

# INCIDENT REPORT

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The Amhara Association of America (AAA) learned that from May 3 to 10, 2021, at least eight Amharas were killed and another eight were injured in three separate attacks by suspected militias of the Oromo Liberation Army/Front (OLA/F) in various kebeles of Abe Dongoro (Abedongoro) Woreda (district), Horo Guduru Welega Zone, Oromia Region.

The first attack took place on May 3, 2021, in Lomicha Kebele, Abe Dongoro Woreda. Three Amharas were killed in the attack. A resident named Bilal Ahmed (name changed) testified to the AAA describing the horrific attack:

“Forty (40) Amharas from four different places: village 21 and village 20 from Dalicho and Tulugana were being trained in militia in Abe Dongoro Woreda. However, following the advent of Eid, while Muslims were celebrating the holiday, Christians were returning home to receive farming seed from the government, where they were met with violence by OLF militia members in Lomicha Kebele and at least three were shot dead and one person was severely injured.”

According to Bilal, the three Amhara decedents were identified as: Mr. Seid Adam, Mr. Nigusse and Mr. Adino.

The second attack took place at a place known as Gedis Jarmo, Kotcha Kebele, Abe Dongoro Woreda. According to local residents, the attack took place on Saturday, May 7, 2021 at around 2:00 AM on the ethnic Amhara civilians, who were on their way to Tuluwai Saturday Market. Two Amharas, Kindu Assefe and Sitota Tarekegne, were killed in the attack, while two other Amharas, a father and son, were treated for injuries at Abe Dongoro Hospital.

**Table 1:** Description of Amhara victims attacked in Gedis Jarmo, Kotcha Kebele of Abeden-goro Woreda

| No. | Name of victim   | Sex  | Outcome of attack                              |
|-----|------------------|------|--|
| 1   | Kindu Assefe     | Male | Killed   |
| 2   | Sitota Tarekegne | Male | Killed   |
| 3   | Molte Gedef      | Male | Injured (In treatment at Abe Dongoro Hospital) |
| 4   | Gedef Geto       | Male | Injured (In treatment at Abe Dongoro Hospital) |

According to AAA sources, the brutal attack was carried out by knives, machetes, and swords. Regarding the identities of the perpetrators, our sources, Suleman Kebede (name changed) and Debebe Atrif (name changed), stated that the attack was led by the OLA, but the local community was also involved. To clarify, Suleman explained further:

”All Oromos in the area are working together to destroy Amhara. We are killed and displaced by the OLF militias hiding out in the jungle, the local Oromo farmers and their children are looting our properties and belongings, and the Oromo civil servant is chasing and arresting the surviving Amhara victims. Everyone is working to destroy Amharas”

Debebe Atrif agrees with the accounts of Suleman Kebede and asserted that the attack was carried out in a coordinated strategy and that the local Oromo community, government officials, and OLF militia were working together to destroy Amhara.

The third attack took place in a village called Addis Alem located in Wolege Kebele, Abe Dongoro Woreda, around 2:30 AM on the night of May 10, 2021. Local residents Habte Abdi, Debebe Atrif, Suleman Kebede, and Yasin Abdulkadir (names all changed) said three Amhara women were killed and six others were injured in the attack. Other AAA sources added that although it is indicated that the attack was carried out by the so-called OLA, the local Oromo community and the government are heavily responsible for the attacks.

**Table 2:** Description of Amhara victims attacked in Addis Alem Village, Wolege Kebele, Abe Dongoro Woreda

| No. | Name of victim   | Sex    | Outcome of attack |
|-----|------------------|--------|-------------------|
| 1   | Medina Kasim     | Female | Killed            |
| 2   | Fatuma Kindalem  | Female | Killed            |
| 3   | Alia Mohammed    | Female | Killed            |
| 4   | Getachew Tegegne | Male   | Injured           |
| 5   | Mulu Demissie    | Female | Injured           |
| 6   | Hayat Jemal      | Female | Injured           |
| 7   | Halima Jemberu   | Female | Injured           |
| 8   | Halima Dawud     | Female | Injured           |
| 9   | Ayahu Amza       | Female | Injured           |

According to AAA sources, among those who lost their lives due to the ethnic attack were mother and daughter, Medina Kasim and Fatuma Kindalem. In addition, Alia Mohammed was brutally killed and her nine-month-old baby girl, Hayat Jemal was injured.