

Human Rights Violations in West Oromia – Part 5

West Wollega Zone

Cases of Death

No	Name	Age	Sex	Woreda/District	Kebele/Village	Marital status	Date	Remarks
1	Driba Chala	35	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Married	11/11/2022	Merchant
2	Hisqel Driba	20	M	Guliso	Jarso Lalo	Single	18/08/2022	Former Militia member
3	Merga Bedasa	45	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Married	06/09/2022	Merchant
4	Karasa Sanbeta	35	M	Boji Chokorsa	Gida Bikir	>>	03/07/2023	>>
5	Mulugeta Abdisa	45	M	Guliso	G.Gute	Married	06/03/2023	Civilian
6	Keresas Yonas	20	M	Guliso	Wera Dalle	Single	08/04/2023	By militia
7	Eba Tesfa	18	M	Guliso	Wera Dalle	Single	08/04/2023	By militia

The Ethiopian Constitution in article 15 grants the right to life. However, the government's armed forces are killing civilians in public. There is no system of accountability in place under the Prosperity Party (PP) regime.

Cases of Bodily Harm

No	Name	Age	Sex	Woreda/District	Kebele/Village	Marital status	Date (Dec 22 – April 23)	Remarks (NDF=National Defense Forces)
1	Dinka Elias	17	M	Aira	Keta abakorma	Single	2/12/2022	Bullet injury
2	Ibsa Indalu	18	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single	31/12/2022	By NDFs on the street
3	Abdi Temesgen	20	M	Guliso	Tegie	Single	31/12/2022	By NDFs on the street
4	Jalal Kenasa	18	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single	31/12/2022	By NDFs on the street
5	Temesgen Benti	18	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single	9/01/2022	Police
6	Dula Umeta	30	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Married	9/01/2022	Police
7	Fikire Tafase	50	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Married	9/01/2022	Police
8	Ifa Ayana	25	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single	9/01/2022	Police
9	Benti Lamesa	22	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single	24/03/2023	By Oromia Special Forces
10	Dinka Yohanis	25	M	Guliso	Wayu manie	Single	01/04/2023	By NDF
11	Bona Chali	26	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single	08/04/2023	By militia
12	Bacha Itana	23	M	Guliso	Wara Dalle	Single	08/04/2023	By militia

The Ethiopian constitution article 16 grants protection against bodily harm, but these protections are not available to the citizens in the Oromia region.



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#2



The first pictured victim (marked #1) above shows how the Ethiopian government forces, who hold authority in the Command Posts, attack the Oromo civilians. They commit bodily harm and conduct extrajudicial killing. They shot the pictured young boy in his neck and threw him into the bush, i.e., by the wayside, away from inhabited dwellings or homes. He stayed in the bush overnight. The next morning members of the community found him lying on the ground and took him to a health facility where he got medical care. After recovery his only chance is to join the Oromo Liberation Army (WBO) to survive. Otherwise, Command Post officials would simply kill him. Such victims are even not allowed access to medical care.

The second pictured victim (marked #2) was tortured and has sustained trauma to his right peri-orbital region and left lower leg by means of government forces using sticks.

Cases of Arrests – Arbitrary Detention

No	Name	Age	Sex	Woreda/District	Kebele/Village	Marital status	Date (July 22-April 23)	Remarks
1	Ephrem Tufa	35	M	Guliso	Jarso Badeso	Married	02/07/2022	Health worker
2	Melkamu Zaude	45	M	Guliso	Wayu manie	Married	11/07/2022	Farmer
3	Gemeda Obsi	25	M	Guliso	Sanki Dano	Married	16/07/2022	Farmer
4	Degaga Adisu	28	M	Guliso	Sanki Dano	Married	16/07/2022	Farmer
5	Gemeda Taye	26	M	Guliso	Sanki Dano	Married	16/07/2022	Teacher
6	Kajela Wagari	24	M	Guliso	Sanki Dano	Married	16/07/2022	>>
7	Lalisa Indalu	25	M	Guliso	Sanki Dano	Married	16/07/2022	>>
8	Idosa Bakala	20	M	Guliso	Sanki Dano	Single		
9	Abdi	18	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single		
10	Wondimu Hailu	30	M	Guliso	Sanki Dano	Married		
11	Chara Bijiga	25	M	Guliso	Galawo gute	Single		Health worker
12	Baru Terfasa	30	M	Boji Chokorsa	Didibe	Married	22/07/2022	
13	Faisa Yigezu	35	M	Boji Chokorsa	Amuma kajela	Married	>> >>	
14	Bacha Yadesa	28	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Married		Teacher
15	Korsa Milkias	18	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Single		While riding a motorcycle
16	Amenti Kasaye	20	M	Guliso	Tegie	Single	21/12/2022	While riding a motorcycle
17	Hirkisa Kebena	18	M	Guliso	Tegie	Single	21/12/2022	While riding a motorcycle
18	Degaga Kenasa	19	M	Guliso	Wayu manie	Married	21/12/2022	While riding a motorcycle
19	Karasa Sanbeta	35	M	Boji Choko	Gida Bikir	Married	07/02/2023	Merchant
20	Samuel Baisa	30	M	>>	>>	>>	>>	
21	Dabala Birasa	36	M	>>	>>	>>	>>	Health professional
22	Gemechis Hanbisa	30	M	>>	>>	>>	>>	>>
23	Naguma Bulcha	18	M	>>	>>	Single	>>	
24	Aguma Bulcha	20	M	>>	>>	Single	>>	
25	Adugna	22	M	Guliso	Wara Dalle	>>	>>	
26	Sanbeta Yonas	18	M	Guliso	Wara Dalle	>>	>>	
27	Asmera Beyena	30	M	Guliso	Wara Dalle	>>	>>	
28	Joro Teshoma	23	M	Guliso	Wara Dalle	>>	>>	
29	Gemechis Negasa	25	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Married	22/03/2023	
30	Ephrem Lamesa	38	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Married	09/04/2023	Merchant
31	Wagari Barude	40	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Married	09/04/2023	Merchant
32	Ayana	35	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Married	09/04/2023	Merchant
33	Ifa Jaleta	30	M	Guliso	Chalia 01	Married	09/04/2023	Merchant
34	Bona Muluna	22	M	Guliso	Wayu manie	Single	25/04/2023	Qerroo member

The Ethiopian Constitution, article 17, grants citizens freedom from arbitrary arrest, but in Oromia citizens are still arbitrarily arrested from wherever they are or wherever they go. For example, civilians are arrested without explanation or apparent cause while going to the church, while going to the market, to the farm fields, etc. This is not to that citizens should never be arrested, but if they are the authorities should take them before a court of law. This is not happening. The Command Post authorities keep arrested civilians as long as they desire. Sometimes they take the citizens out of jail and kill them extrajudicially without any process at all. The Ethiopian Constitution, article 19, grants citizens to be brought before a court when arrested, but Oromia police stations and military camps connected with the Command Posts keep citizens without asking any questions as long as they want. So where is the supremacy of law? There is none.

The rural communities do not have access to public transport, hence they rent motor bikes to transport patients to the health facilities. However, nowadays the government forces do not allow the motor bikes to transport injured or sick people. This creates great difficulties for the rural communities to get health care. Health service is a recognized and named human right according to international law. Health as a human right is part of the Geneva Conventions. Ethiopia is a signatory to the Geneva Conventions, yet does not honor their provisions.

Ethiopian National Defense Forces don't like forests and Bushes they don't want to encounter green lands; they burn them. For example, on April 7, 2023 the ENDF burned coffee in Dilla Gogola of Guliso District.

Sexual assaults are also attempted and sometimes rape is committed. Women cannot go alone to areas such as the grinding mill, markets or church. The Ethiopian National Defense Forces arbitrarily arrest citizens, merchants in particular, and, without fail, ask them for money. We know many persons who have been forced to pay more than 10,000 ETB to be released from detention in Aira and Guliso Districts.

Cases of Severely Restricted Social Services

No	Types of services restricted	Partially	Totally	Remarks
1	Internet		x	Available only in district towns
2	Bajaji (taxis)	x		Can't reach the countryside
3	Motor Cycles	x		Only in towns
4	Mobile Networks	x		Intermittent – sometimes they totally close/Stop
5	The right to move (arbitrary curfew)	x		In the countryside, citizens are not allowed to move from place to place after 6pm
6	Ambulance Service		x	Only transports government troops
7	Private Cars	X		They can't go to the countryside
8	Bank Services	x		Especially Commercial Bank does not give more than `1000ETB for individuals

The Ethiopian Constitution, article 8, grants sovereignty to citizens.

The Ethiopian Constitution article 40, grants the right to property.

The Ethiopian Constitution, article 32, grants the right for movement.

A unexpected horrible event occurred in Aira District Homi Suchi Village/Kebele in early May 2023. The government officials in charge at the Command Post, with the National Defense Forces supporting them, refused to allow the community to receive health services, even if the community members had paid for health insurance. The reason was that they criticized the civilians, claiming that they were supporting OLA (Oromo Liberation Army).

Another challenge is the problem of withdrawal of bank services from the area in addition to extreme increases in inflation. In Ethiopia in order to run any kind of project, or take on entrepreneurial tasks or venture, finance is very important. However, the citizens of this part of Oromia are not allowed to withdraw more than 1000 ETB, (worth about \$9.70) at a time.