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## Eritrean Refugees Detained in Sudan: Deportation is Curtailed

June 20, 2011 As previously reported over the last several weeks, Eritrean refugees deposited in buildings near Kassala, Sudan by human traffickers, have been inexplicably arrested by local security forces, and following local court decision, some have been returned to Eritrea against their will. It was pointed out that there have been warm relations between the Eritrean ambassador to Sudan and the acting governor of Kassala, whom have been in friendly talks, and it seemed that the two were complicit in such deportations, which are illegal under international law.

The America Team for Displaced Eritreans is pleased to report that it has been informed that Kassala-based deportations are on hold per orders from the central Sudanese government which says the deporting was done without proper authority.

It is hoped that the good offices of Sudan will sustain the moratorium on such deportations, and allow the cases of Eritrean refugees there, to progress in due course, under auspices of the UNHCR.