

Weekly blocked for reporting on Meles' health

Ethiopian authorities blocked the publication of a prominent independent newspaper over the weekend in connection with its stories on the health of Prime Minister Meles Zenawi, according to local journalists.

The state-run printing company Barhanena Selam told the weekly *Feteh* early Sunday [22 July 2012] morning that the government had ordered that week's edition of the paper, about 30 000 copies, to be blocked on grounds of inciting national insecurity and endangering the government and the public, local journalists said.

The paper had prepared pieces citing reports from the BBC and the exiled opposition group, Ethiopian National Transitional Council, local journalists said. A government spokesman did not return CPJ calls seeking comment.

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