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Further information on UA 364/94 (AFR 25/24/94, 3 October 1994) - Fear of Ill-treatment / Legal Concern

**ETHIOPIA**     **Lemma Sidamo, 33, acting Vice-Chairman of the Sidama Liberation Movement (SLM)**  
**Getu Tenite, SLM official in Awassa**  
**Daniso Borsamo, SLM official in Awassa**  
**- and up to 300 other SLM members in Awassa**

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Amnesty International has learned that Lemma Sidamo was released in mid-November 1994. The organization is investigating allegations that he was tortured or ill-treated in custody. He was not taken to court or charged with any offence.

Getu Tenite, Daniso Borsamo and up to 300 other SLM members and supporters arrested in August are still being detained in Awassa and Yirga Alem prisons without charge or trial. There have been reports of the ill-treatment of the detainees.

**FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express and airmail letters either in English or in your own language:**

- welcoming the release of Lemma Sidamo, but calling for allegations that he and other detained SLM members have been ill-treated in custody to be thoroughly and impartially investigated, and anyone found responsible to be brought to justice;
- expressing concern that Getu Tenite, Daniso Borsamo and up to 300 others detained in August 1994 continue to be held without charge or trial in Awassa and Yirga Alem prisons, exceeding by far the prescribed 48-hour limit by the end of which detainees must be legally brought to court;
- seeking assurances that the detainees are being treated humanely in accordance with international standards, being granted access to lawyers, family members, and medical care, and calling for them now to be charged with a recognizably criminal offence or released without further delay.

**APPEALS TO**

1) Mr Hassan Shiffa  
Coordinator of Police and Prison Administration  
Ministry of Internal Affairs  
P O Box 5721, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
**Faxes: + 251 1 552020 (or 514300, 511244 or 514042, via Minister of Foreign Affairs)**  
**Telegrams: Hassan Shiffa, Ministry Internal Affairs, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**  
**Salutation: Dear sir**

2) Mr Mahteme Solomon  
Minister of Justice  
Ministry of Justice  
P O Box 1370, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
**Telegrams: Justice Minister, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**  
**Faxes: + 251 1 550722**  
**Salutation: Dear Minister**

**COPIES OF YOUR APPEALS TO:**

Mr Kemal Bedri  
President of the Supreme Court  
Ministry of Justice  
P O Box 1370, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
**Faxes: + 251 1 550722**

Mr Abate Kisho  
Chairman of the Southern Ethiopian Peoples' Regional Administration  
Regional Administration Office  
Awassa, Ethiopia

and to diplomatic representatives of Ethiopia accredited to your country

**PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY.** Check with the International Secretariat,  
or your section office, if sending appeals after 24 January 1995.