

# Commemorating Birtukan

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It's now a year since Ethiopia's pro-Democracy leader Birtukan Mideksa is thrown into the infamous Kality prison after she was abducted in a broad day light by Dictator Meles Zenawi's henchmen. To those who had hitherto believed even faintly that they could still count on a peaceful & fair political arena, Birtukan's arrest made it clear once and for all that Zenawi's barbaric regime let alone gave voice to dissent, it was unscrupulously unscrupulously bent on crushing any opposition to its iron fist rule.

It's in light of this truth and other facts of the sheer darkness of oppression the Ethiopian people have been subjected to, the Ginbot 7 movement for Democracy and Justice remain the only viable force to remove Meles and its cronies from power and reclaim the dream of 70 plus million Ethiopians who unequivocally rejected Zenawi's rule in the ballot box in that historic May 15, 2005 election, only for their will to be crushed by a barbaric crackdown perpetrated under the direct command of the racist & ethnocentric dictator Meles Zenawi.

It's henceforth incumbent upon Ethiopians of all ranks and walks of life to rally behind Ginbot 7 as it's the honourable duty when we commemorate Birtukan's arrest and those of thousands of political prisoners languishing in Woyane's gulag prisons. Freedom denied to one Ethiopian is freedom denied to all Ethiopians. Victory to democratic forces of Ethiopia, & death to dictatorship!