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NEWSLETTER

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Dear <<First Name>>,

As we approach the final phase of the **2024 congressional and presidential elections**, AEPAC held a live discussion on October 12, 2024, featuring surrogates from both Vice President Harris' and former President Trump's campaigns 👉 [AEPAC Discussion With Congressional Candidates And Presidential Surrogates](#)



We would like to take this opportunity to remind you the AEPAC-endorsed list of congressional candidates, including those running for both the House and the Senate 👉 [2024 Congressional Endorsements](#)

Voting is not only your democratic right but also a civic duty. Please make sure to go out and vote!

Drone attacks in Ethiopia with civilian casualties.

Drone attacks and civilian casualties are mounting in the Amhara region of Ethiopia. Due to the increasing civilians casualties including children, women and the elderly, AEPAC has made the following Press statement.

AEPAC Condemns International Indifference to Atrocities in Ethiopia Calls for Immediate Action to Protect Civilians from Ongoing Violence.

October 22, 2024 – Washington, D.C. – The American Ethiopian Public Affairs Committee (AEPAC) expresses deep alarm over the international community's indifference—particularly by the United States, @UN , and @_AfricanUnion —toward the ongoing atrocities committed by the Ethiopian Government against civilians. The government use of drones and heavy weaponry has specifically targeted ethnic Amhara civilians, resulting in widespread death, destruction, and trauma.

Numerous media reports and human rights organizations have documented escalating violence and civilian suffering in Ethiopia, including:

Assault on Amhara Civilians:

Government forces have intensified attacks on ethnic Amhara communities, systematically destroying lives and property.

Escalating Violence:

Over 220 civilians were killed in 56 drone strikes over the past week, affecting towns such as Finote Selam, Metema, and Demebecha. Victims of these strikes include women and children, such as those killed in recent drone attacks in Astrio and Dega Damot.

Civilian Casualties and Trauma:

In one particularly tragic case, Asbera Mohamednur was shot and killed by government soldiers in Shoa Asager Woreda, with her two-year-old child beside her—traumatized, but alive. This incident is part of a broader pattern of retaliation against civilians whenever government forces faces resistance from the Amhara Fano fighters.

Systematic Targeting of Ethnic Amharas:

Eyewitnesses, along with organizations like Human Rights Watch, describe a deliberate campaign of ethnic targeting, with drones and heavy weaponry destroying homes, farms, and schools.

Human Rights Violations:

The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission has documented widespread extrajudicial killings, arbitrary detentions, and mass imprisonments, raising the alarm over the worsening situation in the Amhara region of Ethiopia .

Despite these grave violations, the international community has remained largely silent. Amnesty International has condemned this inaction, emphasizing that millions of Ethiopians are being denied justice as atrocities continue unabated.

AEPAC calls for immediate action from the U.S,@UN and @_AfricanUnion . Human Rights Watch has already urged for meaningful accountability to prevent further cycles

of violence and impunity. Without urgent intervention, civilians will continue to pay the ultimate price for a conflict they did not choose.

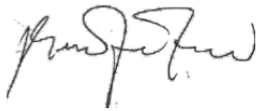
The incoming U.S. administration, along with the UN's Office on Genocide Prevention, must act swiftly to dispatch resources and prevent a looming humanitarian catastrophe. AEPAC urges all parties to engage constructively to halt the violence and protect innocent civilians.

👉 [Ethiopian National Defense Forces \(ENDF\) Drone and Aerial Strikes in Amhara Region Leave 124 Dead](#)

👉 [Ethiopian National Defense Forces \(ENDF\) War on Amhara: Systematic Brutality Against Civilians](#)

It is the responsibility of all Ethiopian Americans to unite and be part of a broader solution to address the issues caused by an ethnic-based system and its ongoing violence. More than ever it is time to come together and work towards peace, reconciliation !!!!

Yours Sincerely,
Mesfin Tegenu
Chairman



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