



Update on June 18th, 2022 Amhara Massacre in the Tole Kebele, Gimbi Woreda, West Wollega Zone of Ethiopia's Oromia Region by Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) militants.

The Amhara Association of America (AAA) has confirmed at least 503 Amhara civilians were killed and identified 282 by name. Other organizations are reporting casualties could be in the thousands.

Background on the massacre of hundreds of Amhara civilians by OLA militants in Tole Kebele (Gimbi Woreda, West Wollega Zone, Oromia Region, Ethiopia)

On June 18th, 2022, Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) militants entered Tole Kebele (district) [Gimbi Woreda (district), West Wollega Zone, Oromia Region, Ethiopia] and opened fire on Amhara civilians in a nine hour long killing spree which spanned ten villages: The massacre lasted for nine hours from morning (8:00 a.m. local time) up to the late afternoon (5:00 p.m. local time) on June 18th, 2022. Heavy machine guns

and machetes were used as weapons to kill people. First, the militants began shooting people and then used machetes to finish off victims whom they suspected had not died from the gunshots. **The witnesses also told AAA that only ethnic Amharas were targeted, and all killed are Amharas.** Witnesses expect the highest death toll to be from Begena village where 92 bodies were collected but many bodies remain uncollected due to ongoing security concerns. The villages are now full of dead bodies either uncollected or in mass graves. One of the largest mass graves contains bodies of 48 people who were killed inside a mosque and were buried with 15 others killed elsewhere, for a total of 63 bodies in a single mass grave. Some villages ran out of mass grave sites and had to resort to the bushes. For instance, 53 victims were buried in a mass grave site inside a forest in Chefie village.

Based on AAA’s sources, so far, 503 people are confirmed killed, of which 282 are identified by name (see below). AAA sources estimate the total killed to be closer to 600. But other organizations sources reported much higher numbers with some reporting in the thousands. The breakdown in terms of villages is as follows:

No.	Village	Number of confirmed dead	Notes
1	Silsaw	143	
2	Chekorsa	104	
3	Begene	92	Highest death toll expected here
4	Hayaw	50	
5	Gutin Sefer	39	
6	Seni	21	Counting not yet completed
7	Karakore	35	Counting not yet completed
8	Oromo Shewa	14	
9	Tole	5	
10	Assosa Sefer	Unaccounted for	

OLA militia killed people hiding in a mosque and burned bodies. 48 people most

of whom are women were murdered all at once at a yard of a mosque called Jafar Mosque located in Silsaw village. In some instances, the OLA militia mass burned victims. For instance, 12 civilians were burnt inside a hut in Gutin Sefer.

Most of the victims hailed from vulnerable populations who couldn't defend themselves or flee such as women, children, and the elderly. The oldest known victim was Aba Haji Hussein, a 100-year-old man from Chekorsa while the youngest was Abdu Jemal, a one-month-old infant, who was also killed in Chekorsa village. More than 60 women and children were mass executed in a forest located in Chefie village alone. In Silsaw village, 14 women and children were killed in a single vacant home.

Entire extended families decimated. Many families lost either entire or most of their extended family members. For instance, an older resident of Chekorsa village, Ahmed Yusuf, lost all 31 family members including his descendants and son-in-laws.

Sheikh Mohammed Ali lost eight family members in the massacre in Silsaw village. He was working on his farm when the massacre began, Sheikh Mohammed Ali survived by hiding in the forest. His family had hidden in a vacant house near the main road unfortunately, the OLA soldiers found and executed them including his wife Kokebie Muhie (aged 48), his four daughters (Toyba Mohammed - 23, Hikma Mohammed – 5, Saada Mohammed - 15, and Hayat Mohammed - 8), his son Khalid Mohammed (aged 12), his daughter in-law Fatima Nuru and his granddaughter Fatima Seyd (aged only 4-months-old). While hiding Sheikh Mohammed Ali witnessed other farmers being killed including Ahmed Sherif (aged 45) and seven of his family members.

State negligence and complicity

The massacre was enabled, sanctioned, and supported by regional and federal government authorities. Firstly, the local government militia who were guarding the area left the area a few days before the attack, effectively inviting OLA militants to come and attack unchallenged. Second, on the day of the attack, telecommunications, internet and phone

coverage in the area was shut down (note the national telecommunications service provider, Ethio Telecom is owned and operated by the state), effectively denying victims any opportunity to alert the world about their plight. Thirdly, state militia returned to the area after the killings and threatened survivors not to record the burial process and the mass graves because it could potentially incite outrage against the government.

This recent massacre by the OLA is occurring in parallel to the [massive crackdown](#) dubbed “law enforcement operation” against Amharas by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, his Oromo Prosperity Party (OPP), and the Amhara Regional Government [Amhara Prosperity Party (APP)] where the government admitted to the arrest of over [12,000 Amharas](#) since mid-May 2022. Those arrested include over [20 journalists](#), 62 opposition political party members, lawyers, university professors, and current/ex-government officials who were critical of the Abiy administration and well known to oppose the recurrent massacres against Amharas. In several instances, family members of targets were also abducted to lure out the targets. Over 30 peaceful protesters were [killed](#) by security forces in May 2022 during the crackdown. Outraged by the recurrent massacres and crackdown on dissenting voice. The Amhara community and Ethiopians at large are demanding Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed to resign and independent international investigations be undertaken into the ongoing state-sanctioned Amhara genocide.

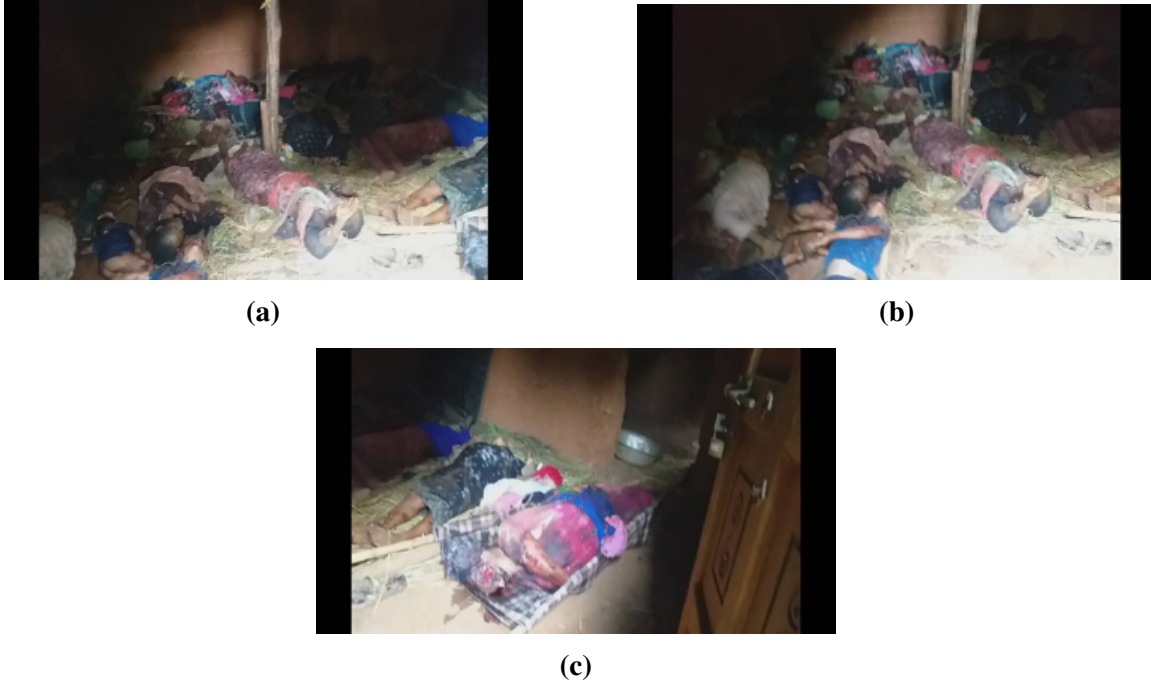


Figure 1: Photographs of victims killed in a single home in the June 18th, 2022 massacre in Tole Kebele (Gimbi Woreda, West Wollega Zone, Oromia Region, Ethiopia).

Below is a list of 282 of the deceased victims identified in the massacre of June 18, 2022 in Tole Kebele (Gimbi Woreda, West Wollega Zone, Oromia Region, Ethiopia).

No.	Name of deceased victim	Sex	Age	Village
1	Ibrahim Kemal	M	35	Silsaw
2	Abdu Mukit	M	50	Silsaw
3	Kokebie Muhie	F	48	Silsaw
4	Toyba Mohammed	F	23	Silsaw
5	Fatima Seyd	F	4 months	Silsaw
6	Fatima Nuru	F	28	Silsaw
7	Hikma Mohammed	F	5	Silsaw
8	Saada Mohammed	F	15	Silsaw
9	Khalid Mohammed	M	12	Silsaw
10	Hayat Mohamed	F	8	Silsaw

11	Fatima Muhie	F	31	Silsaw
12	Marifa Seyd	F	6 months	Silsaw
13	Hikma Mohammed	F	4	Silsaw
14	Amu Seyd	F	40	Silsaw
15	Ahmed Seyd	M	14	Silsaw
16	Kasim Seyd	M	8	Silsaw
17	Muktar Seyd	M	3	Silsaw
18	Seyd Hussien	M		Silsaw
19	Seyd Hussien	M		Silsaw
20	Ash Ahmed	F		Silsaw
21	Ansha Ibrahim Yimer	F	60	Silsaw
22	Abdu Sayd	M	40	
23	Zenebech Hassen	M	20	Begene
24	Halo Hassen	M	18	Begene
25	Kedija Mohammed	F	25	Begene
26	Aliy Hussein	M	10	Begene
27	Mohammed Hussein	M	8	Begene
28	Abdu Hussein	M	6	Begene
29	Mohammed Abdu	M	20	Begene
30	Kedija Abdu	F	24	Begene
31	Edris Areb	M	8	Begene
32	Firdes Areb	M	2	Begene
33	Nurye Seyd	M	16	Begene
34	Sheikh Seyd Hamza	M	53	Begene
35	Muhie Abdu	M	60	Begene
36	Jemal	M	25	Begene
37	Ehnew Yasin	M	28	Begene

38	Seyd Abrie	M	35	Begene
39	Sheik Edris Hussein	M	40	Begene
40	Abdu Ahmed	M	6	Begene
41	Muhie Damtew	M	65	Begene
42	Seyd Jawi	M	70	Begene
43	Sheikh Abdu Siraj	M	40	Begene
44	Abdel Haziz	M	18	Begene
45	Zeyneba Seyd	F	35	Begene
46	Ansha Ali	F	2	Begene
47	Zinet Mohammed	F	5	Begene
48	Emebet Mohammed	F	40	Begene
49	Edris Muhie	M	10	Begene
50	Toyba Sheikh Ali	F	22	Begene
51	Hussein Yimam	M	80	Begene
52	Mohammed Hussein Mahmud	M	35	Begene
53	Ahmed Seyd	M	54	Silsaw
54	Sheikh Mekin	M	53	Silsaw
55	Abdu Seyd	M	50	Silsaw
56	Embrahim Abdu	M	28	Silsaw
57	Sheikh Dawid	M	40	Silsaw
58	Sheikh Abdul Menan	M	21	Silsaw
59	Muhie Nuru	M		Seni
60	Hosi Muhie	M		Seni
61	Ahmed Ali	M	38	Silsaw
62	Ahmed Sherif	M		Silsaw
63	Seyd Ahmed	M		Silsaw
64	Ahmed Seyd	M	45	Silsaw

65	Demeku Edris	F	42	Silsaw
66	Asha Mohammed	F		Silsaw
67	Kedija Abdu	F	25	Silsaw
68	Fatima Yesuf	F	3	Silsaw
69	Asya Yimam	F	43	Silsaw
70	Lubaba Muhammed	F	5	Silsaw
71	Muhammed Hussein	M	15	Silsaw
72	Amushet	F		Silsaw
73	Lubaba Tolha	F	37	Silsaw
74	Mohammed Abdu	M	60	Chekorsa
75	Abdu Ibrahim	M	30	Chekorsa
76	Amete Muhammed	F	38	Chekorsa
77	Aminat Mohammed	F	25	Chekorsa
78	Zuber Mohamed	F	5	Chekorsa
79	Saada Mohammed	M	26	Chekorsa
80	Ibrahim Seyd	M	5	Chekorsa
81	Ahmed Mohammed	F	6	Chekorsa
82	Semir Mohammed	F	45	Chekorsa
83	Zebedir Mohammed	F	20	Chekorsa
84	Aminat Mohammed	M	30	Chekorsa
85	Seyd Mohammed	M	13	Chekorsa
86	Ali Nuru	M	12	Chekorsa
87	Omer Nuru	M	3	Chekorsa
88	Saada Nuru	F	3	Chekorsa
89	Kewnya Seyd	F	35	Chekorsa
90	Toyba Mohammed	F	30	Chekorsa
91	Kedija Ismail	F	25	Chekorsa

92	Fetiha Ibrahim	F	8	Chekorsa
93	Fatitu Ismail	F	12	Chekorsa
94	Abubeker Ismail	M	1	Chekorsa
95	Abdu Osman	M	45	Chekorsa
96	Mubarek Mohammed	M	5	Chekorsa
97	Saada Mohammed	F	35	Chekorsa
98	Kemeriya Ali	F	8	Chekorsa
99	Erukiya Ali	F	5	Chekorsa
100	Kewonya Seyd	F	30	Chekorsa
101	Mohammed Abdu	M	1	Chekorsa
102	Fatima Seyd	F	30	Chekorsa
103	Hawa Nuru	F	12	Chekorsa
104	Adem Nuru	M	6	Chekorsa
105	Rehamet Nuru	F	4	Chekorsa
106	Hayat Awol	F	13	Chekorsa
107	Aziza Hussein	F	6 months	Chekorsa
108	Mohammed Hassen	M	60	Chekorsa
109	Abdu Mohammed	M	40	Chekorsa
110	Asia Mohammed	F	35	Chekorsa
111	Omer Hussein	M	30	Chekorsa
112	Zebura Omer	F	5	Chekorsa
113	Mohammed Omer	M	6 months	Chekorsa
114	Lubaba Hussein	F	30	Chekorsa
115	Hawa Ahmed	F	25	Chekorsa
116	Sofia Hassen	F	13	Chekorsa
117	Lubaba Tolha	F	40	Chekorsa
118	Ahmed Woly	M	60	Chekorsa

119	Zebura Hassen	F	4	Chekorsa
120	Hulesa Yesuf	F	1	Chekorsa
121	Adem Mohammed	M	45	Chekorsa
122	Aba Haji Hussein	M	100	Chekorsa
123	Abebech Seyd	F	20	Chekorsa
124	Abdu Ibrahim	M	65	Chekorsa
125	Suleiman Hassen	M	5	Chekorsa
126	Abdu Hassen	M	2	Chekorsa
127	Ahmed Sherif	M	65	Chekorsa
128	Fatim Kemal	F	65	Chekorsa
129	Jemal Ahmed	M	14	Chekorsa
130	Halima Ahmed	F	12	Chekorsa
131	Fetiha Ahmed	F	7	Chekorsa
132	Kedir Ahmed	M	5	Chekorsa
133	Mohammed Ahmed	M	6 months	Chekorsa
134	Kemal Nuru	M	45	Chekorsa
135	Edris Seyd	M	9	Chekorsa
136	Mohammed Suleiman	M	6	Chekorsa
137	Ahmed Suleiman	M	4	Chekorsa
138	Fatima Seyd	F	40	Chekorsa
139	Ania Seyd	F	4	Chekorsa
140	Kalid Edris	M	5	Chekorsa
141	Alif Yimam	F	45	Chekorsa
142	Asia Hussein	F	14	Chekorsa
143	Neima Nuru	F	3	Chekorsa
144	Rihama Shehu	F	45	Chekorsa
145	Jemal Abdu	M	15	Chekorsa

146	Toyba Abrie	F	25	Chekorsa
147	Mohammed Hussein	M	6	Chekorsa
148	Misbah Hussein	F	3	Chekorsa
149	Halima Nuru	F	20	Chekorsa
150	Zehara Nuru	F	20	Chekorsa
151	Juhar Ibrahim	M	3	Chekorsa
152	Abdu Ibrahim	M	50	Chekorsa
153	Amo Eshet	F	78	Chekorsa
154	Bilal Ali	M	14	Chekorsa
155	Toyba Ali	F	6	Chekorsa
156	Hayat Ali	F	3	Chekorsa
157	Leyla Aminu	F	20	Chekorsa
158	Sofya Seyd	F	4	Chekorsa
159	Toyba Mohammed	F	24	Chekorsa
160	Halima Seyd	F	6 months	Chekorsa
161	Merima Hussein	F	30	Chekorsa
162	Bilal Dawid	M	1	Chekorsa
163	Halima Nuru	F	25	Chekorsa
164	Rihama Abdela	F	40	Chekorsa
165	Jemal Abdu	M	9	Chekorsa
166	Halima Saduk	F	78	Chekorsa
167	Abdu Jemal	M	1 month	Chekorsa
168	Semira Yesuf	M	4	Chekorsa
169	Abdu Ibrahim	M	28	Chekorsa
170	Abiy Mohammed	M	5	Chekorsa
171	Ibrahim Seyd	M	8	Chekorsa
172	Kedija Mohammed	F	10	Chekorsa

173	Amo Hussein	F	40	Chekorsa
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175	Mubark Hussein	M	5	Chekorsa
176	Ali Hussein	M	8 months	Chekorsa
177	Ansha Seyd	F	25	Silsaw
178	Asiya Nuru	F	19	Silsaw
179	Ibrahim Abdu	M	28	Silsaw
180	Ansha Abubeker	F	24	Silsaw
181	Asia Yesuf	F	40	Silsaw
182	Sualih Ahmed	M	7	Silsaw
183	Juhar Ahmed	M	5	Silsaw
184	Sirdes Ahmed	F	3	Silsaw
185	Aminat Seyd	F	45	Silsaw
186	Amu Hussein	F	48	Silsaw
187	Asiya Yimam	F	33	Silsaw
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225	Mohammed Suleiman	M	11	Silsaw
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227	Edris Seyd	M	5	Silsaw
228	Mohammed Hussein	M	13	Silsaw
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231	Leyila Aminu	F		Gutin Sefer
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237	Zemzem Ahmed	F		Gutin Sefer
238	Rabia Ahmed	F		Gutin Sefer
239	Kasim Etefa	F		Gutin Sefer
240	Merema Hassen	F		Gutin Sefer
241	Mohammed Idris Hassen	M	Child	Gutin Sefer
242	Aminat Edris	F	Child	Gutin Sefer
243	Ali Ahmed	M		Gutin Sefer
244	Fatie Abebe	F		Gutin Sefer
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246	Amo Nuru	F		Gutin Sefer
247	Halima Hayder	F		Gutin Sefer
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249	Yasin Mohammed	M		Gutin Sefer
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258	Ali Yimam	M	Tole
259	Hussein Kemal	M	Tole
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261	Halemet Ali	F	Begene
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280	Nuru Muhie	M	Seni

281	Abdu Muhie	M	Seni
282	Hussein Muhie	M	Seni

About Amhara Association of America (AAA)

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