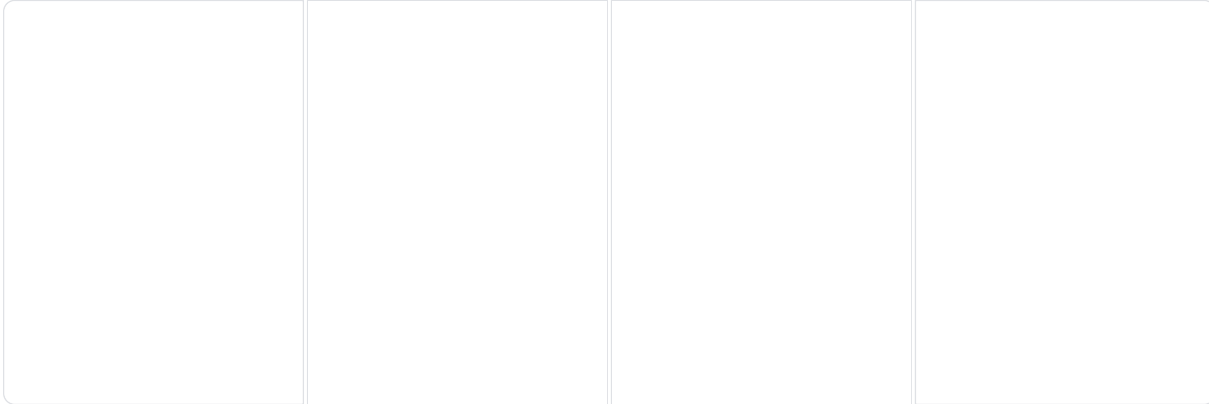


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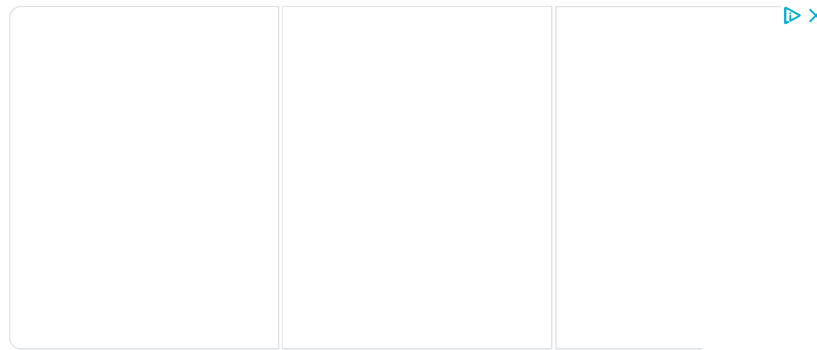
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U.S. government prosecutors made the case that Kefelgn Alemu Worku lied about his past and stole another man's identity to come to Colorado in 2004 as a refugee and then gain citizenship.



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The case has emerged as a beacon for refugees from Ethiopia, Rwanda and other countries where atrocities happened who now are trying to expose fellow immigrants they suspect were criminals back home. Federal authorities have jailed another Ethiopian, in Atlanta, whom they suspect of committing atrocities.

The conviction in Denver has "opened the door" for uncertain and sometimes haunted immigrants seeking justice in the United States, said Samuel Ketema, 53, who received a tip that led to the confrontation of Alemu Worku, widely known as Tufa, outside the Cozy Cafe in Aurora.

"We know of many. They participated in atrocities. But we didn't have any evidence, like for this case. But some day we will get them. Now we know what to do."

Ketema and his brother, Kiflu, 58 — who in May 2011 told Alemu Worku "I think I know you" and notified federal authorities — are among the estimated 30,000 Ethiopian immigrants along Colorado's Front Range. While many regard the dark side of Cold War-era Ethiopia as shameful and are trying to forget, about 20 packed U.S. District Judge John Kane's courtroom on Friday.

The verdict left them satisfied.

"I saw people being tortured by him. He killed one of my best friends," said Kiflu Ketema, who testified during the week-long trial.

"Just put him in jail here and then send him back," Ketema said. "I don't want to see him walking the streets again. I left my country because of him."

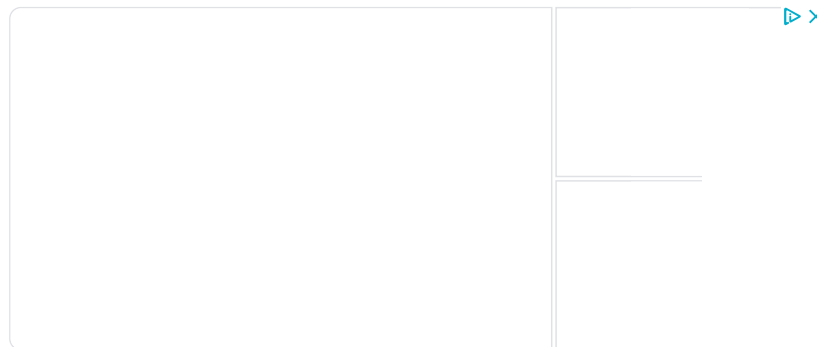
A jury took three hours to convict him on three charges of falsifying identity and lying — including statements that he never participated in persecution. Alemu Worku could face up to 22 years in prison and, after his release, deportation. His sentencing is set for Dec. 19.

Kane, who had ordered Alemu Worku to turn around and face his accusers as they testified in court, immediately stripped him of his citizenship.

In a statement, U.S. Attorney John Walsh called Alemu Worku a war criminal and said the trial "offered Alemu Worku's victims the opportunity to speak the truth bravely for all to hear and to see that a measure of justice would be done, at long last."

When Alemu Worku reached Colorado, he escaped notice for seven years because he hung mostly with teenagers and avoided Ethiopians likely to remember persecution, said Wanaw Beleta, 48, who was imprisoned himself.

"Every community has some of these people who don't go to church, always hiding," said Beleta, who was among those in the courtroom. "In the future, I hope, just like this, they go to court."



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Now a white-haired man in his 60s, Alemu Worku sat silently through Friday's proceedings, arms folded, tilting his head forward as he listened with help from interpreters.

He had admitted, in a note to Kane, to lying about his identity, but he denied committing atrocities.

A handwritten document from Ethiopia, obtained by federal investigators and translated, indicates Alemu Worku was tried in absentia and sentenced to hang for war crimes.

The federal case focused on immigration violations rather than alleged crimes in Ethiopia, which happened during the 1970s under the former "Derg" dictatorship.

During the trial, torture survivors identified Alemu Worku and recounted the extreme degradation of prisoners, torture with sticks and bloody executions.

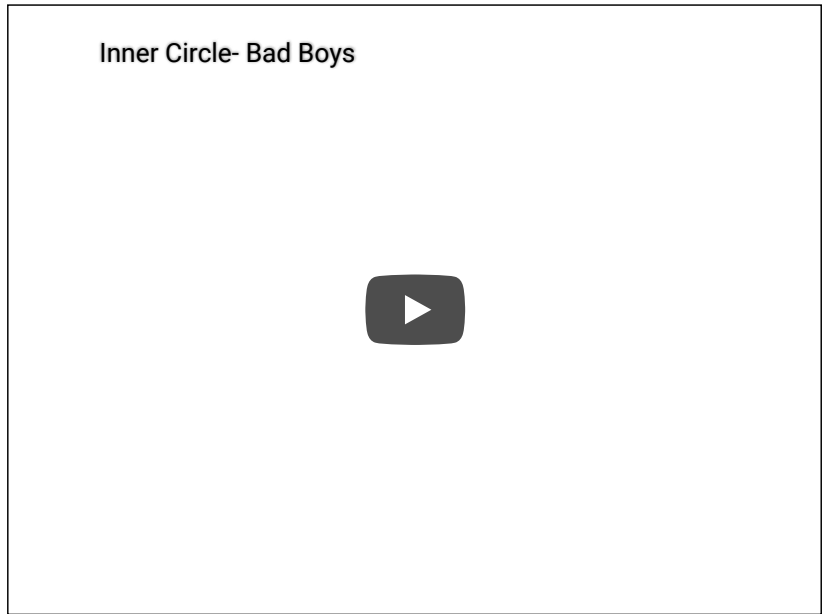
A network of prisons, run under dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam, was used systematically against Ethiopians associated with pro-democracy political opposition.

Federal public defender Matthew Golla argued that, while horrors happened, testimony based on 35-year-old recollections should leave at least a reasonable doubt as to Alemu Worku's guilt.

"The individual who did these things is not sitting in this courtroom," he told jurors.

But in the end, Golla said after the verdict, "the evidence was so painful that it made the case an uphill battle."

Source: Denver Post - http://www.denverpost.com/environment/ci_24291908/denver-jurors-deliberate-case-ethiopian-alleged-prison-torturer



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Zenebu · 410 weeks ago

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This mother *****r need to be hanged from his feet. He killed over 128 people in cold blood. He should be sent to Ethiopia to be chopped like onions. Stupid blood sucker. Gena gena those in Washingot DC will be going back to Ethiopia to face justice.

Reply

be ewnetu · 410 weeks ago

+5

The corrupted ESAT and GIM7 barking for DEMOCRACY???????????????????? ESAT journalist Sisay Agena when he published ETHIOP newsletter in ADDIS was recieved money from URAEL church priest, and was funding from KINIJIT leader Hailu Shawul in the name of "FREE PRESS" the more corrupted and crinnals.....

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A.yehdeg · 410 weeks ago

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I have bad news for you
ICC is not working for justice so it has no power over Africa anymore.

Reply

be ewnetu · 410 weeks ago

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i don't expect justice from others, just win- win, i mean deplomacy deal.....

Reply

Feshta · 410 weeks ago

+7

It is time to hunt the fashisht derg members who killed thousands of innocent people of Ethiopia and hiding everywhere in the USA as well as in the world. For sure there are many of them living here in Seattle using a fake names. Here a song for them to listen. „Bad boy bad boy what can you do when we come at you?„

Reply

bbb · 410 weeks ago

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I thought bad boys was sang by inner circle

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yibra · 410 weeks ago

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what are you taking about

Reply

Haile · 410 weeks ago

+5

No adays, it is becoming easier t identify them. Just go to the self styled opposition in their gathering.They are there in hat and scarf.

Reply

SATENAW · 410 weeks ago

+2

Thanks GOD,EPRDF AND USA, there are many more including comerade tamagn beyene who is an eriterian by blood but cheated the USA govt as he is an ETHIOPIAN for only he was born in gonder and lived in addiss. he is working against ETH for shabiya

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The Embassy of Ethiopia in DC has a lot of work to do like deplomatically deal with US , if US needs Ethiopian army to fight to Al-Shabab, these terrorists must handover to EPRDF to face justice, if US/UN impose sancion on Eritrea how they allow them to use money transaction from Eritrean bank and getting VISA to Eritrea????????????????

Reply

omx · 410 weeks ago

+3

Abebe ****w your days are numbered.you can ran but you have no where to hide.Stupid git.

Reply

Asmeret · 410 weeks ago

+3

@Yemane, mind your own business please help bury your brothers and sisters who died in the high seas hundreds of them over 500 this week. Ethiopian issue is not your consern so piss off. The biggest criminal child killer is Isaias Afeworki sitting in Asmara. YOu might

have been one of the killers for derg so we will get you some day.

Reply

SATENAW · 410 weeks ago 0

Hope fully we will get and convict isayas in either italy or mequdisho but not in USA

Reply

tekilla · 410 weeks ago 0

Mr. K. alemu Worku must come in Ethiopia to be sentenced, because the crime has made here in Ethiopia, if it's anyone knows who has made crime at the time of Derg regime please take care of them !!

Reply

Dallas · 410 weeks ago +2

Stage freak (TAMAGNE BEYNE) should be brought to face justice, He was instrumental propagandist entertainer to the Dergue regime that killed thousands of young Ethiopians.

Reply

Seleshe Mekonen · 410 weeks ago +1

Mr. Tazabew,
It true uneducated people like Mr.Tamagne Beyene was used by Dergue elites to propagate and justify killings of so many innocent young lives, now the question is how much does these uneducated people were responsible for all the mess and death they caused ? I am 100% sure Ato Tamaagne Beyene take his share of responsibility for participating in dergues death camp.

Reply

Hagerey · 410 weeks ago 0

T. Beyene
invites all of you at Tigrai Online a song
=====HAGEREYY=====by Artist

----- ABRAR OSMAN-----

from Senafe/Adikeyih
till we meet again.....!!!

Reply

Hagos TD · 410 weeks ago 0

justice is on the way for those bochures! Basck home..

Reply

SATENAW · 410 weeks ago 0

@woldie believe me the information i gave is genuine which i get from his neighbours while i was in gonder. Tamagn beyene a brother of tewolde is an eriterian by blood still misleading us as an ETHIOPIAN. at least he has a wish ETH to be yogoziavia

Reply [1 reply](#) · active 410 weeks ago

bogale · 410 weeks ago 0

fuzo

Reply

Seleshe Mekonen · 410 weeks ago 0

@Satenaw,
Who cares about one unemoyed BOZENE AZEMARE/ TAMAGNE, he is not important.

Reply

SATENAW · 410 weeks ago 0

@seleshi I know he is not important but it is to make overt that ppl like him and tesfaye gebreab are trying to comment on our internal issues behind their shabiya motives. i know they ll not make any change except barking on the field like isayas

Reply

SATENAW · 410 weeks ago

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@?wolega u re shabiya who wants to pretend in the name of the respected ethiopian tribe oromo, u never know about amara or oromo, the ethiopian nation and nationalities are living in harmony, ur style is outdated and of shabiya or ar tera tv

Reply

M. ZeGabe · 410 weeks ago

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QEMISH ADEY ANQIFUNI IS NOT A GOOD POLITICS.

Though dergue was undiplomatic and a little bit harsh and bruttal in implementing its policies in a militaristic way.....it was also more revolutionary, enlightened and more informed when it comes to Ethiopian politics and national security and intelligence. One of the unique qualities of the Dergue I still admire is its deeper knowledge of intelligence in identifying who is true revolutionary and who is not. Dergue intelligence people were too knowledgeable about the not true revolutionary nature of eprps, wozleagues, Malerids and Magebts during the raging revolutionary period. And they didn't expect from them too much. They knew them too well they are after their self private narrow interests rather than the Ethiopian masses.

Reply

MeZeGeBe · 410 weeks ago

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Also they were not true partners for a radical revolution and fundamental change of system in Ethiopia. They were too hesitant to free themselves from the bondage feudal system and accept true social path for freedom and equality of all people. The only fault of Dergue is its intransigence to use militaristic policy in dealing to solve northern and eastern Ethiopian problems. So if Dergue has its shortcomings and faults.....the faults and shortcomings of its opponents is by far larger and biggerand more fatal.....even to consider it as an option or alternative.

Reply

Habtu · 410 weeks ago

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Tomorrow will be the same for TPLF torturers like Bisrat Amare and other TPLF cadres who killed so many innocent Tigrians and now living in Ohio. Those Weyane cadres who are committing atrocities in Ethiopia and some of them have already asked political asylum in USA and England. We will expose them inorder to face justice.

Reply

berhe · 410 weeks ago

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This blog couldn't represent TIGRAY AND OUR PARTY HIWAHAT in the name of politics. IT IS JUST A PROTESTANT BLOG. things are becoming clear....

Reply

aluwuhamilash · 408 weeks ago

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Thanks God one of our former killer the amhara ahya is under custody. We will kill more than they kill when time comes. we are looking for that opportunity.
Death to Amhara Ahyas!!!!

Reply

Medhin · 407 weeks ago

0

Kassa Kebede need to be prosecuted too. He needs to face justice. We need to confiscate all the money he got and put him in prison for the rest of his life. Ethiopian restaurant and coffee shop owners in cooperation with the Ethiopian government need to make all the dergs face real justice.

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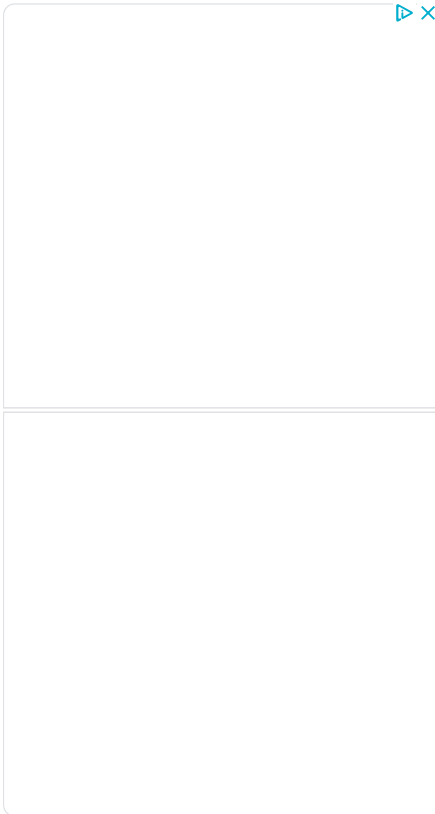
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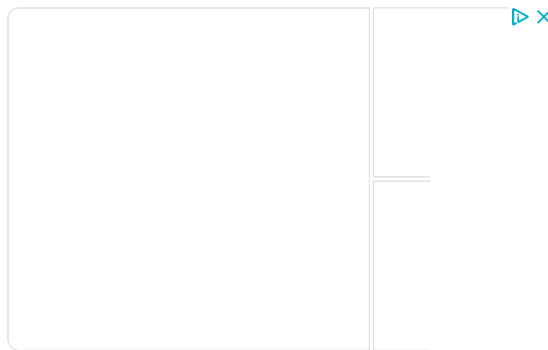
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