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## Sixty-one Eritrean Refugees Will Go to 3<sup>rd</sup> Countries on February 21-22, for Resettlement

The Ethiopian Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) reports that so far 58,464 Eritreans have taken refuge in Ethiopia. From 2006 through 2010, 8,608 have been resettled in third countries. In recent months, Eritrean refugees have entered Ethiopia for safe haven at a rate of about 2000/month, up from earlier months. On average, 52% have been ex-Eritrean soldiers fleeing endless military service with little or no real compensation.

In 2010, 3100 refugees had been expected to move to third countries, and of these 2,847 actually made it.

This year, 3500 are expected to be resettled elsewhere. 284 have made it so far, including the 61 that are going next week – see photos on pages 2 and 3.



Eritrean Refugees Prepare for Departure Feb. 21-22, for Resettlement in 3<sup>rd</sup> Countries





