



Ethiopia: Extreme Cruelties and Brutalities against Oromo Children and Youth

HRLHA Urgent Action

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The Oromo students' protests¹, which was re-ignited in November, 2015 in opposition to the so called "Addis Ababa Integrated Master Plan" - Ethiopian Federal Government's plan of systematic ethnic cleansing aimed at the Oromo People, and spread in a few days to almost all schools and universities in the Regional State of Oromia, have already claimed the lives of dozens of Oromo students; and is threatening hundreds of others. Below in the table is the list of nine Oromo students who have been confirmed dead in the past seven days being shot at and killed cold-bloodedly by the Ethiopian armed squad of the Agazi Force:

No	Name	Occupation	Birth Place	Killed	
				Place	Date
1	Gezahegn Oliqa	Haromaya University Student	Horo Guduru/Wallaga, West Oromia	Haromaya	1- Dec - 2015
2	Gutu Abera Dheressa	High School student (grade 12)	Guliso, Western Wallaga	Guliso	2-Dec-2015
3	Karrasa Chala	Social Activist	Guliso, Western Wallaga	Guliso	2-Dec-2015
4	Dabala Tafa Robi	Social Activist	Fiche, N/Shewa	Chanco	2-Dec-2015
5	Dajane Sarbessa	High School	Tole South -	Tole	3-Dec-2015

¹ <http://www.humanrightsleague.org/?p=14287>
<http://www.humanrightsleague.org/?p=14668>
<http://www.humanrightsleague.org/?p=15430>
<http://www.humanrightsleague.org/?p=15667>

		student at Bantu	Showa	Town	
6	Miftah Junedi Bushura	High School Student	Farda, Badano (East Hararge)	Farda	5-Dec-2015
7	Murata Abdi Ibrahim	High School (11 th grade) Student	Haromaya	Haromay	7-Dec-2015)
8	Bekele Sobbokaa	High School Student	Ada'a Barba, Western Showa	Ada'aa Bargaa	8 – Dec.- 2015
9	Eebbisaa Buchoo	Social Activist	Finca'a, Horro Guduru	Finca'aa	8 – Dec. - 2015

Four Oromo youth from Fincha, Horro Guduru; Zarihun Raggassa, Wakjira Gaddisa, Meseret Tilahun (female), and Alemu Likkisa were taken to hospital on the 6th of December, 2015, with life-threatening wounds and injuries from shots and assaults; and no words regarding their situations since then.

The unarmed and defenseless Oromo students are facing extreme and fatal brutalities while staging peaceful protests to seek answers to their legitimate questions regarding the expansion of the city of Addis Ababa without the consultations and consents of the local people, which is likely to cause the evictions of millions of Oromo farmers from their livelihoods. Although there are no confirmed fatalities at this point, about 200 children from Sululta High School, Northern Showa, have been rushed to St. Paul Hospital in the Capital, Addis Ababa, on the 6th of December, 2015, after being poisoned in a classroom with yet unknown chemical that was sprayed into the air by the security forces.

Innocent children and youth are being shot at and killed, threatened with mass murders with poisonous chemicals just while attempting to exercise their fundamental rights within the limits of the provisions of both the federal and regional constitutions. The biggest of all ironies is that forces like the federal military, the federal and the regional police, who were established and hired to defend the constitutions of all levels are instead engaged in violating and breaking such legal provisions intended to protect the citizens. The Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa is receiving continuous and credible reports from different corners of the Regional State of Oromia in Ethiopia that members of TPLF special squad of the Agazi Force as well as the police are taking such fatal actions and assaults in the open air in daylight in front of the local residents in order to terrorize, intimidate and harass the whole communities.

The Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa (HRLHA) strongly believes that the Ethiopian Government's cruel actions against humanity, against its own citizens, are purely genocidal. HRLHA would like to express its deep concerns that, given the situations witnessed in the past seven days, more human casualties could take place; and, therefore, calls for unconditional interference by the world

communities in order that such extreme brutalities be stopped before inflicting further losses of lives and other human damages.

The HRLHA is a non-political organization that attempts to challenge abuses of human rights of the people of various nations and nationalities in the Horn of Africa. It works to defend fundamental human rights, including freedoms of thought, expression, movement and association. It also works to raise the awareness of individuals about their own basic human rights and those of others. It encourages respect for laws and due process. It promotes the growth and development of free and vigorous civil societies.

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