THE ETHIOPIAN WORLD FEDERATION, INCORPORATED

MEMBER SAFETY & AWARENESS

TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION

Recognize it. Preserve evidence. Report it.

When a foreign government, directly or through people acting on its behalf, reaches across borders to threaten, silence, pressure or harm people abroad.

It can affect activists, community leaders, journalists, religious groups, diaspora members and their families, including U.S. citizens.

01 RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS

Threats tied to your voice
Pressure to stop speaking, organizing or criticizing a foreign government.

Family used as leverage
Threats against relatives abroad to control what you do here.

Monitoring or digital attacks
Stalking, account break-ins or coordinated intimidation tied to a foreign state.

Coercion to travel or comply
Pressure to return abroad, surrender documents or provide information; threats of violence or abduction.

02 ACT SAFELY

Get to safety
Do not confront or investigate the person. In immediate danger, call 911 in the U.S. or your local emergency number.

Save original evidence
Keep messages, emails, voicemails, screenshots, dates, account names and links. Record exact threats and any claimed government connection.

Report facts, including uncertainty
A disagreement alone is not transnational repression. A foreign-government connection matters. Report suspected conduct without making public accusations.

03 REPORT SUSPECTED INCIDENTS TO EWF

ewf@theethiopianworldfederation.org

Subject: Suspected Transnational Repression - [country / date]
Include your name, EWF local (if applicable), safe contact method, what happened, when and where, who was involved, and any suspected government link. Note what evidence you have. Ask how to share sensitive records safely; do not email passwords or identity documents.

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