



Tigray People’s Liberation Front (TPLF) Unlawful Shelling of Debre Tabor City: August 20th, 2021

On August 19th and 20th, 2021, forces of the Tigray People’s Liberation Front (TPLF) carried out apparent indiscriminate and deliberate shelling of civilian areas in Debre Tabor city (Debub [South] Gondar Zone, Amhara Region) in violation of international law which prohibits targeting of civilians. At least 10 heavy artillery missile strikes were fired at civilian houses near Medhanealem Church, Debre Tabor Hospital, in addition to farms, and rural villages surrounding Debre Tabor. These attacks have resulted in at least six civilian deaths, an additional two injuries, damaged homes and town infrastructure, destruction of farm land and crops and disrupted access to the local hospital. The attacks have also caused thousands of people to flee from Debre Tabor and the surrounding areas.

One of the heavily artillery strikes fired on August 19th struck houses adjacent to Medhanealem church, killed five members of a single family and an additional person who lived in a rented space in the same compound.

Table 1

No.	Victim's Name	Sex	Outcome	Remark
1	Esubalew Dires	Male	Death	
2	Addise Dires	Female	Death	
3	Serkalem Dires	Female	Death	
4	Quankoyi (Father's name unknown)	Female	Death	
5-6	Two children (names not yet known)	—	Death	At least one was younger than 1 yrs old

The second artillery strike attacked another house and left one person injured while damaging at least four adjacent houses. The third struck an open area within Debre Tabor Hospital. The artillery strikes fired on August 20th landed on surrounding villages and open areas and casualties are not yet clear. Below are some of the sites where the heavy artillery struck.



(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)



(e)



(f)

Figure 1: Photographs of areas where TPLF fired heavy artillery which made impact as well as the impact on surrounding areas.

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