



## Summary of recent recorded drone and air strikes in Amhara Region, Ethiopia

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### Overview

The Amhara Association of America (AAA) has documented human rights violations and conflict developments in the context of the war in Ethiopia's Amhara Region.<sup>1</sup>

Throughout the conflict the Oromo Prosperity Party regime's armed forces, primarily the *Ethiopian National Defense Force* (ENDF) has carried out drone and air strikes which have resulted in disproportionate civilian casualties.<sup>23</sup>

- For the period between September 25th and October 24th, 2024 (29 day period), over 43 drone and airstrikes were reported across 28 incidents.
  - The incidents were reported across 22 woreda administrations in 9 zonal administrations of Amhara Region. Zones in which incidents were recorded

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<sup>1</sup>See AAA's [report](#) published on September 17, 2024 on gross human rights violations in the 12 months since the announcement of the state of emergency in Ethiopia's Amhara Region.

<sup>2</sup>See October 14, 2024 [news article](#) from The Mail & Guardian.

<sup>3</sup>See June 14, 2024 [update](#) from the OHCHR on the human rights situation in Ethiopia in 2023.

include West Gonder, Central Gonder, South Gonder, North Gojjam, Awi, West Gojjam, East Gojjam, North Shewa and North Wollo Zones.

- Casualties were confirmed in 21 incidents. Though the majority of recorded incidents involved deadly attacks, in some instances sightings were attributed to aerial surveillance however, attacks have often been reported following periods of surveillance. In some incidents, attacks resulted in property losses.
- Over the reporting period, 273 casualties were recorded including 196 persons killed and 77 injured with the majority being civilians. Among the victims were young children, women, and elderly persons.

- The following table summarizes drone and airstrikes recorded for the period between September 25th and October 24th, 2024.

No.	Date	Kebele/Town	City/Woreda	Zone	Killed	Injured	Property Loss	Type	No. of strikes
1	25-Sep-24	Dimama-Angeref	Fagita-Lekoma	Awi			Primary school	Drone	1
2	23-Sep-24 to 29-Sep-24	Taliya River	Quarit	West Gojjam				Drone	1
3	30-Sep-24	Ibnat	Ibnat	South Gonder	21			Drone	4
4	1-Oct-24		Dega-Damot	West Gojjam				Drone	1
5	2-Oct-24	Ayimba	East Dembiya	Central Gonder	30			Drone	1
6	3-Oct-24	Shinfa	Qwara	West Gonder	14	16	Farmland	Drone	1
7	3-Oct-24 to 4-Oct-24	Jiga	Jabi-Tehnan	West Gojjam				Drone	4
8	7-Oct-24 to 13-Oct-24		Estie, Ibnat, Lay/Tach Gayint	South Gonder				Drone	1
9	7-Oct-24	Dagi	North Mecha	North Gojjam	1	4	Health extension, school & homes	Airstrike	1
10	8-Oct-24	Qolela	North Mecha	North Gojjam			Primary school	Airstrike	1
11	12-Oct-24	Amaret	North Mecha	North Gojjam	6	4		Airstrike	1
12	12-Oct-24	Mehal-Genet (Gercherch)	South Mecha	North Gojjam	4		Primary school	Airstrike	1
13	14-Oct-24	Felege-Birhan	North Mecha	North Gojjam	3	5	1 House	Airstrike	3
14	14-Oct-24	Zibist	South Achefer	North Gojjam			School	Airstrike	2
15	15-Oct-24	Asteriyo	Hulet-Eju-Enese	East Gojjam	5	1		Drone	1
16	15-Oct-24	Feres-Bet	Dega-Damot	West Gojjam	1			Drone	1
17	16-Oct-24	Kebele 04 (Dires)	Berehet	North Shewa	2	7	3 Residential houses	Drone	1
18	17-Oct-24	Afesa	Dangila-Zuriya	Awi	7	8	Secondary school	Drone	2
19	18-Oct-24	Tala	West Belessa	Central Gonder	37		Transportation bus	Drone	1
20	18-Oct-24	Abrahajira	West Armachiho	West Gonder	14	17		Drone	1
21	19-Oct-24	Girar-Wiha & Dirmaga	West Armachiho	West Gonder	21		Over 70 cattle	Drone	1
22	22-Oct-24	Elias	Debre-Elias	East Gojjam	5	2	Secondary school	Drone	2
23	22-Oct-24	Felege-Birhan	Enarj-Enawga	East Gojjam	2	3	Primary school	Drone	5
24	23-Oct-24	Keru-Gariya	Raya-Kobo	North Wollo	3	4	School	Drone	1
25	23-Oct-24	Bazo	Basona-Werena	North Shewa	2		1 House	Drone	1
26	23-Oct-24	Jihur	Moretena-Jiru	North Shewa	11	2	Secondary school	Drone	1
27	23-Oct-24	Jihur	Moretena-Jiru	North Shewa	2		Multiple homes	Drone	1
28	24-Oct-24	Sefiberet	Kewet	North Shewa	5	4	1 House	Drone	1

- Drone strikes have been previously recorded for the 12 month period since the

announcement of the state of emergency in Amhara Region on August 4, 2023.

– Between October 16, 2023 and May 12, 2024, AAA documented 53 confirmed deadly drone strikes over 35 distinct incidents which resulted in 551 civilian casualties including 433 killed and 118 injured. These strikes were found to frequently target civilian gatherings at marketplaces, clinics, ambulances, and schools.

No.	Date	Kebele/Town	City/Woreda	Zone	Killed	Injured	Property Loss	No. of Strikes
1	16-Oct-23	Metehibila	Berehet	North Shewa	10	12		1
2	16-Oct-23	Kebele 4	Berehet	North Shewa	25	15	Pickup Vehicle	1
3	6-Nov-23	Wodera	Ankober	North Shewa	12		Primary School	1
4	6-Nov-23	Aliyu-Amba	Ankober	North Shewa	8			1
5	5-Dec-23	Zerit	Menz-Keya	North Shewa				1
6	5-Dec-23	Ateret	Merhabete	North Shewa			Minibus	1
7	5-Dec-23	Alem-Ketema	Merhabete	North Shewa	1			1
8	27-Dec-23		Deneba	North Shewa				1
9	12-Jan-24	Alem-Ketema	Merhabete	North Shewa	2	4	Arbegnoch School	2
10	18-Jan-24	Alem-Ketema	Merhabete	North Shewa				1
11	19-Feb-24	Sasit	Mojana-Wodera	North Shewa	41	18	One FSR truck	1
12	12-May-24	Tirae	Kewot	North Shewa	4	5	Gulo School	1
13	13-Aug-23	Finote-Selam	Finote-Selam	West Gojjam	30	50	FSR vehicle	1
14	15-Aug-23	Yejube	Baso-Liben	East Gojjam		2	One donkey	1
15	3-Sep-23	Woyn-Wiha	Bibugn	East Gojjam	8		Unknown	1
16	3-Sep-23	Arefa	Dega-Damot	West Gojjam	9			1
17	17-Sep-23	Dembecha	Dembecha	West Gojjam	18		Unknown	2
18	17-Sep-23	Wesfe-Dingay	Quarit	West Gojjam	20		Unknown	2
19	19-Oct-23	Debre-Markos	Debre-Markos	East Gojjam	8		Unknown	1
20	9-Nov-23	Waber	Bibugn	East Gojjam	17		Homes	1
21	10-Nov-23	Kernewari	Sedi	East Gojjam	20		Unknown	1
22	27-Nov-23	Waber	Bibugn	East Gojjam	20		Small restaurant	1
23	21-Dec-23	Arefa	Dega-Damot	West Gojjam			Unknown	1
24	22-Dec-23	Kork	Baso-Liben	East Gojjam	8		Home, warehouse, grain and shops	2
25	15-Jan-24	Konch-Selassie	Yilmana-Densa	North Gojjam	13		Unknown	1
26	14-Apr-24	Dikulkana	Dega-Damot	West Gojjam			Unknown	4
27	16-Nov-23	Sirinka	Habru	South Wollo				2
28	29-Nov-23	Deria	Ayna-Bugna	North Wollo	61	11		3
29	30-Nov-23	Goshmeda	Delanta	South Wollo				1
30	30-Nov-23	Wegel-Tena	Delanta	South Wollo	5	1	Ambulance	2
31	10-Dec-23	Densa	Mehal-Sayint	South Wollo	57		FSR Truck	2
32	10-Dec-23	Denkoro-Chaka	Mehal-Sayint	South Wollo				1
33	3-Jan-24	Beto	Kelela	South Wollo	6			5
34	27-Jan-24	Tekulesh	Raya-Kobo	North Wollo				1
35	6-Oct-23		Abe-Dongoro	Horo Guduru Wollega	30			3

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- The recent re-intensification of drone strikes has been justified by regime military and political leaders claiming to target Fano combatants.
  - In summary, the total number of recorded drone and airstrikes for the period from August 4th, 2023 to October 24th, 2024 is 95 which resulted in 824 civilian casualties including 629 killed and 195 injured.

Details of recent recorded drone and airstrikes are provided below by reporting time period (weekly basis) and administrative zone.

### **Week of October 21st to 24th (not yet published)**

#### **East Gojjam Zone**

- October 22nd successive drone strikes targeted Neway-Mariam Primary School in Felege-Birhan town (Enarj-Enawga Woreda) left 2 killed and 3 injured.
- October 22nd successive drone strikes in Elias town (Debre-Elias Woreda) left 5 killed, 2 injured and caused destruction to a secondary school.

#### **North Wollo Zone**

- October 23rd a drone strike targeted Keyu-Gariya (Raya-Kobo Woreda) left 3 killed and 4 injured.

#### **North Shewa Zone**

- October 23rd a drone strike targeted the Zendogur area of Bazo Kebele (Basona-Werena Woreda) which left 2 killed and a house destroyed.
- October 23rd two drone strikes targeted Jihur town (Moretena-Jiru Woreda) targeting Jihur Secondary School and residences killing 11, injuring 2 and causing damages to residential homes.

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- October 24th a drone strike targeted the Rasa-Zuriya area of Sefiberet Kebele (Kewet Woreda) which left 5 killed (including a child estimated to be 6-years-old), 4 injured and property damage.

## **Week of October 14th to 20th (report [here](#))**

### **North Gojjam Zone**

- October 14th three rounds of airstrikes reported in Felege-Birhan Kebele (North Mecha Woreda) left 3 killed, 5 injured and a residential house destroyed.
- October 14th two rounds of airstrikes in the Zibist area targeted a school in South Achefer Woreda.

### **East Gojjam Zone**

- October 15th drone strike in Asteriyo Kebele (Hulet-Eju-Enese Woreda) left 5 killed and 1 injured.

### **West Gojjam Zone**

- October 15th drone strike in Feres-Bet town (Dega-Damot Woreda) left 1 killed (a 4-year-old child) and caused property destruction.

### **North Shewa Zone**

- October 16th drone strike on Kebele 04 (Dires) [Berehet Woreda] left 2 killed, 7 injured, and caused damage to three residential houses.

### **Awi Zone**

- October 17th two drone strike on Afesa Kebele (Dangila-Zuriya Woreda) struck a secondary school leaving 7 killed and 8 injured.

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## **Central Gonder Zone**

- October 18th drone strike on Tala (West Belessa Woreda) targeting a public transportation vehicle leaving 37 killed.

## **West Gonder Zone**

- October 18th drone strike on Abrahajira town (West Armachiho Woreda) killed 14 (including 8 daily laborers) and injured 17 others.
- October 19th drone strike on villages of Girar-Wiha and Dirmaga (West Armachiho Woreda) killed 21 and over 70 cattle.

## **Week of October 7th to 13th (report [here](#))**

### **South Gonder Zone**

- Drone surveillance in Estie, Ibnat, Lay Gayint and Tach Gayint Woredas.

### **North Gojjam Zone**

- October 7th airstrike in Dagi Kebele (North Mecha Woreda) killed 1, injured 4, targeted a health extension (struck health professionals and patients), school, residential homes and wooded areas.
- October 8th airstrike in Qolela targeting a primary school (North Mecha Woreda).
- October 12th airstrike in Amaret Kebele (North Mecha Woreda) left 6 killed (farmers) and 4 injured.
- October 12th airstrike on Abromenor Primary School in Mehal-Genet (formerly called Gercherch) [South Mecha Woreda] left 4 killed (2 school security guards, school ICT professional and another local).

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## **Week of September 30th to October 6th (report [here](#))**

### **South Gonder Zone**

- September 30th four drone strikes targeting Ibnat town and surrounding areas (Ibnat Woreda) left 21 killed.

### **West Gojjam Zone**

- October 1st drone surveillance in Dega-Damot Woreda.
- October 3rd to 4th, four drone strikes in Jiga town (Jabi-Tehnan Woreda).

### **Central Gonder Zone**

- October 2nd rocket launchers and drone strikes on Ayimba town (East Dembiya Woreda) left 30 killed.

### **West Gonder Zone**

- October 3rd, drone strike on the Dingay-Bet area of Shinfu town (Qwara Woreda) left 14 killed, 16 injured, and destruction to farmlands.

## **Week of September 23rd to 29th (report [here](#))**

### **West Gojjam Zone**

- Drone attack on the Taliya River in Quarit Woreda.

### **Awi Zone**

- September 25th drone attack on Dimama-Angeref Primary School in Dimama-Angeref Kebele (Fagita-Lekoma Woreda) caused property destruction.

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### **South Gonder Zone**

- September 26th and 27th, drone surveillance above Guna mountain, Estie, Densa, Kimir-Dingaye, Gasay, Lay Gayint, Tach Gayint, Simada, Sedemuja, Debre-Tabor, Ibnat and Mena-Megetawa Woredas.
- September 26th drone strike on Mikael-Debir High School in Mikael-Debir town (Libo-Kemkem Woreda) left 6 killed (mostly teachers) and 4 injured.

### **Central Gonder Zone**

- September 26th drone strike killed a shepherd.
- Drone surveillance in Gonder-Zuriya, East Dembiya (particularly Ayimba) and Armachiho Woredas.
- September 29th drone strike on Ayimba Kidist-Selassie Church in Ayimba town (East Dembiya Woreda) left 26 killed (including children) and caused significant damage to residential homes.

### **West Gonder Zone**

- September 28th drone surveillance in Metemma Woreda.

### **Week of September 16th to 22nd (report [here](#))**

### **North Shewa Zone**

- September 20th drone strike in an area called Agira (Minjar-Shenkora Woreda) left 1 killed and 5 injured.
- September 20th explosion (unconfirmed drone strike) in an area called Kombolcha Kebele (Minjar-Shenkora Woreda) left 1 killed and 4 injured.



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### **Central Gonder Zone**

- September 21st air surveillance in Gonder-Zuriya, East Belessa, and East Dembiya Woredas.

### **Week of September 9th to 15th (report [here](#))**

### **South Gonder Zone**

- September 15th drone surveillance throughout the zone.

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