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It was with great sorrow that I have received the news about passing away of Professor Beyene Petros – veteran Ethiopian politician and renowned academic. He was an exemplary figure of peaceful political opposition since the 1990s.

Having devoted his life to the dedicated service to his homeland, Professor Beyene left an extensive and enduring legacy.

I am proud of having enjoyed personal friendship with Professor Beyene Petros during all those years. He had scored a number of sincere friends in Russia, all of whom will be missing him. On behalf of them and on my own, I express my deepest condolences to his family and close ones, colleagues and friends.

May his soul rest in peace.

Evgeny TEREKHIN Ambassador