

INCIDENT REPORT

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The Amhara Association of America (AAA) has been able to verify three rounds of attacks against Amharas in Amuru and Jardaga Jarte Woredas (districts) of Horo Guduru Welega Zone between July 8th and July 14th, 2021. Victims were ethnic Amhara civilians and alleged perpetrators were militias of Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) also known as the Oromo Liberation Front – Shene. The attacks have left thousands displaced with at least 24 killed, 13 injured and the whereabouts of 3 Amharas is unknown.

The first massacre took place on July 8th, 2021, leaving at least 5 civilians dead and 4 injured in the village of Yilamu in Somoyilomo Kebele (precinct/ward) of Amuru Woreda. Four of the deceased being followers of the Islamic faith were buried at Yelamu burial site on July 9th. The fifth was a follower of the Orthodox Christian faith and was buried at Gura Michael church (community religious affiliations determine customary burial practices including locations). The following are names, sex and status of victims from the July 8th attack.

No	Name of victim	Sex	Outcome of attack
1	Yeberu Asenake	M	Deceased
2	Mekashe Belay	M	Deceased
3	Motie Damtew	M	Deceased
4	Shekur Abedela	M	Deceased
5	Goraw Hassen	F	Deceased
6	Tsegaye Gezaw	F	Injured
7	Hussien Shegaw	F	Injured
8	Hassen Seid	M	Injured
9	Yiberu Seid	M	Injured

The second massacre against ethnic Amhara civilians took place on July 11th, 2021, around 5:30 pm, leaving 11 dead and 5 injured. The following are some of the victims of the attack:

No	Name of victim	Sex	Outcome of attack
1	Kindiwa Hassen	M	Deceased
2	Habtam Hassen	M	Deceased
3	Adem Yenus	M	Deceased
4	Esleman Takele	M	Deceased
5	Rada Muhie	F	Deceased
6	Kedijja Gashaw	F	Deceased
7	Zeyineba Usman	F	Deceased
8	Seid Melkamu	M	Deceased
9	Haron Melkamu	M	Deceased
10	Adem Ibrahim	M	Deceased
11	Aminat Ibrahim	F	Deceased
12	Hagerie Usman	F	Injured
13	Toyiba Ahimed	F	Injured
14	Aminat Habtam	F	Injured
15-16	Kindiwa Hassen's two babies		Injured

The seven deceased were buried on the evening of July 12th, 2021. Kindiwa Hassen's nephew, Adam [name changed], said that nine of the victims were related to each other and the following:

”Kindiwa Hassen was killed along with his brother (Habtam Hassen), his sister (Zeyneba Usman), his sister-in-law (Rada Hussen), his nephews (Seid Melkamu, Haron Melkamu and Kedijja Gashaw) and his sister's children (Adem Ibrahim and Aminat Ibrahim).”

The third massacre took place on July 14th in Abu village, Harelog Kebele of Jardaga

Jarte Woreda targeting ethnic Amhara civilians who were selected to serve as peace officers in the troubled district which has seen frequent massacres of Amharas in the last two years. Six sources of AAA said that the massacre was committed around 6 pm on July 14th as the Amharas were returning from a meeting with district administrators in Jardaga Jarte town. The victims were drawn from Senbochehi and Agamessa Kebeles and were asked to attend the meeting to discuss how to contain the targeted violence in the area. Sources indicated that the OLA militia committed the massacre with heavy machine guns. According to AAA source Samuel [name changed], who was involved in collecting bodies of the deceased, they were not able to locate the bodies of three of the victims the next day while the whereabouts of an additional three people is still unknown. The victims are identified as follows including ages:

No	Name of victim	Sex	Age	Outcome of attack
1	Geta Damtie	M	50	Deceased
2	Tilahun Amedie	M	45	Deceased
3	Aragaw Asemamaw	M	35	Deceased
4	Mohammaed Tassew	M	25	Deceased
5	Abedella Indris	M	27	Deceased
6	Worku Welelaw	M	40	Deceased
7	Ali Nugussie	M	45	Deceased
8	Gashaw Yibere	M	37	Deceased
9	Mohammed Welelaw	M	40	Injured
10	Mohammed Yesuf	M	35	Injured
11	Sebsebe Lisanu	M	35	Injured
12	Yesuf Negussie	M	30	Injured
13	Ayalew Beshir	M	28	Missing
14	Marewa Yesuf	M	25	Missing
15	Usman Ahmed	M	26	Missing

All eight of the deceased were followers of the Islamic faith and were buried in Enbochefie Kebele on July 15th, 2021. At the time of data collection (July 15th), the injured were being treated at a health center in Emeru Woreda, Horo Guduru Welega zone, while there was no information about those who were abducted.

According to multiple AAA sources, following this massacre, more than 200 Amharas in nearby Kebeles such as Senobochefie, Janjimer, and Agamesa have fled to nearby areas to escape possibility of imminent massacres. Thomas [name changed], one of the displaced Amharas from Jangimer Kebele said:

”Following the attack, more than 2000 Amharas have fled abandoning their houses and properties. Because I felt insure and feared for my life, I had to flee to Jardaga Jarte town and find a place to stay. Because we fled abruptly, we are in difficult situation and would request help from anyone.”

AAA finds very troubling that the Attacks against Amharas in Oromia Region by OLA has increased in the last few weeks while the Ethiopian government both at the federal and regional levels have not been paying attention to these atrocities. We continue to demand full investigations of these atrocities and accountability for these heinous crimes against ethnic Amharas in the Oromia Region.



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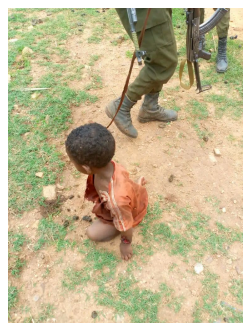
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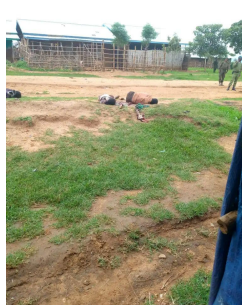
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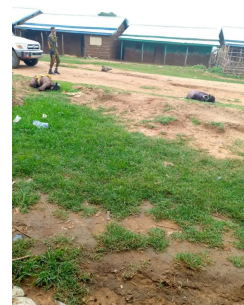
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Figure 1: Photographs of the aftermath of the massacre in Amuru Woreda including mutilated bodies of the deceased victims of the massacre.

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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