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Further information on UA 230/95 (AFR 25/12/95, 3 October 1995) and follow-up (AFR 25/13/95, 20 November 1995) - Fear of ill-treatment / Legal concern

ETHIOPIA                      Four staff of the Oromo Relief Association:

                                    Martha Arero (f), store-keeper  
Fraol Galata, project officer  
Hailu Gamachu, accountant

new name:      Mussa Uto, store-keeper

Amnesty International has learned of the arrest in December 1995 of another staff member of the Oromo Relief Association. Mussa Uto, a store-keeper, was arrested in December 1995 in the eastern Ethiopian town of Dire Dawa. He is reportedly held incommunicado and without charge in Dire Dawa prison.

Martha Arero, Fraol Galata and Hailu Gamachu, arrested in September 1995, are still in Negelle Borana prison. They have still not been charged and remain held incommunicado for investigation.

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

- expressing concern at the detention without charge of Mussa Uto who appears to be a prisoner of conscience;
- expressing concern at the continued detention without charge of Martha Arero, Fraol Galata and Hailu Gamachu, who all appear to be prisoners of conscience;
- appealing for their immediate and unconditional release if they are not charged with a recognizable criminal offence and given a prompt and fair trial;
- requesting guarantees that they are being humanely treated in prison and that they are allowed immediate and regular visits by their families, legal representatives and medical doctors if needed.

*This is a limited UA. Please limit appeals to 10 per section*

**APPEALS TO:**

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**Salutation: Dear President Demeksa**

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Minister of Justice

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- Mr Simon Mechale, Commissioner for Disaster Prevention and Preparedness, former Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, P O Box 195, Addis Ababa, 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 15 April 1996.