

Human Rights Violations Continue in West Oromia

Report of Oromia Human Rights Defenders

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Deaths reported by gender and age group

No	Name	Age	Gender	Woreda(District)	Kebele	Marital Status	Date	Remarks
1	Hamba Jarafu	20	M	Guliso	Wayu manie	Single	22/02/2022	
2	Lami Gudina Fido	14	M	Guliso	Wayu manie	Single	22/02/2022	
3	Tibebu Bekela	35	M	Guliso	Wayu manie	Single	22/02/2022	
4	Israel Watola	16	M	Genji	Bikiltu Ankori	Single	2/01/2022	Qero member
5	Megersa Baisa	20	M	Genji	Bikiltu Ankori	Single	9/02/2022	Qero member
6	Dawit Tamiru	18	M	Genji	Bikiltu Ankori	Single	16/02/2022	Qero member
7	Ermias Kumera	20	M	Genji	Minjo Embraro	Single	16/02/2022	Qero member
8	Guyasa Bakala	21	M	Genji	Bikiltu Ankori	Single	16/02/2022	
9	Nemomsa Mezgebu	20	M	Guliso	Wayu manie	Single	02/03/2022	
10	Dagafu Abata	50	M	Guliso	Wara Dale	Maried	25/03/2022	His flesh eaten by hyena
11	Aga Baisa	52	M	Guliso	Jarso Lalo	Maried	27/03/2022	
12	Bacha Asmera	25	M	Guliso	Kusaye	Single	22/03/2022	Was militia member
13	Abdi Daniel	17	M	Guliso	Nawir galawo	Single	10/04/2022	
14	Getahun Dunfa	35	M	Guliso	Jarso Badeso	Maried	7/04/2022	
15	Zaude Amenu	55	M	Guliso	Jarso Badeso	Maried	7/04/2022	

The Oromia Special Forces – which are better termed the “Neftegna Special Forces” are intentionally killing innocent Oromo civilians wherever they wish. But the Ethiopian Constitution, article 15, grants the right to life for every citizen. Under this law these criminals could possibly to be brought before the law rather than carry out extra judicial killings. Unfortunately, the judiciary is not

independent either, even though the Ethiopian constitution article 78 grants independence of judiciary. It is not only the deaths of persons that is sad, but for example the Oromia Special Forces not only killed Aga Baisa on 03/27/2022 but also slaughtered his cow.

Look how this government also impoverishes the Oromo people> Let the international community be the judge. The father died and his children are without support. On 03/02/2022 they killed Nemomsa Mezgebu on his way home and took 30000ETB (Thirty thousand Ethiopian birr) from his pocket. Notice that the government forces commit such crimes. Let the international community judge. There is no justice in Ethiopia. We see the death of Engineer Simagnew Bekele, Mr. Did Camar, Dr. Ambache Mekonin, General Sahale Mekonin, Hachalu Hundesa and others. Amhara officials who carry out these killings do not get justice. Everything that they said was false.

There is no democracy in Ethiopia.

The government wants to crush the community by military force. They also do not listen to democratic governments like America. The Ethiopian government always talks about the “supremacy of law,” but they do not respect the law at all.

There is no supremacy of law in Ethiopia, especially in Oromia. Bacha Asmera, for example, was a militia member. He was suspected of supporting OLA. He was finally arrested. Then they took him out a prison in Guliso and killed him. On 04/10/2022 they killed Abdi Daniel while he was returning to home from wedding ceremony. We claim also that the Orthodox Church in North America said that they are working to stop genocide and going to accuse persons involved. Why don't they accuse the Ethiopian government for killing Tigre and Oromo civilians. The Oromo people are dying almost every district in west Oromia for no reason. The Oromia Special Forces are intentionally killing. For all this God will judge one day.

Summary

No	Name of District/Woreda	No of peoples murdered	Murdered by	Remarks
1	Guliso	10	By Oromia Special forces	
2	Genji	5	>> >>	
3	Aira		0	
4	Yubdo		0	

5	Bodji Chokorsa		0	
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Discrimination

The Oromo people are not allowed to have weapons. The government even collects machetes, spears and knives from Oromo civilians. But the Amhara peoples are armed wherever they are located, be it in Oromia, the South, Beneshangul-Gumuz or elsewhere. We think it is only Ethiopia or Prosperity Party who carried out such discrimination. We do not mean that we want to fight, but at least Oromo need their tools for protection to do as other citizens do with these implements.

Command Post

The Ethiopian government announced the rule of Command Post is ended. But in Oromia, especially in western Oromia, the Command Post is still governing. There were a lot of people killed, but we couldn't get all of their names all. Still the extrajudicial killings are ongoing, but not reported due to different reasons.

Also, there is no independent media in Ethiopia. The medias always serve only the government. Also the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission does not report the extrajudicial killings carried out by the government in Oromia regions. They only report Amhara, Afar and Benishangul regions. This shows that the Human Rights Commission is not independent in Ethiopia.

We are very glad to learn that the American government is proposing other sanctions against the Ethiopian government, which is performing as if terrorist group itself. How can a government commit a such crimes as killing civilians, burning houses of individuals, burning food crops, allowing troops to take money from individuals and mobile phones while going to the market? How can it allow sexual assaults?

When the civilians die/are killed by the military forces, their dead bodies are thrown to the bush to be eaten by hyenas. But when the armed forces from the government die, the community members are forced to bury them. For example, in west Wollega, Guliso District at Chalia Eka kebele on 03/25/2022 the Oromia Special Forces killed Degefu Abata and threw his dead body into the bush where it was eaten by hyenas. On 04/07/2022 a militia member died at Jarso while fighting with the rebels and was brought to Chalia. The community buried him by force. In a country where law is supreme such a discrepancy should not be tolerated.

In west Wollega the internet service is still only limited only to Zonal towns. Look how this affects the development of a country, since every sector needs the internet -- businesses, farms, educational institutions, etc.

We claim the government media are not independent. They only broadcast what the government wants to transmit. For example, they do not broadcast when government forces kill civilians or when Amhara fannos are killing civilians, but when the militias and Oromia Special Forces are killed by the rebels or fannos, they broadcast it. The practices of unilateral journalism, especially OBN, do not fulfill the criteria of journalism when Oromo civilians are dying but OBN is broadcasting about “development”. Oromo should get the right to life before “development” as the Ethiopian Constitution, article 15, grants the right to life.

We reiterate our claim that the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission is not reporting about crimes against humanity that are going on in Oromia regions. They only report about Amhara, Tigray, the South, Benishangul and Afar regions. These are unfair reports.

We regret that the person reported on number 15 was a former kebele Chairman. When the government asked him to serve again. When he refused, they killed him at his home by shooting him. This is the Oromo experience of Prosperity Party democracy.

Arrests

No	Name	Age	Sex	Woreda(District)	Kebele	Marital Status	Date	Remarks
1	Megersa Jaleta	45	M	Guliso	Wara Dale	Maried	25/03/2022	
2	Yohanis Umeta	30	M	Guliso	Wara Dale	Maried	25/03/2022	
3	Eba Wakene	19	M	Guliso	Sanki Dano	Single	08/03/2022	
4	Idosa Fakadu	23	M	Guliso	Kusaye	Single	08/03/2022	
5	Temesgen Bekalu	35	M	Guliso	Wara Dalle	Maried	17/01/2022	
6	Rev.Abriham Lamesa	40	M	Guliso	Wara Dalle	Maried	17/01/2022	
7	Saketa Degefa	30	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Maried	23/03/2022	
8	Yadesa Megersa	22	M	Guliso	Wara Dalle	Single	25/03/2022	
9	Ifa Ephrem	18	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single	31/03/2022	
10	Karasa Jaftera	40	M	Guliso	Chalia 01		31/03/2022	
11	Faine Gemechu	16	F	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single	31/03/2022	

12	Gutu Yonas	25	M	Guliso	Kusaye	Single	31/03/2022	
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The Oromia PPs are arresting people by using military forces whenever they choose and also force people to serve as militias by force against their will. They capture people forcibly from the markets to train them as militias. But the Ethiopian Constitution, article 17, grants citizens freedom from arbitrary arrest.

Bodily harm

No	Name	Age	Sex	Woreda(District)	Kebele	Marital Status	Date	Remarks
1	Eba Wakene	19	M	Guliso	Sanki Dano	Single	08/03/2022	
2	Idosa Fakadu	23	M	Guliso	Kusaye	Single	08/03/2022	
3	Keneni Watola	20	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single	23/03/2022	
4	IKeneni Tefera	40	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Maried	23/03/2022	
5	Idosa Sukesu	60	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Maried	23/03/2022	
6	Gemechu Hordofa	18	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Maried	23/03/2022	
7	Saketa Degefa	30	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Maried	23/03/2022	
8	Ifa Ephrem	18	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single	31/03/2022	
9	Karasa Jaftera	40	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Maried	31/03/2022	Hand caped
10	Faine Gemechu	16	F	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single	31/03/2022	
11	Chali Hordofa	30	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Maried	23/03/2022	
12	Nebiyu Geremu	30	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Maried	29/03/2022	Government employee

All of these are innocent Oromo civilians.

The Ethiopian Constitution, article 16, grants protection against bodily harm. But great numbers of peoples have been injured by the security forces in Oromia. There are many that we could not register at all. Examples of the kind of bodily harm committed are provided in the pictures below.

It is also difficult to take a picture of an inflicted injury. It is something that the authorities attempt to hide. Authorities are known to kill those who are seen taking pictures of persons who have been harmed by security.

No demonstrations are tolerated in Oromia unless called to support the Prosperity Party.

Some pictures of bodily harm committed (Practiced) by OSF (Oromia Special Forces) in west Oromia.



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Number 1 is with abdominal injury. (Bullet) Number 2 is with leg injury (inflicted by stick). 3 is injury to the back (by wire).

Property Damages

No	Name	Age	Sex	Woreda(District)	Kebele	Type of damage	Marital Status	Date	Remarks
1	Bakal Abdisa	50	M	Guliso	Tegie	House burned	Maried	22/02/2022	
2	Wako	45	M	Guliso	J/Badeso	>> >>	>>	23/02/2022	
3	Chala Fikadu	50	M	Guliso	J/Badeso	1 Ox robbed	>>	23/02/2022	
4	Nemomsa Mezgebu	20	M	Guliso	W/Manie	30,000ETB	>>	02/03/2022	robed
5	Nagasa Gichile	50	M	Guliso	S/Dano	House burned	>>	06/02/2022	
6	Tamana Gudina	30	M	Guliso	S/Dano	Milet	>>	06/02/2022	burned
7	Mulatu Driba	50	M	Guliso	Kusaye	House	>>	30/03/2022	Distructed

The Ethiopian Constitution, article 40, grants the right to property, but the security forces in west Oromia are taking by force whatever personal property they desire. The civilians are not ruling the community since 4 years ago. The government is using the security forces to collect tax, health insurance, etc. So, it should be known to the international community that the people of west Oromia are still under the rule of the Command Post even though an official declaration was made that the Command Post rule had been terminated.

When Mulatu Driba joined OLA (Oromo Liberation Army), government troops (Oromia Special Forces) retaliated by destroying his house on 03/31/2022 leaving his family without shelter. We think the Ethiopian government is the only government to commit such crimes in the world. It is the practice of terrorists to intentionally kill civilians, rob the property of individuals, burn and destroy houses of individuals. Also, the government forces, Oromia Special Forces collect the youth from the village to carry firewood and water to the military camps by obligation. Look at how the Oromo people are suffering. We think that they should do all by themselves since they are paid, and the civilians are not.

Please look at the video below where the youth are forced by Oromia Special Forces to carry firewood to the military camp. They are also forced to fetch water and carry it to the military camp in Chalia, West Wollega, Guliso District.

Points for consideration

- We are very disappointed that the sanction from the U.S government are held up for the time being. This is a dictatorial government. Even if the sanctions may affect the community to some extent, it is very important to check the Ethiopian government.
- Concerning Abiy's National Dialogue Commission, it is not all-inclusive, therefore it is a charade that will not bring peace and security in Ethiopia and Oromia.
- Most of Oromia regions are still under the rule of Command Post.
- There are a lots of check points on the main roads which impede transit of goods and people. Travelers are suffering and wasting time on the way. Transportation stops after 4:00 pm in the afternoon, especially in west Oromia. Look how this also affects the poorest parts of the country.

- Oromo realize that there will be no change unless we work., but it is difficult to work for the above reasons. The government has declared that the rule of command post is over, but it is another way the government tries to mislead and to cheat the international community.
- The Oromia Special Forces have continued killing civilians (extrajudicially), burning houses, crops and using private (individual) cars by force to transport military personnel to different places.