

# MILAN: AN ERITREAN'S SUICIDE AMONG INDIFFERENCE AND IRRESPONSIBILITY

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Kidane Mehari, a 40 years old Eritrean man killed himself on Sunday, March 12th in Milan. He escaped from his country where he was desperate. Expelled from Sweden and forced to live in Italy in extremely poor conditions, suffering from deep depression, he hang himself on a tree among the rubbish of the dismisses caserma Forlanini were he used to live together with other Eritreans waiting for asylum documents. When his companions found his body, they occupied the road stopping the traffic in order to draw the attention on what happened.

Police forced them to move by sticks (see picture above). Near the place of the suicide , the women of the Eritrean Community in Milan were celebrating the Women Day singing and dancing. The fest continued in the general indifference about the actual tragedy. Some of the women started also to insult the representative of the Association Mossob and Asper who were distributing flyers(\*) about the continuous repression of the Eritrean regime, the violation of human rights in Eritrea like arbitrary imprisonment, persecutions and tortures. It is evident that the young Eritrean people run away from Eritrea but in Italy they do not find a better life. Kidane (who leaves a wife and kids in Asmara) is the fifth Eritrean man who suicides in Italy. We invite everyone to participate in the activities that will take place in Italy in order to inform and get Institutions and public opinion involved and to make sure taht such tragedies do not happen never again. First appointment: Wed. March 14th &ndash; 9.00 p. m. Caserma Forlanini &ndash; Milan Following meetings will be updated on [www.asper-eritrea.com](http://www.asper-eritrea.com) Articles about the facts have been published on the following newspapers: Corriere della Sera, la Repubblica, il Giorno, Il Giornale (\*) The flyer for the Women Day (signed by various associations) is pubblished in Italian on [www.asper-eritrea.com](http://www.asper-eritrea.com)