

Front for the Restoration of Unity and Democracy- FRUD



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Press release

Arrest of peaceful protesters and death under torture of Farah Louback

On December 22, 2021, Farah Louback, a former soldier from Dikhil, died under torture by SDS (Documentation and Security Service) agents and police officers at Gabode prison, after being arrested in Dikhil on December 18 by the gendarmes. The state refused to perform the autopsy requested by the victim's family. **He was accused of participating in a peaceful demonstration to celebrate the victory of the Afar region against the Tigrayans in Ethiopia.**

27 people were arrested by police in Tadjourah, Arhiba and Dikhil on December 18, 19 and 20, 2021, for the same reason. Ten of them are detained and tortured at the SDS under the leadership of Hassan Saïd, head of security, the others are in Gabode prison and Nagad.

We have learned from a reliable source, that 2 Afar men were killed near Buldhuqo neighborhood, and that they were hastily buried on December 17, 2021 by the agents of the road security, without any investigation.

The Security forces have continued their harassment against civilians from the North and South West for 3 months, around a hundred people are in

detention in the police premises (Nagad, Douda etc), accused of sympathy with the Front for the Restoration of Unity and Democracy.

FRUD,

- Condemns the extrajudicial execution of Farah Louback,
- Condemns the arbitrary arrests and torture of peaceful demonstrators
- Calls for the release of all prisoners, arbitrarily detained
- Calls for investigations into the death under torture of Farah Louback and the assassination of the 2 Afars in Buldhuquo (suburb of Djibouti)
- Calls on international human rights organizations (Amnesty International, FIDH, OMCT, ACAT, Human Rights Watch, etc.) as well as on the human rights bodies of the United Nations and the European Union to denounce the massive violations of Human Rights by the power of Djibouti

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