



## **Update on the massacre of Amharas by Oromia Special Forces (OSF), Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) and Qeerro in Kiremu Woreda (East Wollega Zone, Oromia Region)**

The Amhara Association of America (AAA) has confirmed from sources that, starting from November 29, 2022, the Oromia Special Force (OSF), the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) and the local Qeerro commenced a new attack on Amharas civilians in Haro Kebele (ward) and Kiremu town in Kiremu Woreda (district) [East Wollega Zone, Oromia Region, Ethiopia]. The attack is ongoing and at the time of this update, at least 27 Amhara civilians have been killed, an additional 17 have sustained serious injuries and 64 civilians were abducted.

### **Summary of the latest massacre**

Between November 18 and 20, 2022, the OSF in collaboration with OLA militants and local Qeerro opened an attack on Amharas living in Kiremu Woreda (East Wollega Zone) resulting in killing of and injury to Amhara civilians as well as looting of their property.<sup>1</sup> In addition to killing and bodily injury, the perpetrators also abducted more

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<sup>1</sup>AAA published an update on this incident on November 20, 2022 which revealed that a coalition of OSF, OLA and Qeerro killed at least 25 Amhara civilians, injured 5 others, and looted and destroyed property belonging to Amhara residents in Kiremu town (East Wollega Zone, Oromia Region). The report identified names of 30 victims of the attack including 25 killed victims and 5 injured victims. This report also detailed

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than 64 Amhara civilian from Haro Kebele and Kiremu town of the Kiremu Woreda. Following the initial incident, relatives of the abducted individuals have been asking the Kiremu Woreda administration for weeks on the whereabouts and for the release of their abducted families. However, to the dismay of the families and residents of Kiremu town, the Woreda Administrator, Mr. Fekadu Hundo, ordered for the deployment of additional OSF units and local Qeerro to kill Amhara civilians in the area again on November 29th, 2022. This was followed by an immediate attack by the OSF and local Qeerro youth targeting Amhara civilians in Kiremu town and in Haro Kebele. This attack started in the early morning at 7:00 a.m. local time. And 3 hours later, at around 10:00 a.m., the OLA joined the attack by OSF and Qeerro against Amhara civilians. The OLA militants commenced the attack from the side of the Liben River towards Haro Kebele.

A local source told AAA's investigators the following:

*“The OSF in collaboration with local Qeerro youth opened the attack starting in the early morning. This attack was ordered by the Woreda Administrator named Fekadu Hundo. The attack is supported with machine guns such as dishka and brail, from the side of the OSF. After the attack started by the OSF, the OLA joined them from the side of Liben River. At this time the OLA is attacking Haro Kebele from the side of Liben River and the OSF and the local (Qeerro) youth are attacking Haro Kebele from the side of Kiremu town. Now residents of Haro are hiding themselves in different places. The attack is still ongoing, I have no information about the exact numbers killed and injured but dozens were caught in the attack.”*

On this ongoing attack:

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the risk of mass execution of dozens of Amhara civilians which were being held captive by authorities. The report can be found [here](#).

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- The OSF, OLA and local Qeerro led by Mr. Fekadu Hundo killed at least 27 Amharas and injured 17 more.
  - The attack is ongoing and the number of Amhara civilians killed and injured is expected to be much higher than the number above.
  - Residents are calling for immediate deployment of the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) and have warned unless the federal government deploys ENDF to the area, more civilians will be killed from the full-scale attack by the OSF and OLA.
  - AAA's source also indicate that OSF are mobilizing additional units from various areas to intensify the killing spree against Amhara civilians.

AAA's investigators identified names of 5 killed victims and names of an additional 12 who sustained injuries.

No.	Name	Age	Outcome of attack
1	Mulat Misganaw	35	Death
2	Ommer Kasaw	45	Death
3	Ebabu Desalew	40	Death
4	Demelash Teferi	35	Death
5	Muhamed (last name unknown)	18	Death
6	Getachew Alemu	45	Injury
7	Taye Geta	45	Injury
8	Habtamu Tilahun	30	Injury
9	Moges Dessie		Injury
10	Emiyamrew Melkie	35	Injury
11	Asnakew Setargie		Injury
12	Worku Getachew	30	Injury
13	Abebe Birhan	35	Injury

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14	Asnie Shimeles	29	Injury
15	Murad Chekol	40	Injury
16	Dawud Zenebe	33	Injury
17	Muhammed Mustefa		Injury

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## About Amhara Association of America (AAA)

The Amhara Association of America (AAA) is a non-profit civic organization located in Charlotte, North Carolina that investigates and documents human rights atrocities and repression against Amharas in Ethiopia. AAA seeks to inform U.S. policymakers, international human rights organizations, media, and all Ethiopian stakeholders to pressure Ethiopian leaders to change laws, policies, and practices in Ethiopia so perpetrators are held accountable and victims receive justice. AAA also collaborates with Amhara organizations in the U.S., supports independent Amhara organizations in Ethiopia, and provides humanitarian aid for Amharas impacted due to targeted ethnic attacks. AAA's funding comes directly from members and supporters; the organization is not affiliated with any Ethiopian or American political or governmental entities.

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