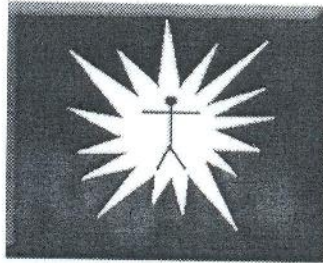


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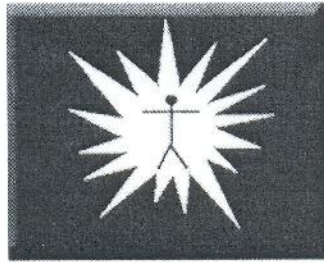


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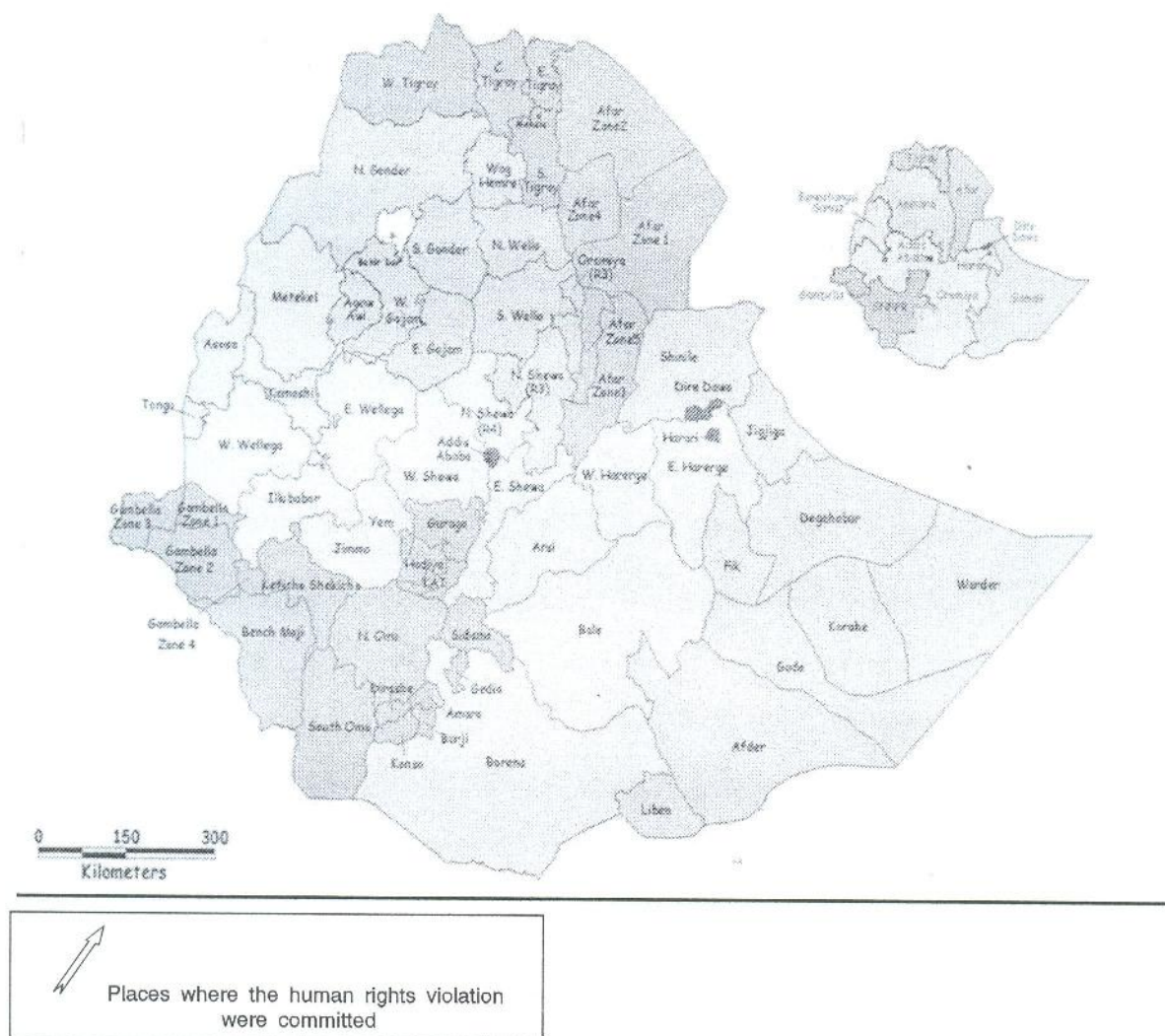
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## Administrative Regions and Zones of Ethiopia



### 1. About the Human Rights Council (HRCO)

The Human Rights Council (HRCO) was initially established as "Ethiopian Human Rights Council" (EHRCO) on October 10, 1991, in accordance with the Transitional Period Charter and the Ethiopian Civil Code. Following the issuance of Proclamation No. 621/2009, it was registered under the name of **Human Rights Council** as an "Ethiopian Charity" organization and has since been legally undertaking its human rights monitoring, advocacy, legal aid and HRs education activities. HRCO is a membership-based, independent, non-partisan, non-profit organisation that has no affiliation to any political party, religious institution, ethnic group, or social class. Its sole objectives are the defense of human rights, and the promotion of democracy and rule of law. HRCO strives to help improve the human rights situation in Ethiopia by providing human rights education and training for the Ethiopian public (rights holders) and members of the government (duty bearers) at different levels.

HRCO's most outstanding or flag-ship activity is monitoring, investigating, reporting & documenting human rights violations in Ethiopia. Over the past two decades HRCO has issued 139 special reports, 36 regular reports and large number of press releases. HRCO presents all of its reports first and foremost to the government of Ethiopia and the Ethiopian public. In our reports, we also urge all concerned parties to put pressure on the government to take remedial measures.





## 2. Introduction

In line with the above objectives, HRCO has been closely monitoring the human rights violations in the National Regional State of Oromia following the April 2014 protests against the newly proposed integrated master plan for Addis Ababa and the surrounding towns in Oromia Region. These violations were reported in HRCO's 132<sup>nd</sup> Special Report. Since November 2015, the protests against the Master Plan have been spreading into various parts of Oromia and met violent responses from government security forces and armed militia. The following is a brief summary of the results of the Human Rights Council's investigations into these violations.

The Oromia Region is divided into 18 Administrative Zones and 342 Woredas (districts). Protests have occurred in most of the Region's Zones and Woredas. Due to its limited capacity, the Human Rights Council was not able to investigate the human rights violations in all the places of Oromia where they have occurred. The Council deployed its investigators and collected data from 33 of the Woredas where the most serious violations were reported to be committed. The 140<sup>th</sup> Special Report and this summary cover only the violations during the peak period of the crisis between November 2015 to February 20, 2016.

## 3. Oromia Zones and Woredas Covered by the HRC Investigation

Western Shewa Zone		Southwest Shewa Zone		Western Wollega Zone		Finfine Zuria Special Zone	
1.	Chelia Woreda	13.	Ameya Woreda	22.	Enango	31.	Burayu town
2.	Babich	14.	Wolliso	23.	Guluso Woreda	32.	Sululta town
3.	Toke Kutay	15.	Gedo	24.	Changa		
4.	Ambo	16.	Wonchi	25.	Demibidolo		
5.	Dendi		<b>Wollega Horo Gudru Zone</b>		<b>Western Hararge Zone</b>		<b>Western Arsi Zone</b>
6.	Muger	17.	Gudru Woreda	26.	Horna	33.	Adaba
7.	Adaa Berga	18.	Finch Wuha	27.	Hasebot		
8.	Meta Robi	19.	Gebetae	28.	Mesela		
9.	Ginde Beret	20.	Finch Wuha Bereha				
10.	Elfata		<b>Eastern Wollega Zone</b>		<b>Eastern Hararge Zone</b>		
11.	Jeldu	21.	Sasiga	29.	Bati		
12.	Wolenkomi			30.	Aweday		

## 4. Data Sources and Investigation Methods

The main sources of information were families of violation victims, eye witnesses, and residents of the places of violation. Attempts were also made to gather information from the Government Communication Office, the Federal Police Commission, Oromia Police Commission, some town administrations, Oromia Regional State, and Zonal and Woreda administration offices.

Prior to travelling for field investigations and afterwards, the HRC staff have examined several related documents. Among these were the draft Master Plan, reports by several international organizations and the media, statements by impartial intellectuals, press releases and analyses by the government and opposition groups. The main methods of investigation were collecting and analysing documents, on site collection of field data using audio-visual equipment from places of violation, interview of victims and witnesses, group discussion with relevant citizens and bodies. The 140<sup>th</sup> Special Report is hence based on the data gathered through these means and direct observation of the damages inflicted.





## 5. Challenges Encountered during the Investigation

- Chronic shortage of financial and human resources, as well as relevant investigation equipment;
- Difficulties in freely moving around to collect data due to the prevailing political tension in the country, in particular, the crisis in the Oromia Region, and the pressure and surveillance by the government intelligence and security forces;
- People's being gripped by fear and suspicion, and unwillingness to provide information.

## 6. Initial Origin of the Protests

The first protests took place in Western Shewa Zone, Dendi Woreda, Ginchi town. It was triggered by the parcelling out of the football field of Ginchi Primary School by the Mayor of Ginchi town, the Woreda Administrator and other local officials, and the offer of the parcelled plots to some individuals who then put up fences around the land. The students of Ginchi Primary and Secondary School then came out in protest against the actions of the local officials.

Following the student protest, the Mayor of Ginchi town and other officials halted the construction by the new holders of the land. Later, the students held a demonstration against the sale of the age-old Chilimo forest to an individual; local residents also joined the student protests. These protests intensified due to the massive cutting down of indigenous trees from an area about the size of three football fields. The deforestation was then stopped. However, the protests continued in opposition to the Addis Ababa integrated Master Plan. Following these protests, the government resorted to harsh measures and inflicted the following human rights violations. (The details of the violations and the victims' identity with photographs, where available, are provided in the main report.)

## 7. Human Rights Violations in Various Parts of Oromia

### 7.1 Extra-judicial Killings

1. **Bekele Lelisa:** Age 20, resident of Sombolasheko Kebelle in Dendi Woreda; he was shot on the head and killed by a security official called Berhanu Ifa at 3.00 p.m., on December 13, 2015, in Asgori town. He was buried on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the Trinity Church in Gatro Lafto Kebelle.



Bekele Lelisa

2. **Chalsisa Gonfa:** Age 18, resident of Sombolasheko Kebelle in Dendi Woreda; he was shot on the head and killed by Berhanu Ifa, a security official of Asgori town, at 3.00 p.m., on December 13, 2015, in Asgori town. He was buried 15 December 2015 at the Trinity Church in Gatro Lafto Kebelle.



Chalsisa Gonfa

3. **Sefu Tura:** Age 22, a graduate of TVET and self-employed. He was shot on the side at the bus terminal of Ginchi town on December 13, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. and died on the road while being taken to Addis Ababa for medical treatment. He was buried at the Kidane Mihret Church on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015.



Sefu Tura





4. **Aschalew Worqu**: Age 22, he was shot at the bus terminal of Ginchi town on December 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. He died on the road while being taken to Ambo Hospital and was buried on December – 2015 at Tekle Haimanot Church in Gare Yarera Peasant Association (rural Kebelle).

Aschalew Worqu



5. **Kumsa Tafa Chala**: Age 20, resident of 01 Kebelle in Wolenkomi; on December 15, 2015, at 2:00 p.m., he was shot on the back twice and killed while working as a laborer near the Wollenkomi Police Station. He was buried at St Gabriel's Church in Wollenkomi on December 16, 2015.

Kumsa Tafa



6. **Sisay Bekele**: Age 20, resident of Qelam Bertu Peasant Association (PA); about 2:00 p.m. on December 15, 2015, he was shot and killed by a member of the Defence Force near the Wollenkomi Police Station. He was buried at St Gabriel's Church in Wollenkomi on December 16, 2015.

7. **Debela Negera**: Age 32; on December 14, 2015, he was shot on the hand and stomach with three bullets fired by members of the Defence Force at 9:00 p.m. He was buried at St Gabriel's Church in Jeldu on December 17, 2015.

Debela Negera



8. **Bekele Seboqa**: On December 7, 2015, he was shot and killed by government armed men during the demonstration at Inchini and buried at Muger's St. Rafael's Church the next day.

9. **Zewde Seyoum**: Age 25, a student of Ambo College. He was shot dead by government security forces during the demonstration on December 17, 2015 in Muger town. He was buried on December 19, 2015 at Danse Mariam Church.

10. **Bedada Kebede**: He was shot dead by government security forces during the demonstration on December 17, 2015 in Muger town. He was buried at Guticha Mariam Church on December 19, 2015.

11. **Lema Megersa**: a driver's assistant; he was shot dead by government security forces during the demonstration on December 17, 2015 in Muger town. He was buried at Guticha Mariam Church on December 19, 2015.

12. **Girma Regassa**: Age 35, a resident of Idoliben Kebelle in Ambo; he was hit near the eye and ears by two bullets fired by government armed men on December 12, 2015 at 9:00 p.m. He was buried at Iyesus Church in Ambo on December 14, 2015.

Girma Redassa



13. **Chala Dinkesa**: An 11<sup>th</sup> Grade student at Ambo Preparatory School; on January 14, 2016, he was killed by government security men in the compound of Electric Power Corporation. His funeral was held at Wedesa Qullit on January 15, 2016.

14. **Ulfata Nigsa**: a 12 year old 4<sup>th</sup> grade student at Liben Mecha School; he was shot on the neck on December 12, 2015. He was buried in Birbirsä Kebelle on Decemebr 14, 2015.



Ulfata Nigsa

15. **Merete Alemu**: Age 34; on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015, government armed men jumped



Merete Alemu

over the fence of Dani Gazebo Hotel and shot him on the side in his own hotel. After being treated at Ras Desta Hospital, he died on 25<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and was buried the next day at Sululta's Trinity Church.

16. **Fekadu Girma Debela**: Age 16; he was killed by government forces during a demonstration on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in Gedo (Chelia).



Fekadu Girma

17. **Dereje Gadisa Taye**: Age 14; he was shot and killed by government forces during a demonstration held in Babich on January 9, 2016.



Dereje Gadisa

18. **Tamene Woubshet Demise**: Age 25, resident of Babich town in Chelia Woreda; at 2:00 p.m. on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016, he was hit on the neck by a bullet fired by a member of the Agazi Army. He died on the road while being taken to Gedo Hospital and was buried on 12<sup>th</sup> January at Mugno Mariam Church.



Tamene Woubshet

19. **Shalema Taresa Atnasa**: Age 13, a resident of Tulu Mana in Chelia Woreda; on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016, he was hit on the neck by a shot fired by the Chief of Juma Rare Woreda Police and died instantly. He was buried the next day at the Mekane Yesus Church in Goban town.



Shalema Taresa





20. **Abebe Leta Gudeta**: A fifteen year old student living in Shenan Kebelle 02; he was shot dead on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016.
21. **Ayansa Hirqata**: Age 25; he was shot dead on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Woliso town.
22. **Tarkiu Assefa**: Age 24; he was shot dead by government forces in Woliso town on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
23. **Habtamu Tesfaye**: Age 28; he was shot dead on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Woliso town.
24. **Ayana Mekonnen**: Age 25; he was shot dead on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Woliso town.
25. **Moreda Qen'a**: Age 23; he was shot dead on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Wolliso town.
26. **Waqo Moreda**: Age 17, he was shot dead on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Woliso town.
27. **Lencho Hundesa**: Age 20; he was shot dead on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Wolliso town.
28. **Teshale Urgesa**: Age 22; he was shot dead on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Wonchi town.
29. **Gelana Beqana**: Age 29; he was shot dead on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Wonchi town.
30. **Berhanu Dinqa**: Age 19; he was shot dead on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Wonchi town.
31. **Serbasa Kebede**: Age 23; he was shot dead on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Wonchi town.
32. **Serbasa Sernesa**: Age 19; he was shot dead on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Wonchi town.
33. **Dereje Worqneh**: Age 78; he was shot dead on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Wonchi town.
34. **Kebede Tadesse**: Age 65; he was shot dead on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Wonchi town.
35. **Haile Dubale**: Age 30; he was shot dead on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Wonchi town.
36. **Ebisa Gutu**: he was shot dead on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Wonchi valley.

Ebisa Gutu



37. **Waquma Tolisa**: Age 18; he was shot dead on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Gebete town and buried the next day at the Mekane Yesus Church in the same town.

Waquma Tolisa



38. **Shashitu Firdisa**: she was shot dead on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Qerewatiye and buried at Mekane Yesus Church.
39. **Tolesa Lelisa**: he was shot dead on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015 by government forces in Qerewatiye





40. **Gebeyehu Amsalu Tulu**: He was shot dead by government forces in Sisiga Woreda on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

41. **Karasa Chala**: Age 17; he was shot dead by government forces in Guliso town (Chelia) on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.

Karasa Chala



42. **Gutu Abera**: Age 20; he was shot dead by government forces in Guliso town (Chelia) on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

Gutu Abera



43. **Lucha Gemechu**: Age 18; he was shot dead by government forces in Inango town on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

44. **Ayana Benti**: Age 17; he was shot dead by government forces in Lalowonjo on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

45. **Alazar Merga**: Age 20; he was shot dead by government forces in Inango town on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Alazar Merga



46. **Tilahun Muleta**: Age 60; he was shot dead by government forces in Dembi Dolo town, Kebelle 07, on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Tilahun Muleta



47. **Siren timer Gudeta**: Age 45; she was shot dead by government forces in Chanqa, on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Siren timer Gudeta



48. **Eshetu Fedesa**: Age 28; he was shot dead by government forces in Chanqa/Gimbi, on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Eshetu was the son of Mrs. Siren timer Gudeta.

Eshetu Fedesa



49. **Qejela Yohannes**: Age 16; he was shot dead by government forces in Chanqa, on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

50. **Beri Seid Ali**: Age 27; he was shot dead by government forces during a demonstration in Gubeti PA (Mesela Woreda), on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016.



51. **Hussen Dawi Amed**: Age 30; he was shot dead by government forces in Mesela town on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Hussen Dawi



52. **Gemechu Tilahun**: Age 24; he was shot dead by government forces in Mesela town on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Gemechu Tilahun



53. **Misra Haji Nabo Wottes**: Age 14; she was shot on the head and killed by security forces in Kebelle 02 of Adaba town on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

54. **Hussen Haji Desu**: Age 33; a resident of Kebelle 02 of Adaba town, he was shot on the stomach and killed by security forces in Kebelle 02 of Adaba town while going to the mosque on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

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Hussen Haji Desu

55. **Nesredin Mohammed Woli**: Age 38; he was shot on the back and leg by security forces in Kebelle 01 of Adaba town at noon on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Nesredin Mohammed



56. **Murad Abdi**: A 9<sup>th</sup> grade student aged 19, he was shot on the right side by security forces in Haromaya town at 11 a.m., on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015. He was buried the next day in Batie Woreda.

Murad Abdi



57. **Tsegaye Abebe**: Age 15; he was shot dead by government forces during a demonstration in Jeldu town on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and buried at the Protestant Cemetery.

58. **Birtukan Bedada**: A resident of Kulo PA in Jeldu Woreda, she was shot dead by government forces during a demonstration in Jeldu town on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and buried at the Protestant Cemetery





59. **Dejene Ibsa**: Age 38; a resident of Kulo Gelan in Jeldu Woreda, he was shot dead by a Kebelle militia man called Bedada Negeri Hundie at 8:00 p.m., and buried at Kulo Gelan Kidane Mihret Church.
60. **Lemesa Kokuna**: he was shot dead by government forces during a demonstration in Jeldu town on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and buried at Tobi Giorgis Church.
61. **Bayisa Woga**: he was shot dead by government forces during a demonstration in Jeldu town on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and buried at Tobi Giorgis Church.
62. **Samson Ketema Bekele**: a 5<sup>th</sup> Year Engineering student, he was found dead in his dormitory during the protest that was sparked off at 10 p.m. on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at the Meda Welabu University. He was buried at the Holy Savior Church in Dire Dawa on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Samson Ketema



63. **Bayisa Gedefa**: Age 28; a daily laborer, he was shot on the back and killed by an Oromia policeman on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Abuna town, Gindeberet Woreda. He was buried on 13<sup>th</sup> December at Gebre Kristos Church.

Bayisa Gedefa



64. **Tadesse Daba**: Age 25; he was shot on the back and killed by security forces on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and buried at Wolda Meserete Kristos cymetry.

Tadesse Daba



65. **Inagaw Hailu**: Age 25; he was shot on the forehead by security forces on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Kachisis town and died the next day; he was buried at Wolda Mekana Debie cymetry on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Inagaw Hailu



66. **Yalew Demise**: Age 32; he was shot on the right-side kidney from behind by security forces on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Bekie town, Elfata Woreda; he was taken to Menelik II Hospital for treatment but died on 14<sup>th</sup> December and was buried at Bekie Abo Church in Elfata on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Yalew Demise



67. **Fikadu Diriba**: Age 17 and a resident of Trtira Kebelle in Ameya town. He was shot on the forehead by security forces and died right away on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015. His parents were made to pay 100 birr to collect his body. He was buried at Trtira on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Fikadu Diriba



68. **Gudeta Bayisa**: Age 19 and a resident of Babich town; on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015, he was walking on the street when a shot fired by the Agazi force hit him on the kidney and killed him there. He was buried at the Tulu Bajo Mekane Yesus Church in Babich town on 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Gudeta Bayisa





69. **Wondu Kenesa**: Age 26; a resident of Kebelle 02 in Ameya town, around 11:00 a.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015, a shot from the Agazi force in Kebelle 01 hit him on the head and killed him right away. He was buried at Ameya Mariam Church on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Wondu Kenesa



70. **Girma Eshetu**: Age 26, a resident of Trtira Kebelle in Ameya town; around 11:00 a.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015, a shot from the Agazi force in Kebelle 01 hit him on the head and killed him right away. He was buried at Ameya Mariam Church on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Girma Eshetu



71. **Ayansa Madeba**: Age 18; a resident of Wolliso town, he was shot dead by security forces on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

72. **Dereje Worqu**: Age 26; he was shot dead by the Agazi on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

73. **Taye Dufera**: Age 25; a resident of Ameya town, he was shot and killed by Agazi on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

74. **Abebe Bule**: Age 25 and a self-employed resident of Ameya town, he was shot dead by the Agazi on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

75. **Rebuma Gera**: Age 26; and a self-employed resident of Ameya town, he was shot dead by the Agazi on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

76. **Beli Kurkura**: Age 29 and a resident of Ameya town, he was shot dead by the Agazi on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

77. **Tefera Dangia**: Age 30 and a resident of Ameya town, he was shot dead by the Agazi on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

78. **Kumela Eshete**: Age 19, he was shot dead by the Agazi on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Kebelle 01 of Ameya Woreda.

79. **Berhanu Bejiga**: he was shot dead by security forces during a demonstration in Jeldu town on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

80. **Megersa Bechi**: he was shot dead by security forces during a demonstration in Jeldu town on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

81. **Bekele Tomsa**: he was shot dead by security forces during a demonstration in Jeldu town on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

82. **Deputy Inspector Dibaba Woyesa**: he was killed during a demonstration in Abuna town in Gindeberet Woreda on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

83. **Sergeant Tadesse Jemberie**: he was killed during a demonstration in Abuna town in Gindeberet Woreda on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015, and buried at Jeldu Giorgis Church.

84. **Chief Sergeant Wogenie Debelo**: he was killed during a demonstration in Abuna town in Gindeberet Woreda on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

85. Two young men were killed, when they were participating in peaceful protest demonstration that took place during a funeral ceremony for **Abdeta Olensa**. Abdeta Age 25, lost his life in Abel Hospital, Addis Ababa. Abel was taken to this hospital from Kilito prison, where he was detained since July 2015.

86. **Debelu Taffa Robi**: he was shot dead by the Federal Police in Sululta town on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

87. **Dejenie Serbesa**: he was shot dead by the Federal Police in Sululta town on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.





88. **Bayisa Bedasa**: he was shot dead by security forces in Bako town on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
89. **Gudeta Bayisa Gobena**: he was shot dead by security forces in Babich town on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
90. **Bayisa Tadesse**: he was shot dead by security forces in Abune Gindeberet on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
91. **Bu-ii Daba**: he was shot dead by security forces in Abune Gindeberet on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
92. **Shabi Daba**: he was shot dead by security forces in Abune Gindeberet on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
93. **Benti Duguma**: he was shot dead by security forces in Lalo'asambi on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
94. **Garedo Tolosa**: he was shot dead by security forces in Wolliso Gurara Boko on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.
95. **Boru Gutema**: he was shot dead by security forces in Kuno Quli, Ameya Woreda, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015.
96. **Dereje Gonfa**: he was shot dead by security forces in Jeldu Woreda, on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
97. **Disso Milkessa**: he was shot dead by security forces in Ilfata Woreda, on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
98. **Chala Deyas**: he was shot dead by security forces in Chelia Woreda, on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
99. **Ayana Benti**: he was shot dead by security forces in Enango Woreda, on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
100. **Abdeta Leta**: he was shot dead by security forces in Gindeberet Woreda, on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
101. **Kada Tafa**: he was shot dead by security forces in Gindeberet Woreda, on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
102. **Disso Milkessa**: he was shot dead by security forces in Ilfata Woreda, on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
103. **Abera Gebissa**: he was shot dead by security forces in Jeldu Woreda, on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

## ***7.2 Injury with Bullets and Physical Assault***

Article 18(1) of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia provides: "Everyone has the right to protection against cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment". Despite this provision and a similar one under Article 5 of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, the following persons have been victimized through shooting and beating.

1. **Yadesa Moresa**: Age 14; he was shot on the leg by security forces on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Wolliso town and is receiving medical treatment.
2. **Nebso Geleta**: Age 15; he was shot on the stomach by security forces on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Wolliso town and is receiving medical treatment.
3. **Muleta Ayansa**: Age 19; he was shot on the shoulder by security forces on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Wolliso town and is receiving medical treatment.
4. **Lema Terefe**: Age 18; he was shot on the knee by security forces on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Wonchi town and is receiving medical treatment.
5. **Solomon Moges**: Age 19; he was shot on the knee by security forces on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Wonchi town and is receiving medical treatment.



6. **Kebie Waqjira**: Age 45; he was shot by security forces on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Metarobi (Sheno) and is receiving medical treatment.
7. **Bulu Abera**: Age 25; he was hit with two bullets on the leg and hand by security forces on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Kebelle 02 of Dembi Dollo town and is receiving medical treatment.
8. **Hundesä Ayala**: Age 20; he was shot on the left shoulder by security forces on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Kebelle 03 of Dembi Dollo town and is receiving medical treatment.

Hundesä Ayala



9. **Lelisa Fiqre**: Age 26; he was shot on the side by security forces on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Kebelle 04 of Dembi Dollo town and is receiving medical treatment.

Lelisa Fiqre



10. **Hawi Yadeta**: A student aged 17 years; she was shot on the knee by security forces on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Dembi Dollo town and is receiving medical treatment at Dembi Dollo Hospital.

Hawi Yadeta



11. **Lelisa Benti**: a 17 year student, he was shot by security forces on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 in Chelia town and is receiving medical treatment at Dembi Dollo Hospital.

Lelisa Benti



12. **Waqjira Gidisa**: a 17 year old student of 10<sup>th</sup> grade, he was shot on the right leg by the Federal Police during a student demonstration in Fincha Sheleqo Kebelle on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and is receiving medical treatment.

Waqjira Gidisa



13. **Melkie Kebede**: a 17 year old student of 6<sup>th</sup> grade; she did not join the demonstration in Fincha Sheleqo on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015, but she was still shot on the leg by security force while she was walking on the road; she is now receiving medical treatment at Betel Hospital in Addis Ababa..

Melkie Kebede



14. **Roba Taye Boru**: During the public protest in Gebetie Kebelle 02 in Horo Gudru Woreda (Wollega Zone) on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015, he was working in a garage where security men came and shot him on the left leg. He is now receiving medical treatment.

Roba Taye Boru





15. **Tuji Hassen Aliy**: Age 13; he was shot on the back by security forces during a demonstration in Mesela town on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015. He is currently receiving medical treatment.

Tuji Hassen



16. **Mehammed Amed Amedin**: Age 21; he was shot on the back by security forces in Mesela town on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015. He is currently receiving medical treatment.

Mehammed Amed



17. **Mehammed Yusuf Umerie**: Age 27; he was shot on the back by security forces in Mesela town on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015. He is currently receiving medical treatment.

Mehammed Yusuf



18. **Ibrahim Oumer Abdella**: Age 20; he was shot on the stomach by security forces in Mesela town on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015. He is currently receiving medical treatment.

Ibrahim Oumer



19. **Abdella Suleiman Ahmed**: Age 21; he was shot on both legs by security forces in Mesela town on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and is currently receiving medical treatment.

Abdella Suleiman



20. **Gutema Ibrahim Oumerie**: Age 11; he was shot on the leg by security forces in Mesela town on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and is currently receiving medical treatment.

Gutema Ibrahim



21. **Ahmed Oumer Abdella**: Age 25; he was wounded on his right hand with a bayonet by security forces in Mesela town on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and is currently receiving medical treatment.

Ahmed Oumer



22. **Abd Imesu**: Age 14; he was shot on the left leg by security forces in Mesela town on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and is currently receiving medical treatment.

Abd Imesu



23. **Debela Tasisa**: Age 22; he was shot on the neck in Ayra town by security forces and is currently receiving medical treatment.

Debela Tasisa



24. **Geneni Mekonnen**: A nine year old second grade student; he was shot on the left leg by security forces in Ayra town on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and is currently receiving medical treatment.

25. **Umer Qasim**: Age 17; he was shot below the navel by security forces in Kebelle 02 of Adaba town on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and is currently receiving medical treatment.

Umer Qasim



26. **Gelana Waqtola**: Age 21; he was shot on both hands by security forces in Nejo town on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and is currently receiving medical treatment.

Gelana Waqtola



27. **Pawlos Gemechu**: on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016, he was taken by car by government security men at 9:00 p.m. from Kebelle 02 of Fincha town and beaten severely; he has suffered serious injuries on his feet and is currently receiving medical treatment.

Pawlos Gemechu



28. **Fiqru Nedi Weyesa**: Age 16; he was shot above the buttocks by the Oromia police on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and is currently receiving medical treatment.





29. **Shambel Daba Iticha**: Age 16: he was shot on the stomach by the Oromia police on 11<sup>th</sup> Decemebr 2015 in Abuna town of Gindeberet Woreda and is currently receiving medical treatment.

30. **Tsettargachew Zikru**: he was shot on the back by the Agazi on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Babich town.

Tsettargachew Zikru



31. **Lelisie Qena Turi**: Age 35; she was returning from the market when she was hit on the neck with a bullet fired by the Agazi on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Lelisie Qena



32. **Gibitu Imana Iticha**: a 19 year old student of 8<sup>th</sup> grade; on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015, she was hit on the stomach with a bullet fired by the Agazi in Kebelle 01, Babich town.

Gibitu Imana



33. **Feyisa Tesema**: a 16 year old student of 7<sup>th</sup> grade; around 10 o'clock on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015, he was shot on the right jaw in Fortino, Gedo town.

34. **Chala Teshome Likesa**: a 17 year old 7<sup>th</sup> grade student in Kebelle 01, Babich town, Chelia Woreda; he was shot on the stomach by the Agazi army on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 near the bus terminal. He was treated at the Gedo Hospital first and then at St Paul's Hospita in Addis Ababa.

Chala Teshome



35. **Getachew Tesfa**: a 30 year old farmer; he was hit on the left shoulder with a bullet fired by the army around 10:30 p.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015. He received medical treatment at St Luke's Hospital in Wolliso town.

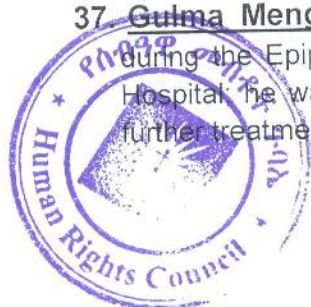
36. **Debela Teferi**: a resident of Kebelle 04 in Dembi Dollo, he was shot on the chest.

Debela Teferi



37. **Gulma Mengesha**: on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016, he was hit with a bullet during the Epiphany celebration and received medical aid first at Guder Hospital, he was later transferred to another hospital in Addis Ababa for further treatment.

Gulma Mengesha



38. **Lechisa Berecha**: on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015, he was driving his bus with 30 passengers from Kombolcha to Gedo town when he was forced to stop at Tele by armed members of the Federal Police and severely beaten together with his passengers. Their cell phones and money was also taken from them by the police. Though they were bleeding profusely, they were detained for a sometime.

39. **Tilahun Girma**: a 14 year old student; at 2:30 p.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015, he was selling sugar cane on the road when he was hit on the chest and hand with two bullets.



Tilahun Girma

40. **Elias Ararsa Tilahun**: Age 8 years; he was hit on the leg with a bullet fired by security men at 9:00 a.m. on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and is now being treated at Ambo Hospital.

41. **Itu Negassie Ararsa**: Age 15; she was hit on the leg with a bullet fired by security men at 9:00 a.m. on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and is now being treated at Ambo Hospital.

**Other victims of shooting and physical assault who were treated at various times at St Luke's Hospital in Wolliso:**



No.	Victim's name	Woreda	Kebelle
1.	Abisa Diriba Ejeta	Wolliso	Dilela
2.	Mamo Bahru Adugna	>>	>>
3.	Bayisa Merga Abdisa	>>	>>
4.	Lema Terefe	Wonchi	Wonchi
5.	Qene'a Dirara	>>	>>
6.	Diriba Berhanu	Wolliso	Abi
7.	Ayele Kumsa	Wolliso	
8.	Gudisa Adugna	Wolliso	
9.	Megari Teshome	Wolliso	
10.	Yedo Moreda	Wolliso	
11.	Teshale Teklu	Wolliso	
12.	Diriba Resela	Wolliso	
13.	Nebso Hailu	Wolliso	01
14.	Abrham Haile Degu	Wolliso	
15.	Degefa Kebede	Wolliso	02
16.	Bulo Fikadu	Wolliso	

### 7.3 Victims of Physical Assault

No.	Name*	Age	Assault Date	Assault Place	Injury caused
1.	Ameta Tufa (teacher)	32 yrs	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	Gedo	Right leg broken
2.	Dawit Teka (teacher)	28	>>	>>	>>
3.	Tona	45	>>	>>	Back injured
4.	Atnafu	50	>>	>>	Right hand broken
5.	Dereje Lulu	35	>>	>>	Recovered
6.	Dawit Gadisa (deacon)	28	>>	>>	Beaten on the nape and legs
7.	Demise Gabisa Hirpa (student)	18	11 <sup>th</sup> November 2015	Babich	Beaten all over the body
8.	Adugna Tesema Hundie (student)	20	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2015	Toke Kutay	Recovered





No.	Name*	Age	Assault Date	Assault Place	Injury caused
9.	Gashaw Feyisa	28	>>	>>	Left leg injured
10.	Desalegn Gudisa Olana	37	>>	>>	Left hand injured
11.	Abush Bedada Hawiso	24	>>	>>	Right knee injured
12.	Feyera Chamesa	34	>>	>>	Released from hospital
13.	Gulma Mengesha	27	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	Meta Robi (Sheno)	head and left leg injured
14.	Girma Tadesse	55	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	>>	Beaten with a rifle butt
15.	Mosisa Dadie	50	>>	>>	>>
16.	Beyene Regasa	40	>>	>>	>>
17.	Bekele Gadisa	45	>>	>>	Beaten and detained
18.	Wodattir Kebede	30	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	Dembi Dollo	Receiving treatment
19.	Gebisa Lemesa	40	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	>>	Recovered
20.	Girma Adal	26	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2016	Abuna	Assaulted by Oromia police
21.	Jonse Derensa Momicha	35	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	>>	>>
22.	Asmara	--	--	>>	>>
23.	Bayisa Merga	--	--	--	 Injury to the leg
24.	Deriba Berhanu	--	--	--	

\*All victims are male.



#### 6.4 Illegal Detention

No	Name & Occupation	Age	Detention Date	Detention place	Current status
1.	Kebede Chemed (teacher)	35	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015	Gedo prison	Current detention place unknown
2.	Dereje Lulu	>>	>>	>>	Released
3.	Demise Gabisa	22	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015	Babich prison	Released but under surveillance
4.	Tesema Hunde	40	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2016	Qality prison	Still detained
5.	Hunde (student)	18	>>	Toki Kutay	Released
6.	Waqjira Amena Mamo	17	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2016	Senqe Police Station	Still detained
7.	Mengistu Gudisa	25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2015	Qality prison	>>



No	Name & Occupation	Age	Detention Date	Detention place	Current status
8.	Dereje	20	>>	>>	>>
9.	Kebede	26	>>	Toki Kutay prison	Released
10.	Solomon Negasa Jelqeba	17	>>	Senqe Police Station	Still detained
11.	Tesema Wendie	42	>>	Toki Kutay prison	>>
12.	Hailu Bedanie	48	>>	>>	>>
13.	Teresa Debas	46	>>	>>	>>
14.	Tujuba Refera	47	>>	>>	>>
15.	Feyera Merera	17	20 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2016	>>	>>
16.	Berahnun Tamene	16	>>	>>	>>
17.	Hawi Gutu (Female)	18	27 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2016	>>	>>
18.	Amanuel Ephrem (student)	17	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015	Neqemte prison	>>
19.	Chara Getahun (student)	20	>>	>>	>>
20.	Mehadi Odomo Ibro	21	21 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2016	Me'iso W/ Police Station	>>
21.	Jemalo Aliye Abdurahman	33	>>	Me'so China Camp	>>
22.	Abdi Ibro Attire	35	>>	>>	>>
23.	Bedaso Abdela Beyiso	27	>>	>>	>>
24.	Aresh Mehammed Weday	19	>>	>>	>>
25.	Abdi Usman Bedaso	22	>>	>>	>>
26.	Elias Husen	22	>>	>>	>>
27.	Abdi Husen Ahmed	18	>>	>>	>>
28.	Hashemo Alay Seid	23	24 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2016	>>	>>
29.	Ise Abdulahi	42	>>	>>	>>
30.	Mehamed (Folol)	21	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan. 2016	>>	>>
31.	Lalo Ali Abdo	43	24 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2016	>>	>>
32.	Momina Amin	38	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2016	>>	>>
33.	Misru (Kora)	33	22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan. 2016	Me'iso W/ Police Station	>>
34.	Abde Sheka	21	>>	>>	>>
35.	Abdi	19	>>	>>	>>
36.	Nasser Ushe	32	25 <sup>th</sup> Jan. 2016	Me'iso W/ Police Station	Still detained
37.	Yedota	24	>>	>>	>>
38.	Mu'edin Ermias	21	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015	Mesela Police Station	>>
39.	Aliye Jemal	30	>>	>>	>>
40.	Abdu Malin	28	>>	>>	>>
41.	Yesuf Juhar	25	>>	>>	>>
42.	Gizachew Dosa	70		Abuna (Gindeberet)	>>
43.	Fitta Gesese			>>	>>
44.	Worqu Abebe			>>	>>
45.	Leta Wordofa			>>	>>
46.	Mesu Dechasa			>>	>>
47.	Daba Dechasa			>>	>>
48.	Mamom Dechasa			>>	>>
49.	Hachalu			>>	>>
50.	Teshome Regasa			A.A. Central Investigation	>>
51.	Beyucha Waqa			>>	>>
52.	Gelana Beshana		7 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 2016	Jeldu Police Station	>>
53.	Bachu Bededa		>>	>>	>>
54.	Gudu Waqtola		>>	>>	>>
55.	Zebeay Kebede (Fem.)		>>	>>	>>
56.	Habtam Teklu		>>	>>	>>
57.	Zeru Abera		>>	>>	>>
58.	Rosa Gebisa		>>	>>	>>
59.	Rabira Bultume		>>	>>	>>
60.	Na'el Dibaba (student)	23	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015	Wolliso prison	Detained at Central Investigation
61.	Se'ada Mati (Fem. student)	22	>>	>>	>>
62.	Girma Chala (student)	24	>>	>>	>>
63.	Tsegaye Endale (student)	23	>>	>>	>>
64.	Alemu Uruma (student)	25	>>	>>	>>
65.	Girma Urga (student)	24	>>	>>	>>
66.	Endalkachew Genene (student)	22	>>	>>	>>





No	Name & Occupation	Age	Detention Date	Detention place	Current status
67.	Worqneh Kebede (lawyer)	40	>>	>>	>>
68.	Abush Fetteima (student)	19	>>	>>	>>
69.	Fekadu Daba (teacher)	35	>>	>>	>>
70.	Bogalech Bekele (housewife)	37	>>	>>	>>
71.	Daniel Worqneh (student)	20	>>	>>	>>
72.	Daniel Mandebo (student)	21	>>	>>	>>
73.	Feyera Shigutte (civil servant)	28	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2016	>>	Still detained at Wolliso prison
74.	Tamru Bogale (teacher)	30	>>	>>	>>
75.	Sisay Alemu (teacher)	30	>>	>>	>>
76.	Wogera Sheleme (teacher)	32	>>	>>	>>
77.	Driba Jebesa (teacher)	22	>>	>>	>>
78.	Tamru Bekele (teacher)	28	>>	>>	>>
79.	Tsegaye Endale (self-employed)	29	>>	>>	>>
80.	Fufa Feyera Yadesa (Medrek Secretary)	30		Dire Inchini & Gurtra (Ameya Woreda)	Detained at Central Investigation
81.	Demena Yimanu Toba (farmer)	31		>>	Detained at Wolliso prison
82.	Lencho Yimenu Toba (self-employed)	23		>>	>>
83.	Zerihun Taye (self-employed)	30	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec. 2015	>>	>>
84.	Adamu Dagne (self-employed)	24	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015	>>	>>

## 6.5 Forced Disappearance

No.	Name and occupation	Age	Date disappeared	Remarks
1.	Demise Gabisa Herpa	22	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	Taken away by security men
2.	Kebede Chemeda (teacher)	45	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	>>
3.	Adisu Aklil	40	11 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	Whereabouts unknown
4.	Feyera Gudeta	42	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2016	>>
5.	Yohannes Guta	40	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	>>
6.	Menge Gudeta		11 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	>>
7.	Motuma Geyera (farmer)	30		Displaced from Ameya and whereabouts unknown
8.	Gelana Yimenu Toba (farmer)	26		>>
9.	Feyera Yimenu Toba (student)	24		>>
10.	Umeta Yimenu Toba (self-employed)	23		>>
11.	Tame Likisa Toba (student)	27		>>
12.	Lencho Yimenu Toba (self-employed)	25		>>

## 6.6 Arson Attack and Dislocation

Following the demonstration against the Master Plan, a few protesters in Ameya Woreda of Southwest Shewa Zone burnt down, on December 12, 2015, the homes and property of Amhara local residents who have been living in the Woreda's various Kebeles such as Kunno Qullit (Qersa Qullit), Worre Wogeri (Bereda), and Abile Medhanealem for over 30 years. Due to this attack, many people were dislocated from their homes and fled to Hudad 2, Darge, Walga and Wolqitte towns. Over 300 farmers dislocated from Kunno Qullit Kebele were sheltered for about a week at "Hullu Yimmar" School in Wolliso town and provided with emergency aid by the Red Cross. Human Rights Council staff were also able to witness over 500 dislocated farmers sheltered at Darge and Kudad 1 Kebeles. Witnesses reported that over 800 homes were destroyed by arson attack.





Following these arson attacks, a number of Amhara farmers retaliated by burning down the homes of 96 Oromo farmers in Kunno Qullit Kebelle. The victims of these attacks and counter-attacks reported that this incitement of one people and against another were committed mainly by a few wealthy local individuals who wanted to grab the lands of the victims and the encouragement of some local officials.

Amharas and Oromos in Ameya Woreda have been living together in harmony, tied with bonds of marriage and friendship, for a long time. Despite the recent strains, the Amharas and Oromos were eventually able to hold joint meetings and condemned the arson attacks on both sides. They elected elders to prevent the recurrence of any such future conflicts and are currently rebuilding the homes destroyed by the arson attacks.

The following list presents the victims of arson attacks that the HRC investigators were able to identify.

No.	Victim's name	Place of attack	Date of attack	Property attacked
1.	Ayalqbet Aytey Giza	Bereda Chululo Kebelle	Night of 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	Tatched-roof house
2.	Yabru Zeleke	>>	>>	>>
3.	Getaw Shita	>>	>>	>>
4.	Lewttegne Eshete	>>	>>	>>
5.	Tadesse Woldehana	>>	>>	>>
6.	Abowoy Chingil	>>	>>	>>
7.	Adaw Sebayu	>>	>>	>>
8.	Abere Lema	>>	>>	>>
9.	Awlachew Sisay	>>	>>	>>
10.	Suret Tadesse	>>	Night of 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2015	>>
11.	Getaw Imiyu	>>	>>	>>
12.	Gezu Battqi	>>	>>	>>
13.	Deneqew Beqelet	>>	>>	>>
14.	Hulum Taye Deneqew	>>	>>	>>
15.	Sahmbel Ayele	>>	>>	>>
16.	Lawgalet Altaye	>>	>>	>>
17.	Demise Mebre	>>	>>	>>
18.	Getachew Negash	>>	>>	>>
19.	Asema Getahun	>>	>>	>>
20.	Ayalew Girma	>>	>>	>>
21.	Asebe Cherinet	>>	>>	>>
22.	Fekadu Teqil	>>	>>	>>
23.	Kabtamu Chanu	>>	>>	>>
24.	Abere Kiflelemariam	>>	>>	>>
25.	Mengesha Teklemariam	>>	>>	>>
26.	Gelamtte Tadesse	>>	>>	>>
27.	Wondimsisha Gebreyes	>>	>>	>>
28.	Gizachew Engidaworq	>>	>>	>>
29.	Merigeta Kidanemariam	>>	>>	>>
30.	Tiruneh Kiflelemariam	>>	>>	>>
31.	Getaw Minda	>>	>>	>>
32.	Ayele Abere	>>	>>	>>
33.	Ewawey Abiye	>>	>>	>>
34.	Belete Kiflelemariam	>>	>>	>>
35.	Endeshaw Kiflelemariam	>>	>>	>>
36.	Negussie Worqalemahu	>>	>>	>>
37.	Gorems Amare	>>	>>	>>
38.	Birru Wondimagegne	>>	>>	>>
39.	Shiferaw Ababoy	>>	>>	>>
40.	Misawoy	>>	>>	>>





No.	Victim's name	Place of attack	Date of attack	Property attacked
	Wondimagegne			
41.	Abebe Yabru	>>	>>	>>
42.	Ababoy Tamiru	>>	>>	>>
43.	Getaw Tenkir	Bero Muriya Kebelle		
44.	Aschenaqi Taye	>>	>>	>>
45.	Getaw Mengist	>>	>>	>>
46.	Agizew Gulite	>>	>>	>>
47.	Dejen Asegid	>>	>>	>>
48.	Aweqe Qittaw	>>	>>	>>
49.	Wudsew Begele	>>	>>	>>
50.	Getwoy Begele	>>	>>	>>
51.	Getaw Mamo	>>	>>	>>
52.	Zelegaw Derebe	>>	>>	>>
53.	Teshome Asegid	>>	>>	>>
54.	Besufeqad Mengesha	>>	>>	>>
55.	Assefa Agmas	>>	>>	>>
56.	Sintayehu Tesema	>>	>>	>>
57.	Abebe Zenebe	>>	>>	>>
58.	Awarris Bezie	>>	>>	>>
59.	Alemu Mamuye	>>	>>	>>
60.	Wolde Aberra	>>	>>	>>
61.	Chalew Alemu	>>	>>	>>
62.	Aschalew Wondirad	>>	>>	>>
63.	Destaw Mulat	>>	>>	>>
64.	Adise Mulat	>>	>>	>>
65.	Terefe Laqew	>>	>>	>>

## Government Information about Loss of Lives and Destruction of Public and Private Property

According to the information received from administrative sources in the Oromia Regional State, several Peasant Association offices, Police Sub-Stations, Farmers Training Halls in various parts have been destroyed in the course of the protests against the integrated Master Plan. Over ten trucks belonging to Dangote cement factory and one public transport bus estimated at 1.7 million birr were burnt down.

However, although we requested in person the Government Communication Office, the Federal Police Commission, the Oromia Police Commission and the Oromia Regional State for information on the extent of the damage caused in relation to the protests, they have told us that they couldn't provide us with information as they were in the process of compiling their data.

The response of the West Shewa Zone, Southwest Shewa Zone, Finefine Zuria Special Zone's Burayu town and Sululta town administration and police officials is as follows:

- The loss of lives is under investigation and the information will be released when the work is completed;
- Three policemen were killed in Abuna town of Gindeberet Woreda, while two were wounded by shooting and are receiving hospital treatment;
- 142 detainees brought from various Woredas of West Shewa Zone are currently held in Ambo and Addis Alem prisons.





## Conclusion

The extra-judicial killings, bodily injuries, damages to property, illegal detentions, disappearances and other violations presented in the HRC's 140<sup>th</sup> Special Report cover only the period from 11 November 2015 to February 20, 2016 in the 33 Woredas listed in the earlier section. However, the protests have continued in places such as Aje, Shashamenie, and Kofele in Arsi; Arjo, in West Wollega; Ambo and Guder in West Shewa; and reports of violations are still being received by the Human Rights Council. Cases of rape by members of government armed forces are reported in Ambo, Jeldu, and Gindeberet. Despite the heavy presence of the police and the army and the atmosphere of fear and suspicion prevailing in many such places, several local residents have reported to our investigators that in some places government armed men are conducting house to house searches at night and, in some cases, confiscating property during the search, committing other illegal acts of beating, threats, intimidation, and harassment.

The Human Rights Council demands that the government urgently address these complaints, investigate the violations through an independent body, bring to justice those committing these offences, properly compensate victims, take measures to prevent the repeat of these offences and provide adequate protection to its citizens.

During the protests in Arsi, Orthodox, Protestant, and Catholic churches were burnt down in various Woredas. In view of the danger such atrocities pose to peace and stability in the country, the Human Rights Council demands that the government take urgent and appropriate measures to stop these destructions and bring the perpetrators to justice.

The Human Rights Council believes that it has to conduct wide-ranging investigations in all the places of Oromia Region where the crisis has occurred. Therefore, the HRC requests victims' families, victims, and all other citizens who desire to contribute to the protection of human rights to provide reliable information and other evidence to the HRC and report to it without fear and hesitation any violation of rights they have encountered or witnessed. The HRC also calls upon all citizens supporting the HRC's human rights causes to provide it with the necessary support required for successful investigations and the reporting of its findings.

## Urgent Measures Needed

The Human Rights Council recognizes that extra-judicial killings committed in relation to the recent protests are in violation of Article 15 of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia which provides, "Every person has the right to life. No person may be deprived of his life except as punishment for a serious criminal offence determined by law." Hence,

- *The government's response to the demands of students and the people is, in this context, under no manner or standards acceptable to the Human Rights Council;*
- *Those persons and officials who have been instrumental to the loss of life, bodily injury, and damage to property under the pretext of the protest should be immediately brought to justice;*
- *Those detained illegally because of the protest should be released urgently;*
- *Compensation should be paid to the families of the victims of extra-judicial killings and the victims of bodily injury;*
- *In the event of future peaceful demonstrations by students and the people, the HRC calls upon the government to respect Article 30/1 of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia which provides, "Everyone has the right to assemble and to*





demonstrate together with others peaceably and unarmed, and to petition,” and to respond without violence to the peaceful demands of its citizens.

The Human Rights Council would also like to stress that when citizens use their constitutional rights to present their demands and complaints and when the government fulfills its duty to address their demands, both should respect and enforce the human and democratic rights of other citizens and legal persons. Any act of incitement of citizens against other citizens, launching attacks, and causing conflicts should be condemned under all circumstances. In particular, the Human Rights Council calls upon the government, opposition forces, all citizens, religious institutions, the mass media, and non-governmental organisations to contribute their share to promote tolerance, mutual support, and love among all nationalities/ethnic groups and religions.

The Human Rights Council (HRCO) also requests all citizens as well as national and international institutions that stand for the respect of human rights to write to the following addresses by urging the government to protect human rights:

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