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# All but two of the 11 former senior government off Eritrea confirmed dead.

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All but two of the 11 former senior government officials of Eritrea, who have been held incommunicado de September 2001, are confirmed dead according to secret documents acquired by assenna.com sources f President of Eritrea.

The officials that include ministers and generals were among the 15 members of the Eritrean National As known as G15). They had all signed an open letter criticising the dictatorial policies of President Isaias Af democratic reform and open debate on the country's political crises. Eleven members of the 'G15', those Eritrea during the 2001 major government crackdown were arrested along with over a dozen independen whereabouts of the G15 and journalists was never disclosed by the government and visits have never be be recalled that the September 18 crackdown was followed by numerous arrests of other mid-ranking offi suspected to be sympathisers of the G15.

The Eritrean government claimed that "they have committed treason" but they have never been officially c to trial. The government has never provided access to their families, lawyers or international humanitarian

The documents obtained by Asena show that eight of them have died in detention as a result of harsh co and lack of medical attention, while one was executed.

***In this section, documents of the five political detainees whose death is being reporte time are published. (To see the original documents in Tigrinya click on the names of t***

## 1. NAME OF DETAINEE: BARAKI GEBRESELISSIE



DATE DETAINED: 18-09-2001

DETENTION CODE: 250-251-525

DATE OF DEATH: 19-07-2007

REASON FOR DEATH: CHRONIC ILLNESS

**REMARKS:** DETAINEE HAS A CHRONIC KIDNEY CONDITION. AFTER HE DEVELOPED A HIGH BLOOD P  
BEEN RECEIVING CONTINUOUS INTENSIVE MEDICAL CARE. HIS REFUSAL TO UNDERGO A SURGERY  
HIS DEATH IN DETENTION.

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## 2. NAME OF DETAINEE: JERMANO NATTI



DATE DETAINED: 18-09-2001

DETENTION CODE: 250-251-525

DATE OF DEATH: 17-03-2008

REASON OF DEATH: CHRONIC ILLNESS

**REMARKS:** HE HAD URETHRA PROBLEMS. EVEN THOUGH HE DID NOT MENTIONED IT BEFORE HIS I  
RESULT OF THE AUTOPSY CONCLUSIVELY SHOWS THAT HE WAS SUFFERING FROM BLADDER AND  
INFECTIONS AS A RESULT OF WHICH HE DIED.

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## 3. NAME OF DETAINEE: BERHANE GEBREGZABHIER



DATE DETAINED: 18-09-2001

DETENTION CODE: 250-251-525

DATE OF DEATH: 20-06-2002

REASON OF DEATH: COURT DECISION

**REMARKS:** SINCE DETAINEE ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE INTO THE ENEMY LINES ON THE EVE OF HIS I  
DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BASIS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF NAIZGHI KIFLU HAS

NAME OF OFFICER IN CHARGE: L.COLONEL ISSACK ARAYA

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4. NAME OF DETAINEE: HAMED HMED



DATE DETAINED: 18-09-2001

DETENTION CODE: 250-251-525

DATE OF DEATH: 07-11-2005

REASON OF DEATH: ACCIDENT

**REMARKS:** AS A RESULT OF A SNEAK BITE HE ENCOUNTERED, DETAINEE DIED WHILE RECEIVING M  
INTERVENTION.

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5. NAME OF DETAINEE: ESTIFANOS SEYOUM



DATE DETAINED: 18-09-2001

DETENTION CODE: 250-251-525

DATE OF DEATH: 28-09-2007

REASON OF DEATH: CHRONIC ILLNESS

**REMARKS:** HE HAD CHRONIC DIABETIC. AS A RESULT HE HAD BEEN SUFFERING FROM VARIOUS INFECTIONS. DESPITE THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE HE WAS RECEIVING, HE COULD NOT HEAL FROM THE INFECTIONS. HIS HEALTH HAD BEEN WORSENERD BY HIGH-BLOOD PRESSURE

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***The following documents confirm the death of the detainees whose death had already***

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6. NAME OF DETAINEE: SALIH IDRIS KEKIA



DATE DETAINED: 18-09-2001

DETENTION CODE: 250-251-525

DATE OF DEATH: 15-08-2003

REASON OF DEATH: ACCIDENT

**REMARKS:** AS A RESULT OF THE RIGHT-SIDE BODY PARALYSIS HE SUSTAINED DUE TO HIS FAILED COMMITTE SUICIDE BY JUMPING OVER AND ROLLING INTO THE WHEELS OF THE VEHICLE THAT WAS DETAINÉES FROM DONGOLO TO THE CURRENT DETENTION CENTER, HE DIED DESPITE CONTINUE ASSISTANCE HE WAS RECEIVING.

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7. NAME OF DETAINEE: ASTER FESSEHATSION



DATE DETAINED: 18-09-2001

DETENTION CODE: 250-251-525

DATE OF DEATH: 14-04-2003

REASON OF DEATH: CHRONIC ILLNESS

**REMARKS:** DETAINEE HAD PREVIOUS CHRONIC HEART CONDITION AND ASTHMA. HER DECISION TO STRIKE RESULTED IN A GASTRIC CONDITION. MOREOVER, SHE WAS NOT TAKING HER PRESCRIPTI AND THE BOX AND HALF FULL OF PILLS THAT WAS FOUND IN HER CELL UPON HER DEATH ATTESTE

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8. NAME OF DETAINEE: MAHMUD MEHAMED SHERIFO



DATE DETAINED: 18-09-2001

DETENTION CODE: 250-251-225

DATE OF DEATH: 21-12-2003

REASON OF DEATH: CHRONIC ILLNESS

**REMARKS:** HE HAD HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE AND DIABETIC PREVIOUSLS. HE ALSO STARTED TO SUF SINCE HE HAD COME TO THE CURRENT CENTER. AS A RESULT OF THE DIABETIC COMPLICATIONS , INFECTIONS HE CONTINUED TO SUFFER, HE DIED IN HIS CELL WHILLE BEING ASSISTED MEDICALLY

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**9. General Ogbe Abraha's death certificate hasn't been obtained in such a manner. He is believed to have died fir group of detainees.**



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