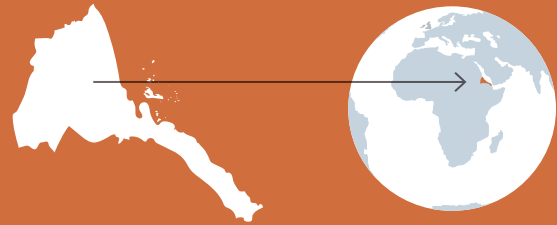


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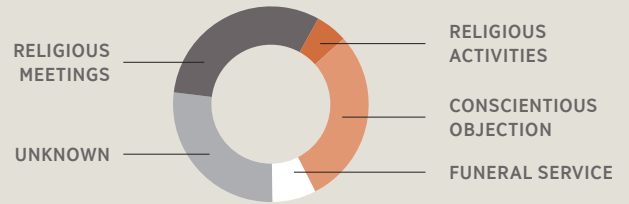


**52**  
IMPRISONED



**SINCE 1994**  
three prisoners have been held  
without charges or a hearing

### REASONS FOR ARREST



NAME	AGE	GENDER	LOCATION	TERM; RELEASE	REASON
Eyasu, Paulos	47	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 1994-09-17 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Mogos, Isaac	44	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 1994-09-17 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Teklemariam, Negede	45	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 1994-09-17 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Abraha, Aron	45	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2001-05-09 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Fessehaye, Mussie	47	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2003-04-06 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Tsegazeab, Ambakom	43	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2004-03-06 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Fissehaye, Bemnet	48	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2005-02-09 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Ghebru, Henok	35	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2005-01-24 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Kiros, Werede	63	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2005-05-04 <sup>+</sup>	Religious activity
Yonas, Yonatan	34	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2005-11-12 <sup>+</sup>	Religious activity
Fissehaye, Kibreab	41	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2005-12-27 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Okba-gabr, Bereket Abraha	53	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2006-01-01 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Fessehaye, Yosief	30	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2006/10 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Gebremeskel, Mogos	71	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2008-07-03 <sup>+</sup>	Unknown
Abraha, Bereket	70	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2008-07-08 <sup>+</sup>	Unknown
Ashgedom, Ermias	28	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2008-07-11 <sup>+</sup>	Unknown
Tesfamariam, Tareke	67	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2008-08-04 <sup>+</sup>	Unknown
Habtezion, Tewoldemedhin	60	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2008-08-09 <sup>+</sup>	Unknown
Beyene, Teferi	76	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2008-09-23 <sup>+</sup>	Unknown
Beyene, Abraha	66	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2008-10-23 <sup>+</sup>	Unknown
Leghesse, Tsehay	78	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2008-12-23 <sup>+</sup>	Unknown
Tesfazghi, Tsegezeab	71	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2008-12-23 <sup>+</sup>	Unknown
Teclé, Yoab	66	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2009-04-23 <sup>+</sup>	Unknown
Tsegezeab, Yoel	43	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2008-08-26 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection



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Ghirmay, Samuel	36	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2009-03 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Gebrehiwot, Teklu	43	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2009-06-28 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Afeworki, Isaias	33	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2009-06-28 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Milen, Isaac	30	Female	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2009-06-28 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Seid, Faiza	33	Female	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2009-06-28 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Gebremichael, Tesfazion	75	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2011-07-20 <sup>+</sup>	Unknown
Woldemichael, Hagos	65	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2012-04-21 <sup>+</sup>	Preaching at a funeral
Ghebremariam, Araia	63	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2012-04-21 <sup>+</sup>	Preaching at a funeral
Berhe, Tsegabirhan	55	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2012-04-21 <sup>+</sup>	Preaching at a funeral
Meharizghi, Daniel	41	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2012-04-21 <sup>+</sup>	Preaching at a funeral
Tesfamariam, Yosief	54	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2012-05 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Berhane, Ghebru	68	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2014-04-14 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Gebrehiwet, Tekle	62	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2014-04-14 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Tesfagabir, Thomas	36	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2014-04-27 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Estifanos, Mardocai	24	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2014-04-27 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Tewolde, Mehari	36	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2014-04-27 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Gashazghi, Michael	26	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2014-04-27 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Hidru, Liya	46	Female	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2014-04-27 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Shiwaseged, Wintana	29	Female	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2014-04-27 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Taddesse, Mikaal	27	Female	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2014-04-27 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Weldai, Emnet	39	Female	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2014-04-27 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Birhane, Senait	29	Female	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2014-04-27 <sup>+</sup>	Religious meeting
Habteyesus, Bereket	26	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2014-05-26 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Meraf Seyum, Habtemariam	56	Female	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2015-10-25 <sup>+</sup>	Religious activity
Dawit, Samuol	28	Female	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2016-04-09 <sup>+</sup>	Conscientious objection
Dawit, Hadas	39	Female	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2017-03-30 <sup>+</sup>	Unknown
Asgedom, Yonathan	26	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2017-09-21 <sup>+</sup>	Religious activity
Teka, Daniel	20	Male	Mai Serwa Prison	Arrested 2017-09-21 <sup>+</sup>	Religious activity

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