



## **The November 5, 2023 Mesno massacre of Amhara civilians by Oromo militants**

The Amhara Association of America (AAA) has verified that on November 5, 2023, Oromo militants from the Oromo Special Zone (Amhara Region, Ethiopia) massacred at least 34 Amhara civilians and injured an additional 52 civilians in Mesno Kebele of Antsokia Gemza Woreda in North Shewa Zone (Amhara Region, Ethiopia). The death toll is expected to increase as many wounded victims sustained life-threatening injuries with little hope for survival. In addition, the militants carried out large-scale burning of the teff harvest in the kebele. Twenty-two of the victims were from Mesno Kola village of the kebele, twelve of them were Christians buried in St. Michael Church's graveyard located there and six were buried in the Muslim cemetery of the kebele. Three of the victims were from Hageremariam village buried in St. Mary church's graveyard and 9 were from Chanco village in the Kebele.

Regarding the events leading up to the massacre, on November 4, 2023, the Oromo militants unleash their cattle herd into teff harvests of the Amhara farmers. The next day, the Oromo militants had made preparations and took positions and opened automatic fire on the Amhara farmers who were trying to protect their teff harvest from being consumed

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by the cattle herd of the Oromos.

Survivors told AAA that men wearing Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF) uniforms and carrying army identification cards joined the Oromo militants in the attack. Throughout the attack on the Amhara farmers which lasted hours, the ENDF units encamped in the nearby Majete and Mekoy towns (North Shewa Zone) failed to protect them. Instead, they intervened when the Amhara farmers began defending themselves and pushing back the Oromo militants.

Below is a list of 31 of the deceased victims killed by the Oromo militants on November 5, 2023, in Mesno Kebele of Antsokia Gemza Woreda (North Shewa Zone, Amhara Region, Ethiopia).

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Address (village)
1	Mengesha Tadesse	M		Mesno Kola
2	Mengesha Abeje	M	28	Mesno Kola
3	Zereta Gorfie	M		Mesno Kola
4	Shegaw Demissie	M	34	Mesno Kola
5	Kefelegn Andargie	M	36	Mesno Kola
6	Kebede Amarae	M	40	Mesno Kola
7	Assefa Shitie	M		Mesno Kola
8	Tamene Bekele	M		Mesno Kola
9	Amakele Asfaw	M		Mesno Kola
10	Amakele Getachew	M		Mesno Kola
11	Ayalew Yihun	M		Mesno Kola
12	Tesfaw Nigus	M		Mesno Kola
13	Shewakena Hussein	M		Mesno Kola
14	Aliyu Hussein	M		Mesno Kola

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15	Sayed Yibrie	M	Mesno Kola
16	Jemal Mulugeta	M	Mesno Kola
17	Kibret Tesfaye	M	Mesno Kola
18	Shambel Shifaw	M	Mesno Kola
19	Muhammed Bekele	M	Mesno Kola
20	Getachew Mamo	M	Mesno Kola
21	Assefa Kebede	M	Mesno Kola
22	Bekele Desta	M	Mesno Kola
23	Dereje Tassew	M	Mesno Kola
24	Alliy Assefa	M	Mesno Kola
25	Seminew Zewde	M	Chanco
26	Muhabaw Hussein	M	Chanco
27	Aliy Mitikie	M	Chanco
28	Ayalkbet Shitie	M	Chanco
29	Yimam Shifferaw	M	Chanco
30	Ayalew Mekit	M	Hageremariam
31	Mamosew Ayalew	M	Hageremariam

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## About Amhara Association of America (AAA)

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