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Dates in Meakelawi – 84

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- May 19 2014 – very serious beating, so many hard slaps and due to that his one ear still hurts. He did not get medical attention until he get transferred to Qilinto
- July 3- he was taken to torture room, they whipped his foot by computer plug cable and beaten by stick, because he refused to sign on the confession paper they prepared. They forced him to lay on the floor and they stomped him on his back and also in his front part of the body including his face, neck and mouth. His face and his forehead were swallowed. During the torture of foot wiping they put socks in his mouth not to make him shout and breath.
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2. Name of Detainee- Atnaf Birhane

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- May 1- long hours slapping, some officer strangle him and told him they will make him physically disabled and they do not care for the right of individuals. He was asked questions like what does blog mean and they thought it is abbreviation for something else. (The Amharic word for blog). He did physical exercise the whole interrogation period while handcuffed.
- May 14 – by asking questions like “why are you traveling abroad? It is to defame the government” he was beaten seriously, forced to work heavy physical exercise, four integrators spited him during interrogation and his heads were repeatedly smashed against concrete walls until he shows sign of agreement to sign documents.
- June 2014- He was interrogated in front of other people being tortured and forced to sign on confessions. He was threatened to be tortured and to be locked in solitary confinement. He was stomped on his foot for long hours during interrogation and he was also beaten in his detention room because of unknown reason. He had been called to interrogation rooms at nights and was forced to believe on the things that he did not do.



3. Name of Detainee- Befekadu Hailu

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Insulted during interrogation, most of the insults were – you are foreign agent, you committed torsion, you denied the development and you are traveling abroad to defame the government, you can not oppose the government and visit prisoners.

- April 30- he was beaten and his foot was wiped in the interrogation room. He was asked what was the real intention of Zone9 other than the one mentioned officially. Because he said they did not have any other intention, they beat him, wiped his foot by computer plug cable and told him to come with their real intentions tomorrow.
- May 1st – he was highly beaten and due to that he was forced to admit that he was working to unrest the country and they were asking him to tell them all fabricated stories how the plan was going to be executed. On this day he was taken to boardroom which is sound proof and he was beaten by four interrogators until he admits that he was doing illegal act. On the beating their boss visits frequently and he have also beaten him when he passes around with no reason and conversations.
- May 2nd - First, he was made to stand with his legs approximately 2 - 3 feet apart with his handcuffed hands in the air and was beaten on his upper, inner thighs near the groin area. Second, he was individually made to stand up with a prison interrogator one of his sides (right or left) to support his should ha fall at which point they were made to raise one arm (the one not flanked by an interrogator) and beaten and kicked along their underarms, ribcage, and upper thighs mercilessly and without the ability to fall over, making it incredibly painful to lower the arms post-beating.
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Abuses

- He was deprived of sleep and food for most of the interrogation days
- He was forced for long hour's physical exercise while handcuffed.
- He was interrogated by facing to wall, by standing the whole day by his hands up handcuffed.
- He was beaten kicked and slapped countless times
- He was taken to the sound proof sound room and beaten and he was forced to stand bare foot in the cold floor during interrogation, most of the time interrogators stomped him on his bare foot and his feet. The main days those abuses happened were April 21 and days between May 1 -9. He was forced to sign false confessions.
- He was insulted as a person working with foreign agents; spying his own country and etc. they told him they can do whatever they want to do. His interrogator also told him that they have special privilege to violate any laws in the country and they are not under the rule of law.



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Abuses

- Though he reminded them house search after 6 PM is illegal according to the criminal procedure law of the country, they searched his house after 6 pm(same with other 7 detainees)
- His master's thesis was taken by the police as evidence and he asked the court to give order to the police to submit his paper to his university, though the court ordered the interrogators in Meakelawi told him that they cannot be ordered by the court and he could not submit his thesis.
- He was also subject to very heavy physical exercise slap, beating and he was also forced to sign the confession document which was amended by the order of "Higher body"



6. Name of Detainee- Edom Kassye

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- She was deprived of sleep and was interrogated at night. She was called by interrogators after mid night and she used to spend long interrogaition hours without food and sleep
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**8. Name of Detainee – Asemamaw H/Georgis
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9. Name of Detainee Tesfalem Woldeyes dates in Meakelawi detention – 84

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Tesfalem was sick due to the very cold room of the detention center and could not get medical support.

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