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## World Briefing | Africa: Ethiopia: 3 U.S.-Financed Groups Expelled

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The government expelled three United States-financed pro-democracy groups from the country in advance of general elections on May 15, a move condemned by the opposition. The Foreign Ministry said the groups -- the National Democratic Institute, the International Republican Institute and IFES -- had not properly registered with Ethiopian authorities. A spokesman for the American Embassy in Addis Ababa told reporters that United States officials were disappointed with the move and were in discussions with the authorities. Marc Lacey (NYT)