



**Between May 29 and June 2, 2024, Abiy regime forces  
massacre 21 Amhara civilians and detained 20 other  
civilians in Abe Dongoro Woreda of Horo Guduru Wollega  
Zone (Oromia Region, Ethiopia)**

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**Summary**

The Amhara Association of America (AAA) has verified that between May 29 and June 2, 2024, Abiy regime soldiers (Ethiopian National Defense Forces), in collusion with the Oromia Special Forces and militant groups like *Qeerro* and *Gachna-Sirna*, carried out an ethnic-based massacre killing over 21 Amhara residents and detaining an additional 20 civilians in various kebeles of Abe-Dongoro Woreda in Horo Guduru Wollega Zone of Oromia Region in Ethiopia.

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## Description of Incident

The regime soldiers initiated the attack on May 29th in Ido-Kocha Kebele (near Tulu-Wayu town) by killing an Amhara civilian, under the pretext of disarming supposed Amhara extremists in the area. However, this operation prompted a self-defense response from Amhara farmers. Over the following days, fierce clashes erupted in Botro-Bora Kebele, resulting in significant casualties among the regime forces. According to initial reports, during the first three days of confrontation, a substantial number of regime soldiers were killed or wounded, and a significant cache of weapons, including small arms and heavy artillery, were reportedly seized by the farmers. This escalated the situation, leading the regime to deploy large-scale reinforcement forces to kebeles near to where the confrontation was held. According to sources, upon arriving at these kebeles, the reinforcement soldiers carried out indiscriminate violence against Amhara civilians through executions and arbitrary shelling. Such actions flagrantly contravene the principles of distinction and proportionality enshrined in *international humanitarian law* (IHL), which mandate the protection of non-combatants and the proportional use of force in armed conflict.

Between June 1st-2nd, 2024, the scope of the attack expanded to other kebeles, such as Debis, Chere, Gulente, and other villages in Jardega-Jarte Woreda, with regime forces targeting Amhara farmers in these areas. Specifically, in Gulente Kebele, on June 1st, 2024, the regime soldiers warned residents to stay indoors by using a megaphone, stating that if any person is found outside their houses, they will be shot. Believing that the order was meant to protect them, the residents respected the order and stayed indoors. However following the order, the regime soldiers went door-to-door, engaging in executions and arbitrary shelling, killing over 21 civilians. The rationale behind these killings appears to be the regime's unfounded claims that the victims were either *extremist Amhara* or associated with them. Furthermore, over 20 Amhara civilians, including women and the

elderly, were arbitrarily arrested during this period solely because of their familial ties to the farmers who fought in self-defense. Such actions represent clear violations of fundamental IHL and human rights principles. The tension and confrontation in the region have continued to escalate for the fifth consecutive day, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis and endangering the lives and well-being of innocent civilians. AAA was able to identify the names of killed and arrested victims during the reporting period. The identities of 18 killed victims were identified as follows:

No.	Victim Name	Outcome of attack	Comments
1	Ahmed Wudneh	Killed	
2	Baye Muniye	Killed	Elderly
3	Muniye Beyene	Killed	Elderly
4	Ibrahim Gobeze	Killed	
5	Kindu Wassihun	Killed	Hearing impaired
6	Son of Getu	Killed	
7	Son of Ibrahim Kassaye	Killed	
8	Umer Ahmed	Killed	Killed by shelling while milking his cow
9	Arega Abate	Killed	
10	Demis Kibret	Killed	
11	Brother of Demis Kibret	Killed	
12	Azmeraw Dagnaw	Killed	
13	Woretaw Addis	Killed	From Botro-Bora Kebele
14	Shikur Hassen	Killed	From Botro-Bora Kebele
15	Adem Jibril	Killed	
16	Hussein Siraj	Killed	
17	Brother of Hussein Siraj	Killed	
18	Wedahe Adaj	Killed	

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AAA's sources identified names of five individuals who were arrested by regime forces and whose whereabouts are unknown. Another three female victims were reportedly killed while they were returning from grinding mills in Tulu-Wayu town. Below are a list of arrested victims whose whereabouts are unknown.

No.	Victim name	Outcome of attack
1	Workinew Amsalu	Missing
2	Mohammed Arega	Missing
3	Tibebu Derese	Missing
4	Tegegn Molla	Missing
5	Gizachew Molla	Missing

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## About the Amhara Association of America (AAA)

The Amhara Association of America (AAA) is a non-profit civic organization based in Charlotte, North Carolina that investigates and documents human rights violations in the context of conflict, violence and political repression in Ethiopia. AAA seeks to inform U.S. policymakers, international human rights organizations, journalists, researchers, 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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