
INTERNATIONAL AMHARA ALLIANCE

Press Release: United Nation Official on Tigray Media House
October 10, 2021

The International Amhara Alliance (IAA) strongly condemns communication between high ranking Human Rights officials from the United Nations and terrorist organisation Tigray People's Liberation Front

On August 16th, 2021, [Tigray Media House \(TMH\)](#) aired a live stream hosted by Mr. Stalin Gebreselassie. During the show, Mr. Gebreselassie received a call from [Yishak Kassa Tefferi](#). Mr. Tefferi is a high ranking Human Rights Officer at the United Nations (UN) Mission in South Sudan. Therefore, it is very concerning that a human rights official working for the UN is [in contact](#) with a media platform which disseminates propaganda from the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF). After individuals pointed out this connection Mr. Tefferi deleted all of his social media which [contained evidence](#) of his own ideological alignment with the TPLF, a bonafide terrorist organization according to the [Global Terrorism Database](#) and the [Ethiopian Government](#).

Mr. Gebreselassie and TMH are known for using ethnic slurs against the ethnic Amhara. TMH is not only known for demonizing ethnic Amharas but has called for violent attacks on this group. This media house airs content about TPLF's goals to overthrow the current Ethiopian Government through expanding the conflict in Ethiopia into Afar and Amhara regional states.

The UN stands for being a non-partisan organization based on principles that include respect for human rights, prevention and removal of threats to peace. The TPLF and Mr. Gebreselassie's network TMH, are not aligned with the principles that represent the UN. IAA agrees with these principles and believes that all of their employees should adhere to them.

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The IAA calls on the Human Rights division of the United Nations to take the necessary steps to uphold these principles. It is explicitly clear that Mr. Yishak Kassa Tefferi is in communication with representatives from an organization that calls for violence on innocent individuals and promotes the terrorist organization TPLF. As Mr. Tefferi's actions do not align with the stated principles of the UN and IAA calls for immediate disciplinary measures including the termination of his employment.

It is of the utmost importance that the UN takes the necessary measures suggested by the IAA and our member associations. As members of the international Amhara community, we have no confidence that Mr. Tefferi is carrying out his role with impartiality and not exploiting his position to advance the agenda of a terrorist organization which is waging warfare on Ethiopian civilians in the Amhara region.

In the absence of action we request an explanation as to why Mr. Tefferi is still employed by the UN.

Sincerely,

Communications Team,
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