



Update on the massacre of Amharas in Were Babu Woreda, Debub (South) Wollo Zone by the Tigray People’s Liberation Front (TPLF)

Extra-judicial killing

The latest investigation from Amhara Association of America (AAA) reveals that at least 25 civilians including 3 children were killed by TPLF militias in four Kebeles (wards/precincts) of Were Babu Woreda (district), Debub (South) Wollo Zone, Amhara Region, Ethiopia. The militias seized control of these kebeles for eight days from August 30th up to September 7th, 2021. To raise instances of manners of killings, the militias approached a farmer, Ali Zegeye Seid while he was tending to his cattle. He started running when he saw the TPLF militias, and they chased him and shot him to death on August 30th, 2021. His body was left to animals with only his tattered clothes and blood left at the scene. Another victim, a 75-year-old woman, Temegn Omer was killed in a similar manner and her body was also left for hyenas. A third victim, Jemal Yesuf was shot six times in his head leading to his death. Before his death, Jemal was heard begging the militias saying: *“do not kill a poor man like me”* to which one of the militiamen replied, *“we could not stop such killing until we finish Amharas”*.

Table 1: Partial list of victims identified by AAA who were killed by TPLF militias in Were Babu Woreda, South Wollo Zone, Amhara Region.

No.	Name of victim	Sex	Age	Address (Kebele)
1	Yimam Hassan Degoba	M	45	Kebele 09
2	Abdu Muhammed Birru	M	40	Kebele 09
3	Mussa Edris Adem	M	35	Kebele 09
4	Abdu Said Mehadi	M	45	Kebele 09
5	Hayat Mohamed Said	F	10	Kebele 18
6	Adem Idris Yimam	M	35	Kebele 18
7	Mohamed Fentaw Mohamed	M	25	Kebele 18
8	Sherif Hussein Muaaz	M	30	Kebele 18
9	Said Ahmed Ebrahim	M	40	Kebele 18
10	Abdu Yesuf Awolu	M	25	Kebele 18
11	Ebrahim Seid Abdu	M	63	Kebele 18
12	Rabia Ali Omer	F	8	Kebele 18
13	Ekram Mohamed Said	F	5	Kebele 18
14	Idris Hussein Ebrahim	M	41	Kebele 18
15	Adem Said Ali	M	60	Kebele 18
16	Hassan Basha Shakur	M	60	Kebele 18
17	Toyba Mohamed Adem	F	60	Kebele 18
18	Temegn Omer Abegaz	F	75	Kebele 18
19	Ali Zegeye Seid	M	50	Kebele 18
20	Muhammed Yessuf Hidi	M	40	Kebele 18
21	Jemal Yesuff Idris	M	50	Kebele 18
22	Idris Adem Assen	M	70	Kebele 18
23	Ahmed Assefa Kebede	M	60	Kebele 20
24	Kedir Hussein Mohamed	M	18	Kebele 20
25	Awolo Seid Ali	M	31	Kebele 19

Denial of Health Rights

In addition to the extrajudicial killings, the TPLF militias also destroyed and looted all six hospitals and all other health institutions in the North Wollo Zone, Amhara Region. The following health facilities have been completely damaged: Shedho Meket Hospital, Flakit, Debre Zebit and Agrit Health Stations in Meket Woreda, North Wollo Zone, Amhara Region. Due to the incursion by TPLF to the zone and damages to health institutions, millions of citizens in the area lack access to health services. Particularly, 18,000 diabetes, 20,000 HIV AIDS, 1,145 TB, 12,000 HTN patients in the zone who need immediate health services and medicine, face service shortages for over a month. In addition, more than 16,000 pregnant women lack access to health facilities and health practitioners and thousands of children and infants who were receiving malnutrition treatment are also out of similar services.

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