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TODAY, 64 ERITREANS WERE RESETTLED TO A THIRD COUNTRY

Addis Ababa: Eritreans are continuing to flee the repressive regime in their country at an average number of 1,800 per month. More than 45% of these refugees are army conscripts. The total number of Eritreans who have registered with the Ethiopian Ministry for Refugees (ARRA) through the end of May, 2010 stands at 50,718. Currently there are five refugee camps for Eritreans, namely Shemelba, Mai-Ayni, and Adi Harish in Tigray, and Asaaita and Berhaale in Afar.

According to ARRA records, total number of Eritreans resettled from Shemelba camp to a third country from 2006 to 2009 was 5,822. And in the year 2010, it is expected that 3,100 will be resettled from Shemelba camp. So far this year 887 have been resettled, including the 64 going tonight. Countries accepting these Eritrean refugees are the USA (731), Norway (121), Canada (27), and Australia (8).

Photos of Refugees Moved for Resettlement on May 21st, 2010





