

Summary of Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) Actions (December 15, 2012 to January 15, 2013)

In the military actions the Oromo Liberation Army's Special Force (OLA-SF) has taken against the Wayyanee - Ethiopian government forces during the months of December 2012 and January 2013, it has put of out action a total of 58 members of the enemy's force. Out of these, 37 were killed 21 were injured. OLA Special Forces have also destroyed over 5 military vehicles and other types of military properties.

An OLA-SF unit, on December 24, has completely destroyed the property of a cadre of the Ethiopian government who has long been conducting robbery on public properties under the cover of investment in Eastern Wallaga zone, at a locality known as Guutoo Waayyuu. The cadre, Tesfaye Debretsion, who settled in Ganda Lalii had brought a lot of harm on the local population in general. In particular, had evicted Oromo farmers from their lands and turned the confiscated lands into own personal property. The OLA, an action taken against this individual's property, hundreds of quintals of corn and sesame oil seeds, which were prepared for foreign markets, were destroyed in addition to the two trucks on which they were loaded. The plate numbers of the FSR vehicles were 04397 and 01396.

The OLA-SF, on Dec. 25, 2012, has taken ultimate action on three criminal collaborators with the enemy who ignored prior warnings to refrain from doing any harm to the population but killed an Oromo man, Mr. Zakir Ahmed, in West Harargee zone, Doobbaa Biyyoo district.

Mercenaries killed during this operation were:

1. Usso Solee
2. Ahmed Awal and
3. Abdi Ali.

The OLA in continuing its operation in Eastern Oromia Zone, on Dec. 26, 2012, targeted the enemy force responsible for supplying enemy troops via the road linking Gurawwaa and Baddannoo in Eastern Hararge. In this action, two enemy trucks along with their contents were destroyed by landmines.

The OLA, on Dec. 27, 2012, attacked an enemy force mobilized to search the area for OLA and killed 11 enemy soldiers and injured 5 others. Two OLA comrades were wounded during this operation. The OLA-SF, on January 5, 2013, operating in western zone took a final action on a cadre-spy of the Wayyaanee regime who had been harassing the local population for a long time. The cadre named Fekadu Seyum was killed while traveling by a motor bicycle from Naqamtee to Jimma Arjo - midway between Guutamaa Beessee and Jimma Arjoo - about 14 miles from Naqamtee city. OLA Western Command has warned that similar actions will continue to be taken against government cadres-spies who engage in the task of threatening and harassing the population.

The OLA operating in Western Hararge, on Jan. 5, 2013, attacked an enemy force that was travelling in the area and killed eight and wounded three at a place called Bookee at Burqaa Dimtuu locality. Continuing its activities on western Hararge, the OLA force, on Jan. 5, 2012, utilizing landmines, attacked enemy force shuttling between Awash and Borddodde on the main road leading to Finfinne (Addis

Ababa). In this operation, six enemy soldiers were killed and the truck in which they were traveling also was destroyed. The OLA-SF that conducted the operation is known as “Operation Gammachu Abdi”, named after the heroic Finfinne University student recently assassinated by the TPLF/EPRDF militia unity.

The OLA Eastern Zone Command reported that on January 8, 2013, it killed 7 and injured 5 enemy officers while they were entertaining themselves at the place called Butujjii in Western Hararge in Mieso city. This operation was named “Operation Gammachuu Abdii”. Following this successful operation by the OLA, the enemy force in area arrested and jailed several innocent civilians among the inhabitants of the aanaa (district) in a desperate act of retaliating for OLA’s action.

At the same time military actions are being taken in Eastern Oromia, on Jan. 8, 2013, a prominent government cadre and spy was eliminated by OLA-SF in Western Oromia. In eastern Wallaga, in the district of Digga Saasiggaa at Baloo Jaaganfooyi and Haro Limmu localities, Abebe Tita, a spy with enemy force occupying the area, was killed. This spy, who uses Naqamtee as his launching base, was eliminated at Tulluu Koomaa on the Hanger River in Limmu locality while he was returning from conducting espionage. In addition, this spy’s co-workers were hit in the operation:

1. Wandimageny Alemu,
2. Zemedew Beyene,
3. Getahun Geleta and three other spies were injured.

It has been reported that population of the area are very happy and proud of the actions that the OLA forces have taken. The OLA eastern and western commands have declared that similar actions against the enemy will continue to be taken and further strengthened.