

Präsident Isaias Afewerki
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Your Excellency,

Ciham Ali Ahmed is a victim of enforced disappearance. She has been held in secret detention since 8 December 2012 (when she was 15). She was arrested together with her uncle Hassan after attempting to cross the Eritrea- Sudan border. Anyone caught crossing the border is usually imprisoned for 4-6 months. However, more than five years later, Ciham and her uncle remain incommunicado detention in an unknown location.

She has never been charged with anything and no explanation has ever been given for her arrest and prolonged detention. It is believed that her prolonged detention could be a way of punishing her for her father's alleged involvement in an attempted coup in Eritrea in 2013.

I am asking you today to reveal Ciham Ali's whereabouts and immediately and unconditionally release her.

Please also guarantee her safety pending her release.

Yours sincerely,

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