

INCIDENT REPORT

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Investigations undertaken by the Amhara Association of America (AAA) in the month of April uncovered at least seven ethnically motivated killings of Amharas in four incidents in West Shewa Zone of Oromia Region during April 2021. These are not the only incidents that happened in West Shewa Zone throughout April 2021, but rather those which AAA was able to corroborate with testimony from witnesses and survivors.

On Monday, April 12th, 2021, suspected Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) militias shot and killed an 80-year-old ethnic Amhara man named Hunegnaw Admassu, in Goromanaergaa Kebele (ward) of Abuna Gindeberet Woreda (district), West Shewa Zone, Oromia Region. Hunegnaw Admassu, who had been bedridden for weeks before the time of his killing, was shot and killed by suspected OLA militias at his home at around 10 p.m., said his child Haile (name changed).

Figure 1: Photograph of 80-year-old victim of April 12th massacre in Goromanaergaa Kebele, Abuna Gindeberet Woreda, Hunegnaw Admassu



On the same day, OLA militias also killed another ethnic Amhara man by the name Getu Abebe, in Dirreefjjii Kebele of Abuna Gindeberet Woreda, West Shewa Zone, Oromia Region, according to AAA sources including the decedent's cousin, Jospheh (name changed) and Haile. Joseph said his cousin was severely beaten before he died of a gunshot to the skull. He further noted that the militias threw the decedent's body off a cliff and it was completely devoured by vultures.

In a separate incident, on Friday, April 30th, 2021, five ethnic Amhara civilians were brutally killed and many others were injured by suspected OLA militias in a raid on a town called Alem Gena in Dano Woreda, West Shewa Zone, Oromia Region. According to AAA sources including Thomas (name changed), the attack occurred around 8 p.m. AAA has collected the names of five decedents and six injured persons.

Table 1

No.	Names of victims	Status
1	Girma Mekonnin	Killed
2	Sendequ Tadegegne	Killed
3	Adinew Libsu	Killed
4	Birhanu Tarekegne Eshete	Killed
5	Taju Seayd	Killed
6	Habtam Libsu	Wounded
7	Seayd Dawd	Wounded
8	Abay Girma	Wounded
9	Smegne Feleke	Wounded
10	Kifetew Libsu	Wounded
11	Abawhe Dawd	Wounded

According to AAA sources including Michael, who survived the attack with serious injury, and a local resident by the name of Thomas, of the five decedents, three were killed by machete including Girma Mekonnin, Birhanu Tarekegne Eshete and Taju Seayd. The remaining two died from firearm injuries and their names were Adinew Libsu and Sendequ Tadegegne.



(a) Sendequ Tadegegne



(b) Birhanu Tarekegne Eshete



(c) Adinew Libsu



(d) Girma Mekonnin

Figure 2: Photographs of decedents from the April 30th massacre in Alem Gena town, Dano Woreda