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DEMONSTRATION for ALEM DECHASA One More Domestic Worker Killed in Lebanon



On March 21, 2012, a dozen or so Ethiopians gathered in Downtown Los Angeles outside the Lebanese Consulate to raise general awareness and highlight the tragedy of Alem Dechasa and the ongoing miscarriage of justice in Lebanon being perpetrated against defenceless women, most of whom are domestic workers. The group demanded Justice for Alem Dechasa and handed a letter of protest and a plea for justice to the Consulate Secretary. The letter reads as follows:-



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March 20, 2012

Ref: The Murder of Mrs. Alem Dechasa

Consulate General of Lebanon
Acting Consul General:
Mrs. Madonna Aoun Ghazal
660 So. Figueroa, CA. 90017

Dear Consul,

We, concerned Ethiopians, residents of Los Angeles, are here to plead for justice for the innocent blood shed of a fellow Ethiopian young woman, Ms. Alem Dechasa, by those who were caught red-handed beating, kidnapping, and loading her into their car, and were exposed on Youtube last week.

We have heard of many similar incidents in the past, but no one has ever been charged or brought to justice for crimes committed against domestic workers in Lebanon. Does Lebanon not adhere to the United Nations Human Rights Code? Why then are they not enforced across the board? Could it be that domestic workers are considered somewhat less of human beings?

We would like to express in the strongest terms possible our utter disgust and disappointment with the keeping of law and order and of the Justice System of Lebanon where a poor, defenseless woman, can be beaten and mistreated in public and in broad daylight. Are there no policemen?

It is now up to Lebanon and all concerned Lebanese people to clear the cloud hanging on their country as a Black Hole of Justice in the Middle East. Please extend our serious concern to the people and government of Lebanon.

Sincerely,

For Concerned Ethiopians,

G. E. Gorfu

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