

ETHIOPIA

Protestant

Temesgen Mitiku MEZEMIR

Age: 24 years

Place of residence: Arba Minch

Date and place of arrest: On 23rd January 2018, in Arba Minch

Charges: Causing outrage to religious peace and feeling.

First court decision: On 2nd February 2018, he was sentenced to seven months imprisonment for defaming the tabot, a replica of the Ark of the Covenant sacred to Orthodox Christians.

Last court decision: He was released on bail in May 2018. On 20th June 2018, after appealing the first decision, the judges of the Cassation Court in Wolaita Zonal Administration declared found “no legal misinterpretations” on Mezemir’s case and upheld the sentence by the lower court. He was sent back to prison.

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