Giorgis Hailu	M	'Ara'ecoma	Ara'e	Irob	1999
38	Fana Abraha Gebru	F	'Addaga	War'atle	Irob	1999
39	Fessehaye Missgina Tesfay	M	Aburta	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
40	Fessuh Debessay Zewelde	M	Dallawot	War'atle	Irob	2002
41	Fessuh Tsadwa Hagos	M	'Haidille	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
42	Fessuh Welde Sebhat	M	Dola	War'atle	Irob	1999
43	Fessuh Wolde W/Selassie	M	Garassa	War'atle	Irob	1999
44	Freweini Woldu Hagos	F	Saratta	War'atle	Irob	2000
45	Gerey Abraha Gebray	M	Wankabo	War'atle	Irob	2002
46	G/Giorgis Kahsay F/Tsion	M	'Hido	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1998
47	G/Meskel G/Egziabher	M	Ingura'ele	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1998
48	G/Yohannes Hagos W/Gior.	M	'Haidille	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
49	G/Yohannes Mehari Danne	M	'Addaga	War'atle	Irob	1999
50	Ghiday Hagos Sebhat	M	Made'a	'Agaralecom	Irob	1998

51	Girmay Teka	M	Maitsia	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1998
52	Girmay Tesfay	M	Aburta	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
53	Girmay W/Michael Tesfat	M	Amom'aet	War'atle	Irob	1999
54	Hagos Amru Kahsay	M	'Addaga	War'atle	Irob	1999
55	Hagos Hailu G/Selassie	M	Maitsia	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
56	Hagosa Hagos Kama	F	Wankabo	War'atle	Irob	1999
57	Haile Berhe Woldu	M	War'atle	War'atle	Irob	1999
58	Haile Hagos Kahsay	M	'Awda	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
59	Haileselassie Giday Desta	M	Darro	War'atle	Irob	1999
60	Hailu Berhe Woldu	M	'Addaga	War'atle	Irob	1999
61	Halibo Kahsay Hagos	M	Darro	War'atle	Irob	1999
62	Kahsay Hagos Tesfu	M	Ara'ecoma	Ara'e	Irob	1998
63	Kahsay Mehari Hadgu	M	'Haidille	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
64	Kahsay Miratse Fessuh	M	Mas'hafta	War'atle	Irob	1999
65	Kahsay W/Michael Debessay	M	Amom'aet	War'atle	Irob	1999
66	Keshi Adduma G/Medhin, Rev.	M	Maitsia	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1998
67	Keshi Girmay Fitiwi Tesfu, Rev.	M	Ingura'ele	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
68	Keshi Hadgu Gebray, Rev.	M	Maitsia	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1998
69	Kidane Halibo Hagos	M	Wankabo	War'atle	Irob	2002
70	Mahari H/Selassie Giday	M	'Agarale	'Agaralecoma	Irob	1999
71	Mahari Hagos Tesfu	M	'Halal'asa	Ara'e	Irob	1999
72	Maisiso Gebru Robli	M	Gibidawo	'Allitena	Irob	1998
73	Mebrahtom W/gabriel Beyene	M	'Agarale	'Agaralecoma	Irob	1998
74	Medhin Fessuh Debessay	M	Amom'aet	War'atle	Irob	1999
75	Mesgena Yohannes Hagos	M	'Assefat	'Agaralecoma	Irob	1998
76	Mihret Berhe W/Selassie	F	Aburta	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
77	Misgina G/Giorgis Kurbia	M	'Herra	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
78	Negusse Tesfay Woldu	M	Darro	War'atle	Irob	1999
79	Seyoum Woldu Tesfay	M	Aburta	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
80	Teame Gebray Hagos	M	'Haidille	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
81	Teame Kidane Tsadwa	M	Sabatit	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
82	Tesfay Gebray Hagos	M	War'atle	War'atle	Irob	1999
83	Tesfay Hagos Kahsay	M	'Ha'hayti	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
84	Tesfay Kahsay Tesfu	M	'Addaga	War'atle	Irob	1999
85	Tesfay Negusse Lemlem	M	Gibidawo	'Allitena	Irob	1999
86	Tesfay W/Giorgis Beyene	M	Aburta	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
87	Tesfay Yohannes Hagos	M	Sab'aata	Ara'e	Irob	1998
88	Teum Funa Hailat	M	Garassa	War'atle	Irob	1999
89	Tsega Abraham Tesfay	F	'Haidille	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
90	Tsegay Miratse Fessuh	M	Mas'hafta	War'atle	Irob	1998
91	W/Giorgis Beyene Suba	M	Ingura'ele	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999

92	W/Giorgis Kahsay Tesfu	M	'Addaga	War'atle	Irob	1999
93	Welde Sebhat Mosa	M	Dola	War'atle	Irob	1999
94	Yohannes Hagos Kahsay	M	Amu'edaga	War'atle	Irob	1998
95	Yohannes Mahari Hagos	M	'Haidille	Adgadi-'Are	Irob	1999
96	Yohannes Tesfay Woldu	M	'Adocomo	War'atle	Irob	1999

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