

To The Federal High Court
2nd Criminal Division
Addis Ababa

Accuser : The Federal Prosecutor
Accused : Engineer Hailu and Others
94th Accused Daniel Bekele
95th Accused Netsanet Demissie

Brief Explanation on the Issues to be Proven by the Documentary
Evidence and Defense Witnesses for the 94th and 95th Accused

The overall issues to be proved by the defense evidence for the accused are as described below. We also petition the Court to submit the additional issues and the issues in relation to each document and witness upon presentation permitted by the Court to the public prosecutor.

The overall issue is as follows:

Both of the accused: -

- Have made positive contributions in the common efforts to enable civil society organizations observe the proceedings of the May 2005 elections in a free, independent and coordinated manner;
- Have made positive contributions towards resolving the political disputes and tensions following the elections in a peaceful, legal and democratic manner; and
- Have made positive contributions to the holistic development of our country as members of civil society

[The accused] have especially not committed the acts we have been charged with for allegedly engaging in mobilization, instigation and support for mutiny to forcefully remove the government in connection

with the May 2005 elections; are peaceful citizens who cannot engage in such anti-peace activities in light of the identity, personality and track record of the accused; the accused are members of civil society and that the activities we conducted are not outside the normal activities of civil society organizations.

Daniel Bekele

Netsanet Demissie