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OPEN LETTER

September 20, 2010.

To: H.E. Mr. David Cameron,
The Right Honourable Prime Minister
&
H.E. Mr. Nick Clegg
The Right Honourable Dep. Prime Minister

of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland.

Your Excellencies,

Subject: Vatican Apology for Its Complicity with the Fascist Genocide in Ethiopia



A Vatican Clergy Blessing the Fascist Army

Please allow us, first of all, to express our humble compliments to Your Excellencies and your government for the successful official visit by Pope Benedict XVI to the United Kingdom. It is also with great satisfaction that I note His Holiness' official apology for the abuse of children perpetrated by some clergy within the Catholic Church.

We feel sure that Your Excellencies are aware of the historic fact that Italian Fascists had committed the war crime of genocide during 1935-41 in Ethiopia where hundreds of thousands of people were massacred including 30,000 people murdered in only three days in Addis Ababa. Among the numerous people killed by the Fascists were two Bishops: Abune Petros, and Abune Michael plus all but one of the monks and all the deacons at our famous monastery at Debre Libanos. In addition, 2,000 churches, 525,000 homes as well as 14 million animals were destroyed. Large numbers of airplanes were used to spray poison gas in urban as well as rural areas.

It is also a historic fact that the Vatican, under the leadership of Pope Pius XI and Pope Pius XII, was complicit in the war crime committed by the Fascists in Ethiopia. However, whereas the Vatican has apologized repeatedly to the Jews for having remained silent during the Nazi holocaust, it has so far refrained from performing the same Christian duty to Ethiopians despite repeated appeals by concerned people of many nationalities. For more details, Your Excellencies may view the international petition that has been signed by over 1,900 people from over 40 countries (www.globalallianceforethiopia.org) appealing to the international community to call upon the Vatican to apologize to the Ethiopian people for its complicity with the Fascists.

Your Excellencies are aware that there is no statute of limitation for the crime of genocide. However, the cry for justice in the case of Ethiopia remains unheeded. The Vatican continues to be completely silent.

We are, therefore, submitting this open letter to Your Excellencies to use your good offices in exerting the maximum possible influence so that, with the help of the Almighty, the Vatican will finally recognize its accountability for the murder of the hundreds of thousands of Africans and express its public apology to the Ethiopian people.

Yours respectfully,

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