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African Rights Monitor condemns the actions of the Somali Federal Government and demands that Ethiopia frees Abdikarim Sh. Muse.

Abdikarim Sh. Muse, a Somali national and member of The Ogaden Liberation Front (ONLF) was handed over to Ethiopian intelligence officers in Mogadishu against his will by the Somali Federal Government on Agosto 28, 2017. This act violates the principle of non-refoulement laid out in the 1954 UN-Convention.

Ethiopia is known to be a country, where freedom and justice is not guaranteed for any dissident or political opponent. Mr. Abdikarim risks torture and a summary execution. Ethiopia under the AMISOM umbrella has secret service locations throughout different parts of Somalia, where it has succeeded in creating a pro-Ethiopian administration hunting down those fleeing persecution from the Ogaden, Somali region of Ethiopia.

Yesterday's statement over the refoulement of Mr. Abdikarim read by the Minister of Information of the Somali Federal Government saying that Somalia and Ethiopia signed security agreements to hand over anyone recognized as an enemy against peace is very alarming. This so-called agreement is obtained through special support from Ethiopian presence in Somalia alongside Somali politicians despite the fact that the Somali Constitution guarantees the safety of all Somali people in the Horn of Africa.

Ethiopia led by the minority Tigray group allows no opposition group to operate inside the country, they carryout assassinations and kidnappings against any opponents in neighbouring countries too. Such behavior doesn't bring peace but rather, may increase uprising and foster further instability. Ethiopia should release Abdikarim Sh. Muse and all other political prisoners immediately and look for a solution for this crisis in a peaceful way.

The Somali Federal Government should respect human rights conventions, particularly the rights of refugees not to be handed over forcibly to a country where their lives are in danger and avoid any other acts of illegal refoulement in the future.

The UN political bureau in Somalia, the African Union and Amisom commandement should ensure that Ethiopia does not abuse it's Amisom membership over the Somali people from Ogaden by abducting, harassing and assassinating political leaders in Somalia who reject Ethiopian political and military domination in Somalia.

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