Oromia is a slaughterhouse now

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Campaign against Oromo in Wallega kills 446 and overwhelms prisons; demonstrators and innocent bystanders killed in Walaita, Central and Eastern Oromia; politicians and media staff detained; prisoners taken out and executed; judicial independence threatened

Despite government attempts to block information getting into or out of Oromia Region, news of the continued slaughter of Oromo, although patchy - geographically and in time, manifests orchestrated campaigns against Oromo in Western Oromia, especially Qellem in SW Wallega, in January (81 killed) and in April/May (170 killed); in reaction to protests in Central Oromia after the killing of Qerroo icon, Hachalu Hundessa on 29 June (at least 67 killed) and at protests in Eastern Oromia in August (62 killed).

OSG has now recorded 1134 extra-judicial killings of civilians by government forces since three students were shot dead in Jimma Agaro in October 2018.

The campaign against OLF supporters, Qerroo/Qarre members and their families began in earnest in West and East Wallega in the last week of December 2018. Ten were killed in Wallega between 17-31 December 2018 (OSG Report 50, p.11). Although there were rumours of ‘substantial numbers’ killed on 23 December in Hararge, confirmed killings were not recorded until January 2019 (OSG Report 50, p.10).

The notions exist:
- that the pogrom in Wallega is a proportional response to armed rebellion by the Oromo Liberation Army
- that the use of live ammunition against demonstrators is justifiable to control mobs of rampaging Oromo youth

These notions are simply no longer tenable. The consistent patterns of targeted killings of OLF and Qerroo/Qarre supporters and their families and the reckless killing - including children, women working in or from home, mentally disabled, homeless, bystanders - clearly demonstrate that this is careless persecution; certainly not crowd control.

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From October 2018 to December 2019, OSG has recorded 505 deaths at the hands of government forces, including 100 Qimant in Amhara Region and 150 Sidama in SNNPR. Excluding 56 killed in Benishangul-Gumuz by local militia, 104 of the remaining 199 Oromo killed were in Western Oromia, all except 5 from Wallega, mostly Qellem. The next highest body count in Oromia Region in 2019 was 72 in E and W Guji zones in the south.

During 2020 so far, Ethiopian security forces have killed at least 571 Oromo in Oromia and 58 Walaita in SNNPR. No fewer than 342 have been killed in western Oromia alone during 2020, all except 13 in Wallega, again mostly in Qellem, where support for the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) is strong.

From December 2018 to present, 446 have been killed in Western Oromia - 104 before the end of 2019 (not including 56 in killed in conflict with Behishangul-Gumuz) and 342 in 2020. Out of the 446 killed in Western Oromia, 421 were killed in Wallega, 322 in 2020.

Killings during protests at the murder of Hachalu Hundessa (p.1 OSG Report 52), although probably under-recorded, are reflected in the 81 killed in Central Oromia in June and July. However, OSG received information on fewer deaths elsewhere in Oromia in those months. In all, demonstrations within three days of the assassination claimed at least 67 lives.

There was a marked spike in killings in East and West Hararge, and Arsi zones in August. Sixteen died in Arsi. (p.6), and 55 were killed in Hararge.(pp. 12-13) from 17 to 24 August. Demonstrations on 17 August, which prompted the armed response, may have been due to the apparent illness of Jawar Mohammed, media star/ politician for the Oromo Federalist Congress (OFC), during his court appearance that day. Demonstrations on 18 August across Eastern Oromia were probably pre-planned, however.

The brutality described in the following pages matches the worst behaviour of security forces during the TPLF hegemony from 1992 to 2016. Qerroo/Qarre activists, exposed during the brief months of safety, have been systematically eliminated or detained. Tens of thousands have been detained in Wallega and prisons are so full that private houses - such as Kumsa Moroda’s palace in Nekemte (most recently a museum) - are being used to hold detainees.

The detention of OLF and OFC officers and supporters, journalists and staff of independent Oromo media such as OMN and ONN and the violent suppression of dissent in all regions - Qimant in Amhara Region, Sidama and Walaita in SNNPR - are, however, not the only indications of increasing authoritarianism.

Deliberate and illegal bureaucratic hurdles stopped the release of OLF detainees for the first four days after court orders to release them on bail from Sululta District Court on 4 September. Documents and bail money were deposited on 8 September but only four were eventually released including Dr Shigut Geleta, OLF Foreign Affairs spokesman, around 12 September. He is shown above right, before and after detention. His appearance is sufficient comment on the conditions of detention. On 23 September, seven more were released, two disappeared in custody, one was charged and ten remanded in custody (p.7).
Disregard for rule of law and the independence of the judiciary is growing again. President of Oromia Region Supreme Court Dassa Bulcha (left) and Vice-President Mohammed Nure were arbitrarily removed in March and replaced. There has been widespread harassment of judges, prosecutors and lawyers for either alleged leniency to political prisoners or informing them of their rights at interview and in custody. At least 20 judges have been arrested and detained in Wallega, W Oromia, in the last two years, especially in Qellem. Three judges, two prosecutors and two lawyer are among those recently arrested.

A District Prosecutor and a lawyer involved with the trial of OLF detainees at Sululta District Court were detained briefly. Judge Kamil Siraj (right), Gindhir district, Bale zone, remains in custody, along with an attorney and a prosecutor, for ‘supporting’ detained protestors. Two judges in Adama Tullu District Court criminal bench (E Showa) Judges Nuri Abiyo and Ahmed Seid, were arrested when walking to their court on 14 July.

In Ethiopia, judges have immunity from arrest and detention, unless caught in the act of committing a crime or decided otherwise by the Judicial Commission. Judges Nuri and Ahmed were criticised the day before their arrest, for releasing suspects on bail and thereby ‘creating problems for the police and prosecutors’, releasing prisoners before police had time to build cases against them and for informing prisoners of their rights. When they appeared at E Showa High Court on 22 July, the judges were accused of ‘supporting enemies of the government’ and creating public disorder in Adama after the assassination of Hachalu Hundessa on 29 June. They remain in detention.

Of greater and more sinister significance than police refusing to obey court orders to release detainees on bail is detainees in police custody being taken from prisons and executed by defence forces. Lawyers’ reports are corroborated in Report 52 (p.16) which described the removal from Wanjo Police Station, W Wallega, of Kabana Ebisa and his execution on 14 May. The current report describes four instances of soldiers removing detainees from police custody and summarily executing them - Kayo Abose from prison in Dembi Dollo, Qellem, on 26 May (p.22), Diriba Dangila in Ambo, W Showa, 23 August (p.6), and Imana Hasan and Muaaz Muse from Chiro Police Station, W Hararge, on 29 August (p.13).

As well as these deliberate, targeted killings, the behaviour of the security forces - National Defence Force, Regional Liyu Police, local police - display a callous contempt for the lives of citizens. Undisciplined soldiers have been filmed dancing with glee in front of homes they have burnt down - a video which has been widely circulated on social media, but not accurately ascribed.

Imams have been shot while praying in their Mosque (p.6) and while officiating at funeral services for victims of government violence (p.13).

Many protestors have been shot in the head or chest (p.28), which indicates deliberation, but many deaths appear to be due to indiscriminate spraying with bullets. Among the dead are street children, the homeless and destitute, those with mental disabilities, and women working in their homesteads or merely out shopping (pp.11-12, 21, 28-29).
Scorn for the value of an Oromo life reached new heights with the shooting of mother of four Amsalu Gudeta (left) in Lalo Asabi, Qellem, on 20 May (OSG Report 52, p.17). It has since been reported that this was the result of a frivolous wager - whether or not the marksman could kill her with a single shot (see p.21).

The behaviour of government security forces is different from that of police and soldiers during the years of TPLF dominance. Rape of female detainees was then standard: about half of all female detainees were raped (OSG Report 49 (South Africa), pp.21-22, 28-29). But rape was rarely used to terrorise the public in Oromia by the TPLF. The gang-rape by soldiers of an eight year old girl in a military camp in Mandi (p.23) and of five schoolboys, aged 14-17, in an E Guji military camp (p.27); the use of Oromo children as disposable entertainment; are examples of behaviour hitherto unseen in Oromia (although reported in the Ogaden).

Torture and killing methods have also changed. At least 75% of men and 50% women were tortured in detention during the TPLF hegemony (OSG Report 49, p.20). However, removing eyes, cutting throats and amputating genitalia of living young men (pp.5, 26, this report) and removing heads of corpses (OSG Report 52, p.14) were not common patterns of mistreatment under the TPLF.

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FINFINNEE/ADDIS ABABA and CENTRAL OROMIA

Killings

OSG in Australia, (OSGA), on 12 September, reported the following killings; all of those which are not ascribed to other sources.

OSGA recorded three killings by Federal Defence Forces in March and April in N Showa:
Miliyon, a teacher, Darra district, killed on 5 March
Tolosa Tullu, Yaya Haro, Selale, killed on 8 March
Habtamu Nuguse Robi, Leman Caraqiti, Dukem, N Showa, was detained on 12 April and tortured. He died from injuries on 25 April.

OSGA named two killed in May:
Ramata Jamal Tarfasa was a driver in Nekemte, E Wallega, who was detained many times in the past. He disappeared in early May. His dead body was found in Finfinnee on 16 May.
Amana Dadhi, a university student from Kuyu N Showa was killed on 23 May. ‘First, they amputated his genital organ, then his both eyes were taken out while still alive, and finally killed him.’

Bekele Bidira, an OLF member at the OLF office in Bole, Finfinnee, who disappeared from detention in Burayu in March (p.7) was killed on 3 June (Gadado 19 September).

Gadado published on 6 September the names of some of those killed and injured during protests in the two days following the killing of Hachalu Hundessa on 29 June. The following were killed in Ambo, W Showa, on 30 June:
Burte Dhinsa
Alaminesh Ishetu
Solomon Ta’ina
Dadhi Gutu
Bilisumma Taku
Yihune Daniel
Dabala Alamu
Kumala Qabata
Yerosan Lami
Dina’ol Kabada
Bona Baqala
Baqala Lachisa
Rata Tadasa
Gadise Lachisa

Gadado named another 11 from Ambo who had bullet wounds.

The following were killed in Adama, E Showa, on 30 June:
Marsha Daraje
Xilahun Getachew
Gazanyi Tsegaye
Dhugo Shumi
Mohammed Biftu
Taju Haji
Jibril H/Mohammed
Yusuf Sulti
Bayan Aman

Killed in Shiraro, Arsi, on 30 June - Dalimo Gishe and Bonsa Alemayo
Killed in Qore, S Arsi, on 30 June - Abdu Shukur Ibrahim and Arabe Sh/Abdulqadir

The following were killed in Dodola, S Arsi, on 1 July:
Muzayam Hebo
Mohammed Arsee
Mohammed Koroji
Mohammed Nabi
Warqitish Fariqo
Jamal Shubise
Bilal Mohammed
Mohammed Shakiso
Gudata Gamachis
Musxafa Shira
Gamachis Inki

Another 24 from Dodola were wounded by gunfire.
Dilbi Merera (left), an OLF member, was taken by soldiers from his home in Bako town, W Showa, at 10.00pm on 14 August. He was shot dead and his body (also right) was found in the bush in Anno district, E Wallega, next day (Gadado).

In Gedeasasa, W Arsi, local Imam Sheikh Umar Taweel and his wife were among five civilians shot dead on 18 August (see right). Their 3 month old infant died later (Addis Standard 19 August, HRLHA, Gadado). Earlier that day, the deputy Imam at a local Mosque was shot and injured when inside the Mosque (Addis Standard).

People who gathered on the street in Shashemane, W Arsi, on 17 August, started chanting ‘free Jawar’ and were fired upon indiscriminately by Oromia Special Forces. A teacher at Kuyera elementary school was fatally shot in the head and two others were shot dead according to Addis Standard.

In Asasa, SW Arsi, the following were killed 17-19 August:
Sanane Hussein
Abdulkarim Amin
Sheikh Umar Xawi
Fatuma (wife of Sheikh Umar)
Ramadan Kadir

Usa Kedir (right) from Koale district, Arsi, was shot in the back of the neck and killed by security forces on 22 August (Gadado).

Sheikh Kiyar Tajudin (left) was shot dead by security forces when praying in his Mosque on 23 August in Shashemane town, SW Arsi.

Diriba Dangila, from Ilu Galan Ijaji, W Showa, had been detained in Ambo Police Station for several months. He was taken from police custody by security forces during the night of 23 August, summarily executed and his body (right) thrown in the bush (Gadado).

Ms Qalkidan Getachew was killed by military forces in Ali town, Dukem district, N Showa, on 28 August. Her body was found later in the bush (Gadado).

Awel Abdurahman was killed by security forces in Adaba district, Arsi zone, on 7 September (Gadado - 19 September).
Arbitrary arrest and detention

*Gadado* reported on 6 September that 43 OLF leaders and members were being held in underground cells in the Prosperity Party branch office at 6th Kilo in Finfinnee. Most had been re-arrested on 3 July but many were detained several months previously, including Abdi Regassa who has remained in detention since the round up of OLF officials on 24 and 29 February (*OSG* Report 52, p.6).

The 43 being held in underground cells at 6th Kilo were:

Abdi Regassa
Mikael Boran (Baqala)**
Dr Shigut Geleta*
Col Gemechu Ayana**
Kenasa Ayana**
Lammi Begna**
Dawit Abdeta**
Oba Abdissa**
Abdulqafar (Abdulkadir) Umar Kadir**
Chala Tamiru♦
Judge Adola Chuluken♦
Anisa Addisu Getachev♦
Milkessa Waqir♦
Dhava Wayuma Bulto**
Mohammed Surur
Madeksa Fixe*
Bekele Abdeta♦
Bekele Demise* ●
Adugna Dibaba♦
Aboma Bekele♦
Cheneqa Alemu,* ● policeman
Bira/Berhanu Dhaba**

Legal representatives informed *OSG* on 20 and 23 September and *Gadado* informed *OSG* on 13 September that those above marked with an asterisk * together with Teshome Solomon ●, were granted bail - 15,000 Birr for each of 26 of the detainees and 10,000 Birr for another six - on 4 September but were not released for over eight days.

Representatives have also demanded in vain under habeas corpus the release of those held beyond the 15 day legal limit, who are marked with a diamond thus ♦.

Four were released around 12 September, including Dr Shigut Geleta. Sululta District Court released another seven on 23 September (marked thus: ●). On 23 September *Kamal (Fekadu) Hundesa and Demise (Tulu) Benti* were taken to an unknown place of detention. Another, Bote Tolcha, was charged with an as yet unspecified crime and jailed, and ten were remanded in custody until 10 October by the court, marked with a second asterisk thus: **.

*OSGA* reported the disappearance in detention of OLF officials Aman File and Gada Gabisa from Burayu after their arrest on 7 March and of Bikila Bidira and Bonsa Befekadu from Burayu after their arrest on 11 March. Bikila Bidira was killed (p.5).

*OSGA* reported the following detainees in addition to those reported previously.
In Bako, W Showa, 30 March:
Dilbi Marara
Temesgen Asmara
Dirirsa Abara in Burayu, Finfinnee, 3 April
Abdi Girma, Jaldu, W Showa, 6 April
Bonsa Nigatu, Bako, W Showa, 9 April
In Cholle, E Arsi on 18 April:
Dabala Tabila
Kabtamu Dagafa
Mohammed Hussein
Mohammed Abdule
Kassim Adam Boru
Amman Abdullahi
Lalisa Adamu in Fiche, N Showa, on 23 April
Lalisa Urgessa, Ambo, W Showa, 23 April
Fayisa Assefa and Obsuman Bitima Gudar, W Showa, 24 April
In Abuna Gindabarat, W Showa, on 24 April:
Tajaba Gondi
Taffe Garado
Lalisa Atomsa
Abebe Atomsa
Mash Aberra
Zewde Aberra
In Elfata, W Showa, on 24 April
Bushe Dalasa
Taddese Nagasa
Kebede Nagasa
In Sululta, Finfinnee, on 24 April:
Damis Mekonnen
Taso Abera
Tefera, father’s name unknown
Gammada Tamene, Sayo, W Showa - date not given
Dejene Hamda, Shashemane, W Arsi - date not given
Mohammed Dhalato, E Arsi - date not given

Two Oromo students at Selale University in Fiche, N Showa, who were detained in March and charged with the murder of an Amhara student at the university were sentenced on 8 August. *Gadado* wrote on 19 September that the trial was unfair, relying on false witness statements from the government. Amanuel Mamo and Feyisa Bekele were given 24 years in prison. The other detainees, Abera Felma, Dula Kotola, Leta Adamu, Lelisa Meseret, Mengistu Bekuma and Mosisa Tolosa await sentence.

Mrs Medina Hussein (above right), a teacher in Ejre district, W Showa, was taken by security forces on 1 July and her place of detention was still unknown when reported by *Gadado* on 6 September.

Melkamu Kinfu (left) was taken by security forces from his home in Finfinnee on 25 July (*Gadado*).

Abdi Gari Gobena (above right) was among many young Oromo taken to unknown locations by security forces on 12 August from Bishoftu, Qurqura and Dembi kebele (*Gadado*).
On 6 September Gadado reported the incommunicado detention of staff of the Oromia News Network (ONN), some of whose pictures are shown below. Addis Standard 10 September reported that 29 people taking part in a New Year programme at Kaku Mame restaurant, Arada, Finfinnee, were detained by police on 5 September. Seven were released. The remaining 22 were charged with inciting violence in collaboration with the Oromo Liberation Army in western and southern Oromia. The 22 included ONN journalists:
Dasu Dula, previously detained and released
Bahilu Nacho
Sora Jima
Sabontu Ahmed

ONN Camera crew:
Getacho Alemayo
Habtamu Abara

ONN Editors:
Bayisa Tura
Binyam Yonas

Sinbo Dajane (daughter of detained OFC politician Dajane Tafa)
Invited artists:
Calchis Abara
Wada Diro
Garuma Hunde

and other restaurant customers:
Ashenafi Minda
Tarafa Gizaw
Dani’el Abara
Yasin Faris
Indale Bagashaw

Gadado included another detainee - Ebise Negashu

Arrests and disappearances continued as OSG went to press. Gadado (19 September) reported the disappearance in custody of Taka Dheressa (left), a member of the OLF Youth Wing. He was taken from the Nefas Silk area of Finfinnee on 9 September.

Gadado listed names of some of those detained in Honqolo Wabe district, Arsi zone, since the protests following the killing of singer Hachalu Hundessa at the end of June and beginning of July:

Firomsa Feyisa
Leni Gemechu
Hasan Galato
Jemal Haji Husa
Haji Sheikh Tahir
Saliyo Hussein
Abdulaziz Hussein

Hamza Burqa
Sana Abdi
Ms Misra Abdi
Nasru Burqal
Kemal Sheikh Musa
Mohammed Jemal
Mamush Aman
Five men were killed in Dawe Harawa in Kemise, the administrative centre for the Oromo zone in Amhara Region, on 6 April, by Afar Region militia, supported by Federal Defence Forces (OSGA):

Aliye Hasan Muhitti
Hasan Jirra
Mohammad Aliyi

Businessman and father of one, Ali Moti (shown left, with his child) was stopped by regional police when driving through Gonder city for business reasons on 12 July. The police asked to see his ID card. When they saw that he was an Oromo, the police ‘shot him dead in broad daylight’ (OSGA).

Arbitrary arrest and detention

Four Oromo were arrested in Bate district, Wollo Oromo zone, on 13 August (Gadado):
Adam Qorama, OLF official in charge of branch office in Bate town
Seid Oumer Seid
Adam Guraali
Adam Bush
Addis Standard, 19 August, gave eye witness accounts of security forces chasing and shooting at demonstrators, with piles of bodies on the streets in Awaday and gunfire persisting throughout the 18th of August. The news magazine reported eight deaths and 15 injured in Awaday. In Chiro (Asebe Teferi), W Hararge, there were 29 admissions to the hospital on the 18th. 20 had gunshot wounds and nine had been severely beaten. Two, a 40 year old woman and a young man in his early 20s, died after being shot in the back.

In Dire Dawa, four were killed on the 18th and another shot dead by security forces at Lagar, in Dire Dawa, on 19th. Roads to Robe and Ginir cities in Bale zone were blocked and Oromia Special Police were 'chasing people into hiding' according to the Addis Standard. The magazine stated that activists had named 42 killed in Eastern and Central Oromia on 17 and 18 August alone.

Details of killings and detention from these protests are included in the data provided below by Gadado (6 and 19 September), Oromia Global Forum (19 August) and Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa (HRLHA, 20 August). Details of earlier killings, previously unrecorded by OSG, of three men on 1 March in E Hararge and of nine men on 10 March in W Hararge were provided by OSG in Australia (OSGA) on 12 September.

Killings

In Orda 3rd, Chinaksa district, E Hararge, on 1 March, Somali Region Special Forces killed three men (OSGA):
Ahmad Umar Ali
Kadir Ali Nasif
Shuyeb Mohammed Ahmed

On 10 March, Afar Region Special Forces killed nine men in Gimja Bet, Gumbi Bordede, W Hararge (OSGA):
Mohammed Amin
Mamush Fekadu
Mohammed Qumbi
Jamal Ali
Hussein Boru

Abdalla Shimere was shot dead in front of his family at his home in Mi’esso, W Hararge, on 29 June (Gadado).

Gadado listed 41 who had been shot and injured in Chiro, W Hararge, on 1 and 2 July, during protests against the assassination of Hachalu Hundessa on 29 June. Despite the number of recorded injuries, OSG has not been given names of those killed in Chiro in early July.

Gadado reported two men killed in Dinsho, Bale, on 3 August: Muzayam Shamsi and Sufiyan Nuro H/Daye

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The organisation also reported the killing of two at Harar airport in Hararge on 7 August: Suleman Hasan and Fami Mohammed.

On 8 August, Hussein Jawar was shot dead at his home, in front of his family, in Mi’esso, W Hararge (Gadado).

The following were killed at or following demonstrations on 17-19 August.

Awaday, E Hararge (among 17 reported killed by HRLHA):

Tahir Amin Ahmed
Ms Lami (pregnant)
Muaze Mansur
Fize Abdisa
Nabila/Nahili Aliyi Ibsa (10 yr old bystander - right)
Hamdiya
Ahmednur (3rd yr student at Rift Valley University)
Abdurashid Mohammed
Matakasha, Tule district, E Hararge:
Ms Asantu Aliyi Bakare, 15
Nure Awel, 19
Ms Sada Taha, 15
Haramaya district, E Hararge:
Jemal Abdi Tune (12th grade student)
Qindessa Yuya/Yusuf (right)
Ibsa Abdi Galo
Afandi Yusuf
Dire Tiyara (Airport), Harar, E Hararge:
Mahdi Umar
Farid Abdi
Akame Jamal Hasan
Fuad Abdulkarim

Others killed 17-19 August at the following places in East Hararge include:
Kombolcha: Abdi Safi (from Malla Raafu), Munir Ziyad and Hamza Musxafa
Qarsa district: Shade Ebrahim (Watar town), Fami Mohammed Adam and wife and Kadir Abdulla Adam
Dire Dawa: Nuradin Abduljabar and Farahan Ali (Laga Hare)
Ugaz Lenchà: Mohammed Rashid Amin and Yusuf Mohammed Yusuf
Deder: Bariso Kamal
Jarso: Ms Biftu Abdi

In West Hararge:
Qarsaa (Kersa): Fami Mohammed Adam
Asebot/Mi’esso district: Mahdi Jemal Ibro, Murtessa Aliyi and Dangago Adam
Chiro: Aqindi Mohammed and Dahabo Usmael
Hirna: Kuma Ibrahim
Doba: Dargago Kadir
Galamso: Nasir Nure
70 year old Amin Adam (right), Dire Dawa, E Hararge, was killed by security forces on 19 August because he was a suspected supporter of the OLF (Gadado).

In West Hararge, Beki Aliyi Ibro was killed in Chiro on 22 August and Mohammed Kalil Haji was killed in Galamso on 23 August (Gadado).

On 24 August, Mohammed Ame was taken at 10 pm by soldiers from his home in Qullubi (Kulubi) town, E Hararge, and killed. His body (above left) was found in the bush next morning (Gadado).

Two prisoners in Chiro Police Station, W Hararge, were taken by soldiers from custody in the police station and summarily executed on 29 August (Gadado). OLF member Imana Hasan (left) had been held since 2019. His body was later found in the river. Muaaz Muse, a known OLF supporter (shown above right, in life displaying an OLF flag, and his body, below right) had been detained since 26 August before being executed.

Sheikh Abdullah Mohammed was conducting the burial of another victim of the security forces when he was shot dead by soldiers on 24 August in Badessa town, W Hararge. His body is shown left (Gadado).

Ten year old Museba Taha (right) in Gereda, Haromaya district, E Hararge, was killed on 2 September. Security forces came to her home threatening and demanding money from her father Taha Usmael. When soldiers threatened to shoot him, Museba ran to her father, embracing him and begging the soldiers not to shoot. She was shot dead on the spot. (Gadado, 19 September)

Gadado also reported on 19 September that Hamza Gutema (above left) was killed in Dire Dawa, E Hararge on 8 September.

**Arbitrary arrest and detention**

OSGA recorded detentions in Hararge zone between 8 and 14 April and in Bale zone on 21 April.

Detained in Bedeno, E Hararge, on 8 April were:

- Ibsa Kelifa
- Mohammed Ibrahim
  - In Karsa, E Hararge, 8 April:
- Feisal Musa
- Mume Adam
- Sultan Jamal
- Murtesa Mohammed
- Ame Haso
In Chalanko city, Meta district, E Hararge, 9 April:
Abdelle Yuye
Ahmed Yuye
Jafar Aliyi

In Burka, Gola Oda district, E Hararge, 9 April:
Lenjisa Boke
Kemal Lucho/Bayisa
Arif Mohammed

In Hirna, Tullo district, W Hararge, on 9 April:
Jamal Kemal
Nasir Abba

In Karsa, E Hararge, on 10 April:
Thofik Abdallah
Firomsa Aliyi

In Karsa on 12 April:
Thofik /Lencho Ture

In Kara Mille, Goro Gutu district, E Hararge, on 13 April:
Burka Lencho
Jamal Kanke
Abdallah Adam
Kilenso Aliyi

In Dobba, W Hararge, on 13 April:
Ibrahim Yassin
Yuye Ahmad
Abdi Amin
Yonis Amma

In Masala, Shanan Dhugo district, W Hararge, on 13 April:
Sule Ahmad
Ismael Mohammed
Usman Habi Bakar
Mohammed Ahmad Muktar
Laziz Mohammed Amin
Abdurahman Haji
Aliyi Bakar
Ibrahim Ahmad Muse
Nadi Amma
Aisha Muktar
Aisha Sadiki Barento

In Chalanko city, Meta district, E Hararge, on 14 April:
Nadhi Ahmad

In Dobba, W Hararge, on 14 April:
Jamal Zachariah
Sultan Musa
Najo Jamalu

In Robe, Bale, on 21 April:
Dachas Roba
Abdi Hussein
Jeti Hussein

Mogolbus Dina was detained in Agarfa, Bale on 21 April.
Information about detentions since April 2020 has not emerged from Eastern Oromia except the detention of High School teacher Shanlama Kalbessa who was abducted to an unknown place by security forces from Facha’a district, Hararge, on 14 August (Gadado).

**WESTERN OROMIA**

**Killings**

*OSG* Report 52 included the killing of 109 civilians in Western Oromia. Five were late reports of killings in 2019. The remaining 104 occurred in January to June 2020, mostly in April (54) and May (40).

Reports are delayed because of the government telecommunication shutdown. Out of 241 newly reported killings in Western Oromia in this report (OSG Report 53), 3 were in 2019 and 238 in 2020, mostly in January/February (80/37 respectively) and April/May (29/47).

The cumulative total of killings recorded so far in Western Oromia for 2020 is therefore 342. More may have been killed at the end of June and beginning of July during protests at the killing of Hachalu Hundessa on 29 June, but no details have been received.

Further details of victims and killings in Western Oromia already reported by *OSG* are also given in eight cases in this report.

Previously unrecorded killings by Federal Defence Forces especially in W Wallega were detailed by *OSG* in Australia (*OSGA*) on 12 September. Unless otherwise stated, all of the following killings were provided in that report. *Gadado* corroborated these in its second report on 19 September. This included a total of 288 named killings in the first six months of 2020, most in Western Wallega, especially Qellem in the Southwest. Additional information on the victims from *Gadado* is included where stated in the following:

**Abdi Wondimu, 12th grade student**

Warago Arsama, and

**Darasu Tasfa**, a newlywed bridegroom, were killed in Lalo Asabi, on 29 December 2019

Killed in Kuro village, Anfilo, on 1 January (*Gadado* stated February):

- Gammachu Shiferaw
- Yosef Gammachu
- Charana Tola
- Yazewu Mokennon

Yosef Egazu

Kennasa Ashebir

Yadata Ayana

Habtamu Shafe

**Efa Tammiru**, 2nd year Veterinary student at Wallega University, was killed on 1 January while on a semester break with his family in Dembi Dollo, in Qellem (SW Wallega).

**Kenasa Bodasa**, Tegi Galawo, Guliso district, was killed on 3 January.

**Egazu Tarfasa**, a 70 year old elder in Tulama Chanko, Hawa Galan, Qellem was killed by soldiers on 5 January.

**Thomas Bula**, also from Tulama Chanko, Qellem, was killed on 6 January. ‘His body was cut into pieces and found lying on the street.’

**Dagim Imiru Abose**, Nekemte, E Wallega, was shot dead ‘in daylight on the street’ on 7 January.
Killed in Gille, Jimma Horo, W Wallega, on 10 January:

**Shiferaw Hailu**
**Shula Dakku**

**Bona Nabiro**, Duli, Sayo district, Qellem, was *killed* by Federal Defence Forces 10 January. **Najjas**, father’s name not recorded, Dukaye, Anfilo district, Qellem, was *killed* by federal soldiers on 11 January.

On 18 January, Federal Defence Forces in W Wallega killed:

**Qana Yadata**, Lalo Udo, Hawa Galan or Yamalogi Walal, and

**Hirpha Tamene**, Tegi, Guliso district.

**Ebba Taddasse**, Tegi Galawo, Guliso district, was *killed* on 19 January.

**Abdi Moti** and **Etana Moti** were *killed* in Lalo Asabi, 20 January, and

**Dingata Hailu**, Lalo Udo, Hawa Galan, on 22 January.

**Gadado** 19 September added to those known to have been *killed* in Yamalogi Walal district in Qellem, SW Wallega, on 19 and 20 January:

**Kedir Aliyi** and **Dula Mari**, from Arbashi kebele, were *killed* on 19 and 20th respectively.

**Shawel Negash**, Gudina Mucho, was *killed* on 19 January.

**Ms Waritu Terfasa**, Lomicha Chabal, was *killed* on 20 January.

**Salasib Adugna** and

**Kadir Manush**, from Mugi town, Anfilo district, Qellem, were *killed* on 24 January.

Killed on 26 January:

**Bokosa Olika**, Mugi town, Anfilo

**Tita Silga**, civil servant, Garjeda, Qellem

**Ganjo Molla Gobana**, Gaba Kamisa, Garjeda

**Paulos Horro Ubur** (location in Qellem, SW Wallega, not specified)

**Kadir Ushe**, from Hawa Galan, and **Bulti Kitata**, from Kiltu Kara, were both *killed* on 29 January.

**Eight** men and women were *killed together* by Federal Defence Forces in a single incident in Yubdo, W Wallega on 29 January:

**Ms Shashe Nagasa**, 8 months pregnant

**Bikila Abebe**

**Nimona Abraham**

**Idris Jamal**

**Ms Kassahun Guta**

**Ms Birhane Lata**

**Wakenne Jalata**

**Dasse Namara**

At least **11 men and 10 women** were *killed* in Gidami, W Wallega, on 30 January:

**Abdiwak Arga**

**Ms Arfase Abdisa**

**Ms Bashatu Bodana**

**Chala Dangala**

**Bekele Gute**

**Gammachis Nadow**

**Ms Hawine Jalata**

**Ms Kanani Sarda**

**Kilole Dandi**

**Amanuel Kumara**

**Kuma Getachew**

**Ms Like Erena**

**Hamba Gadisa**

**Ms Galane Eticha**

**Dagaga Fita**

**Ms Garome Furi**

**Ms Dorge Boka**

**Chara Tolosa**

**Birmaduma Kebede/Bekele**

**Ms Bultume Disasa**

**Ms Bonsitu Akkati**
Also **killed** in W Wallega on 30 January:

- **Dabala** (father’s name not known), Alem Sillasie village, Sayo district
- **Dagim Etana**, Sayo district
- **Tolosa Aberra Fida**, Guliso. Tolosa’s body was found hanging in a tree with **two other persons whose identity is unknown**. Their bodies had been partly consumed by hyenas.

Killed on 31 January in Nejo town:

- **Jote Tadessa**
- **Tamiru Tadessa** (brothers)

Outside of W Wallega, **OSGA** recorded that **Guyasa Tesfaye**, from Gumbit, Dabo, Buno Bedele, Illubabor, was **shot dead** on 31 January

**OSGA** recorded the following **killings** in W Wallega at unspecified dates in January:

- **Abdu**, father’s name not recorded, from Shana, Dalle, Anfilo district
- from Hena in Anfilo district:
  - **Admasu Shasho**
  - **Kachoo Solomn**
  - **Tizazu Tamiru**
  - **Getahun**, father’s name unknown, and
  - **Chala Ayana**, Homa Bedeno district
  - **Take**, father’s name unknown, Mugi district

**Gadado** 19 September included another **killed** in January, **Miressa Benti**, Yubdo district, W Wallega.

**OSGA** recorded that in East Wallega

- **Naol Misgana**, a car mechanic from Muka Arara, Nekemte, and
- **Begna Nagasa**, from Jardaga Jarte, Horo Guduru, were **killed** on 1 February

**Killings** continued in W Wallega:

- **Dula Sanada**, Henche, Anfilo district, on 7 February
- **Habtamu Ragasa Gammachu**, Bikiltu Tokuma, Ghimbi district on 9 February
- **Hanbisa Jalata Dinka**, Siba Charo, Homa district on 12 February

**Milki Bacha** and

**Tilahun Kasahun**, from Lalo Koyi, Yamalogi Walal district, on 11 February

**Asfaw Tuba**, Dirqa Jabal, Gawo Kebe district, Qellem, on 13 February (**Gadado** 19 September).

**Cheru Elias**, Wabe village, Anfilo, Qellem, on 16 February

There were many more killings in Qellem, SW Wallega later in the month:

- **Galana Elias**, reportedly from Sichawo, Gawo Kembe, on 17 February (see below)
- **Daniel Elias**, from Dolla, Anfilo, on 18 February
- **Dereje Elias**, from Dolla, Anfilo on 18 February

Both **OSGA** and **Gadado** stated that Daniel and Dereje were brothers who were killed in the same incident and that Galana was killed one day earlier, elsewhere.

**Gadado** stated that **Tariku Kenesa** was **killed** in Sayo district, Qellem, on 19 February.
The following were killed in Dale Wabara district, Qellem, on 20 February:

**Elsay Dingata** (Cholle area)  
**Abraham Adero**

**Obsa Galalcha** (Chamo area)  
**Addisu**, father’s name unknown

**Darimu**, father’s name unknown  
**Boja**, father’s name unknown

Also killed on 20 February:  
**Melkamu Taddese**, from Golija, Haru, W Wallega  
**Dinka Basha**, from Boga, Waba-Ebba village, Anfilo district. Dinka’s body was burned and identified by his fiancée by a ring on his finger. His wedding was to take place in March.  
**Ashenafi Qana**, from Kore, Hawa Galan, Qellem. OSGA reported that the ‘soldiers cut both his leg and hand into pieces and left his body in the field’.

**Shano Musa**, from Ayira, W Wallega, was killed on 23 February  
**Tasfa Shakula**, from Malaya, Lalo Kile, Qellem, was killed on 24 February

The following from Qellem, SW Wallega, were killed on unspecified dates in February:  
**Waqkene Dagago** and  
**Dula Sanda**, from Henache, Anfilo (Dula’s name given by Gadado)  
**Ms Miheretu Waltaji**, Yarer, Anfilo  
**Matiwos**, father’s name unknown, Yarer, Anfilo  
**Redwan**, father’s name unknown, Koli, Anfilo (killed in January or February)  
**Hussein**, father’s name unknown, Shana, Dale,  
**Nato**, father’s name unknown, Mata, Esho, Sayo district  
**Dereje Galata**, a 16 year old boy, Dale Gare, Gidami district  
Four men from Yarer, Anfilo district:  
**Tamiru Assefa**  
**Hunduma Mosisa**  
**Tsegaye Yadata**  
**Chala**, killed with Hunduma

Another killing during February, reported only by Gadado on 19 September is that of  
**Yaikob Temesgen**, Hawusa, Yamalogi Walal district, Qellem.

**Obsa Belachew**, Dembi Dollo, Qellem, and  
**Ahmadin Tayibo**, 11th grade student, in Sigimo, Jimma zone, were killed on 1 March.  
Ahmadin’s death was recorded in OSG Report 52 but not his status as an 11th grade student.

In Illubabor zone, the first names of three killed by Federal Defence Forces in Dabo, Buno Bedele district, on 7 March:  
**Abdi**  
**Kasim**  
**Eshetu**  
In Qellem, SW Wallega, **Nabo Tadios**, Sudi, Anfilo district, and **Elias Gammachu**, Duliti, Sayo district, were killed on 9 March and  
**Kasahun Yadasa**, Abichu Shogo, Dembi Dollo district, was killed on 13 March.

**Daso Ayele**, Gahi, Anfilo district, Qellem, was killed on 13 March (Gadado 19 September).  
**Taka Alamayo**, Ambalta, Sayo district, Qellem, was killed on 16 March. On 16 and 18 March respectively, **Gonje Alamu** and **Garoma Tarfassa**, both young Qerro from Bubbuka village, Samaro, Sayo district, W Wallega, travelling on personal business, were suspected of links to the OLF and shot dead on the street by government soldiers.
In E Wallega, Horo Buluk, Foko, Horo Guduru, soldiers broke into the house of 60 year old elder **Gammachu Mul'ata** and ‘killed him with an automatic shooting’ on 17 March.

**Temesgen Raga**, Dale Gecho, Dala Wabara district, Qellem, was **killed** on 20 March;  
**Yaikob**, father’s name not recorded, Karo, Sayo district, Qellem, was **killed** on 24 March;  
**Etana Waltaji**, Yamalogi Walal, Qellem, was **killed** on 26 March (*Gadado* 19 September).

**Sadam Dhibarra**, Ganji, W Wallega, was **killed** by Federal Defence Forces at an unspecified date in February or March and  
**Gudata Tammiru Taddessa**, Golcha Halati, Haru district, W Wallega was **killed** sometime in March.

**Garoma Tefera**, Ripha Gute Soyama, and  
**Jemal Kedir**, Minko, both in Sayo district, Qellem, were **killed** on 1 April.  
**Rida Jemal**, Yangi Mogara, Sayo district, was **killed** on 2 April (*Gadado* 19 September).

**Ms Lenso Bulto** was isolated at home in Guliso, W Wallega, because both parents had been detained on suspicion of supporting the OLF. On 5 April, she became ill and **died** at home because there was nobody to take her for treatment.

Four were **killed** in Mojo, Hawa Galan district, Qellem, on 7 April (*Gadado* 19 September):  
**Diriba Aga** and his brother **Umer Aga**  
**Aliyi Mole**  
**Kifele Geleta**

**Ware Weni**, Fandacha, Anfilo district, Qellem, was **killed** on 14 April.  
Pastor **Etefa Takatu**, Badhaso, Gawo Kebe district, was **killed** on 15 April (*Gadado* 19 September).

**Shifa Bari**, Guliso, W Wallega, was **killed** on 18 April.

**Aliyi Abdulahi**, Oda Magarisa, Hawa Galan district, **killed** on 22 April  
**Gutema Qano**, and  
**Beyene Leta**, Muchucho Kobora, Boji Chokorsa district, Qellem, **killed** on 23 April. The killing of four others in the same kebele on 22-23 April was reported in *OSG* Report 52, p.15 (*Gadado* 19 September).

15 year-old **Yo’el Admasu**, Henache, Anfilo, W Wallega, was arrested with his father on their sugar plantation on 24 April. **Yo’el** was **shot dead** and his father sent home.

*OSGA* sent more detail of the killing on 24 April of **Yohanis Tiruneh** from Ganji Deebi, W Wallega (p.15, Report 52). He was arrested but taken home from detention and **shot dead in front of his family** (father’s name given as ‘Xuruna’ in current report).

**Feyisa Guyasa**, Choman, Daphno Hana district, Buno Bedele, Ullubabor, was **killed** on 25 April (*Gadado* 19 September).

**Gamachu Kidanu** was **killed** by soldiers in Nekemte, E Wallega, on 27 April.
The killing of 11th grade student Abraham Bulti on 27 April was reported in OSG Report 52 merely as ‘Abraham, Ghimbi’ (p.16). The youngster was from Wadesa Warqa, Ghimbi, W Wallega. OSGA also provided more information about the killing of Gurmu Tufa on 27 April (also p.16, Report 52). The 60 yr-old was a community elder in Batiro Coqorsa, Lalo Asabi, W Wallega, named Gurmu Tuli in the second report. After shooting him dead, security forces denied the family access to the body for several hours.

Gadado 19 September gave the full name of Ararsa Bekama, a young man from Nejo whose killing was reported in OSG Report 52 as ‘Arsarsa’ only (p.16).

OSGA reported the following four killings in W Wallega on 28 April. Each was shot dead by government soldiers. Three were killed in Wayu Gute, Guliso district:
Lalisa Faxana, 10th grade student
Gutu Itana, 6th grade student
Diriba Dagafa, farmer
Name Kumara, from Homo Walensu, Haru Sabu district, SW Wallega, was killed on the same day.

Gadado 19 September provided more names of those killed in Wallega on 28 and 29 April: Boresa, father’s name unknown, was from the same kebele as Lalisa and Gutu, above, and Dawit Fekadu was from Homa Giorgis, Homa district, Qellem. Both died on 28 April.
Four were killed in Ghimbi district:
Gamada Gudina and Lamessa Tafese died on 28 April
Aguma Asana and Talila Mekonnen died on 29 April.

Three previously unrecorded killings in W Wallega in the first four months of 2020, but otherwise undated:
Enahu Bekuma, Ganji district, killed while harvesting coffee on his farm
Eyasu Tola and Mitiku Aberra, Yamalogi Walal, Qellem.

Gadado 19 September named two killed on 1 May in Wallega:
Amanuel Etefa, Sayo district, Qellem, and
Tariku Lema, Haro Kobara, Begi district.

Two men from Dalle, Caffe Lakki, Yamalogi Walal district, SW Wallega, were killed by government soldiers on 2 May:
Wondimu Bunje
Taka Diriba

On 3 May, soldiers broke into the house of Dula Ebisa in Lalo Asabi district, W Wallega, and killed him in front of his parents.

Abdata Fayisa, Marache Wadabo (Birisha), Ghimbi district, W Wallega, was severely beaten on 3 May, taken into the bush and killed by government soldiers.

Garamu Gutama and his young son, Tasfaye, in Gudatu Haro, Nole Kaba district, W Wallega, were taken by security forces and killed in front of their house on 3 May.
Meseret Dhihessa was killed in Dembi Dollo town, Qellem, on 4 May (Gadado 19 September).

Isayas Kumsa, a 12th grade student from Yesus kebele, Homa district, W Wallega, was killed by government soldiers on 5 May.

After being held by government soldiers for one month, Yohanis Gadisa, from Dogoma, Yubdo district, W Wallega, was ‘taken to a field and killed’ on 9 May.

Eight more killings from 9-14 May in W Wallega were reported by Gadado on 19 September:

Hussein Adem Umer, Tulama Chanko, Hawa Galan district, Qellem, 9 May
Biqila Amanu, Wanjo village, Lalo Asabi, W Wallega, 9 May
Gabrele, father of 8, Ghimbi town, W Wallega, May
Tadele Seyum and
Temesgen Bobo, Yeti Qonqi, Anfilo district, Qellem, 14 May
Bodana Bulcha, Genji district, W Wallega, 14 May
Lijalem Abera, Gelawo Gute, Guliso district, W Wallega, 14 May
Qabana Ebisa, Wanjo town, Lalo Asabi, W Wallega, 14 May

Three men were killed by government troops in W Wallega 11 May. Two, Hika Xaso and Biqila Asafa, were from Ganji. The third, Obbo Gabre, was a father of 8 from Gaba Malifu, Ghimbi district.

Next day, 12 May, Samu’el Dararsu, from Busano Qaweso, Ganji, was ‘killed while travelling on a street’.

Two men were shot dead in Nawur Galawo, Guliso district, W Wallega, on 14 May and their bodies were left in a field:

Idosa Bula
Lijalem Mitiku

On 15 May, Ifa Hamba, from Guji Warabu, Guliso, W Wallega, was killed by government soldiers. One day later, on 16 May, in Ashi, Anfilo district, W Wallega, Binyam Waqjira was shot dead on the street while on his way to visit a family member.

Robel Iyasu and Ashenafi, both from Koli kebele, Anfilo district, Qellem were killed on 17 May (Gadado 19 September).

OSG in Australia collected more detail about the apparently motiveless killing of breast-feeding mother of four Amsalu Gudata (left), Kelay Birbir village, Lalo Asabi district, W Wallega, on 20 May (see p.17, Report 52). OSGA stated that she was killed ‘as entertainment’ by passing soldiers. One boasted about the accuracy of his shooting and said he could kill her with a single shot. A colleague bet him that he could not. She was killed by a bullet to the neck.

Qano Efrem was awaiting graduation from Wallega university when he was shot dead by government soldiers on 21 May. He was from Wanjo town, Lalo Asabi district, W Wallega. It is not recorded whether he was taken to the local military camp where Merga Negasa and Abay Qalbessa, also from Wanjo town, were taken before being
killed. Their killing was reported in Report 52 (p.18) to have been on 20 May. The deaths of all three were reported by OSGA to have been on 21 May.

Gamachu Baqala, a teacher in Lalo Qile district, SW Wallega, was killed on 20 May.

Within the space of one week around 21 May, three members of one family in W Wallega were taken one by one from their home and shot dead:
Hordofa Asana
Aguma Asana
Dawit Aguma Asana

On 22 May, Teshome Defa, Gille, Jima Horo district, Qellem, was killed (Gadado 19 September).

The killing of Kayo Abose, Dembi Dollo, W Wallega, on 26 May was reported in Report 52 (p.17). He was not taken from home, as previously reported, but was taken from prison on 26 May to the military camp where he was tortured before being killed.

Galata Birhanu, from Busano Sicho, Ganji, and Dawit Tarfa, from Nejo, W Wallega, were killed by government soldiers on 28 May. Three young men from Minko, Sayo district, W Wallega, were also killed on 28 May:
Ahmed Dagafu
Aruun Amaan
Desalenyi Jabesa

Bacha Semise, Yebo, Anfilo district, and
Said Aba Gojebe, Tulama Chanko, Hawa Galan district, W Wallega, were also killed on 28 May.

Badhasa Abdata, Wadessa Warqa, W Wallega, and
Waqjira Dinagda, Aleku Ayira, Yubdo district, W Wallega were killed on 30 May (Gadado 19 September).

Killed in May on dates unspecified by Gadado 19 September:
Debela Kebede, Lelisa Genji, W Wallega
Mathos Lucha and
Busa Wirtu, Bondao Dangi, Homa district, W Wallega
Yonas Gadisa, Chisa Bori, Yubdo district, W Wallega

Three were killed on 2 June in W Wallega (Gadado 19 September):
Tekilu Leta, Boku Asabi, Lalo Asabi district
Dereje Demise and an unidentified Oromo elder

Gadado listed on 6 September some of those who were killed on 30 June in protests at the killing of Hachalu Hundessa. The following were killed in Nekemte, E Wallega:
Idosa Oliqa
Mikael Nasir
Muzamel Adam
Dagafa Tolasa

The following were reported killed in Anfilo, W Wallega, on 17 July:
Taju Aliyi
Murad Abdalla
Hasan Abdi
Amanuel Fayisa
Obsa Waqo (right) from Nejo, W Wallega, was killed by security forces on 15 August, ‘being a suspected supporter of the OLF’ (Gadado).

Two men were killed by security forces in Bila town, W Wallega, on 18 August (Gadado) because they were suspected OLF supporters; Adugna Mulata and Mesfin Berhanu (left).

Gadado reported the following killings in Buno Bedele, Illubabor, in August (probably between 18 and 20 August):

**Ali Dima**
**Abdi Dima** (brothers)
**Abaso**
**Nasir Mohammed**
**Musa Ibrahim**
**Nuhi Adam**
**Tajudin Sheikh Mohammed**
**Imam Aba Naga**
**Adam Ibrahim**

A second report from Gadado on 19 September included the following killings by security forces:

**Adugna Negasu**, businessman (left)
**Gutema Jalata** and **Waqshuma Gudeta** were killed at home in their beds in Wanjo village, Lalo Asabi district, W Wallega during the night of 1 September.
**Ayana Girisa**, Anfilo district, Qellem, was killed on 4 September. He is shown right holding an OLF flag and in death.
**Lamessa Etana**, a farmer in Tobi, Gebi district, W Wallega, was killed by soldiers on his farm on 11 September, ‘being suspected OLF supporter’.

**Rape**

Eight year old Senate Ephraim (left) was taken from her home in Mandi town, W Wallega, on 30 August. Townspeople gathered together and demanded the child’s release from the military camp where she was taken. She was described as ‘between life and death’ after being gang-raped by soldiers (Gadado).

**Arbitrary arrest and detention**

OSGA reported the detention in Ano, Gobu Sayo district, E Wallega, on 30 March of:

**Mitiku Duresa**
**Mulugeta Wakoya**
**Zenebe Dinagde**

Chalchisa Chali
Barecha Shuge

Geremu Mekonnen, Shambu, Horo Guduru, E Wallega, was detained on 8 April.
Leggesse Abetu was detained in Nekemte, E Wallega, on 23 April.
Six were imprisoned from Saka Chokorsa, Jimma zone, on 24 April:
Abdo Abba Jobir               Mohammed A/Sambi Abdo
Khalifa Abbaa Fogi            Taju Abba Sambi
Ismael Khalifa               Seiyfu Yassin

Undated detentions in Awash Bishole, E Wallega, from March or April were also reported by OSGA:
Tilahun Yadata, Horo Guduru
Jabesa Hunduma, Jima Ganati, Horo Guduru
Tolosa Tulu, Kombolcha, Horo Guduru
Gammachu Chali, Limu Galila
Chimdesa Gofo
Bayisa Lami, Sasiga
Tilahun Mitiku, Nekemte

Four from Gida Ayana:
Ayana Mekonnen               Nagash Tafari
Gadisa Bekele               Lalise Guddina

Although not from E Wallega, the following were stated to be held in Awash Bishole:
Obse Teferi, Guliso, W Wallega
Sara Tarfa, Guliso, W Wallega
Gadisa Kenesa, Metu, Illubabor zone
Daniel Taddese, Illubabor
Abera Assefa, Chora, Illubabor

Mrs Kulani Bagire Imana (right), a student at Dire Dawa University, was taken by security forces from her home in Begi district, W Wallega, on 21 June. Her place of detention was still not known when her disappearance in detention was reported by Gadado on 6 September.

Gadado (19 September) sent a list of those detained in Jima zone during protests following the killing of singer Hachalu Hundessa on 29 June:
Amadin Jemal                Farid Sebsib               Abdi Abdulqadir
Idiamin Sh/Kedir            Rida Aba Oli                  Abdi Abdela
Abdurazaq Abaye            Leta Lebata                   Redwan Kedir
Abdurazaq Abe Ababiya      Mizamil Jihad                Kedir Seadnur
Hamid Mahamud              Kamil Aba Gidi               Mukarem Haji
Sabahadin Moh’d Siraj      Yasin Ahmed                  Ahmed Aba Nega
Abdulbasir Kemal           Mohammed Hafiz               Sabit Aba Fita
Mohammed Faris             Hafiz Zakir                   Awel Kedir
Abdi Getachew              Ahmed Sadiq                  Reta Ambo
Kamik Raya                  Kalid Musa                 Abdi Kemal
Kalid Jemal                 Abdulaziz Hamid             Moh’d-Kebir Mohammed
Tofiq Abajihad             Abdi Hasan                   Redwan Nura
Tofiq Jemal                 Mohammed Aba Fita              Tejadin Bediru
Tokuma Merga               Sabib Aba Zinab               Abdo Aba Rashad
Mohammed Awal              Luche Amin                    Ziyad Kedir
Fadi Nasir                 Usmay Bori                   Ahmed Sherid
Abdi Abajihad              Mohammed Aba Jebel          Anuar Aba Jihad
Yunus Sharafu  Umer Abdulqadir  Raya
Roba Ware  Abdo Abdulqadir  Hayu
Tahir Faris  Tola Garbi  Izadin
Nesiru Jihad  Jemal Abdela  Fakana
Sefu Faris  Gudina Benti  Bojia
Mohammed Faris  Yaqub Seifadin  Berhanu
Redwan Awel  Hashim  Moti
Abdi Yadeta  Hasano  Temesgen
Abdela Jemal  Dinqu  Abdulsatif
Raya Jemal  Abdufeta  Nahwi
Reshad Nasir  Ahmed  Roba

Detainees included Police Officers:
Getachew Aba Megal  Yasin  Abiyot
Jemal Haji  Diriba  Mohammed Sharo
Kamil

Detained in Dalo Mana district, Jimma zone:
Abdulaziz Aba Macha  Naji Aba Naga  Kedir
Moh’dnur Mohammed  Murad Jemal
Jewar Nasir  Abdo Aba Diga

Dr Getnet Tamiru, General Surgeon at Ghimbi Adventist Hospital, W Wallega, was arrested on 30 July for allegedly treating a wounded OLF fighter (*Gadado*).

Three mothers nursing 3-6 month babies were detained in August in Saqa Choqorsa district, Jimma zone, because of suspected support for the OLF (*Gadado*):

![Three mothers with infants](image1)

Alemayu Lema (far right), Law School lecturer at Wallega University, was detained in Shambu police station, Horo Guduru, E Wallega on 22 August, as a suspected supporter of the OLF.

Businessman Moti Loko Gutema (near right) was taken by security forces to an unknown location from his home in Nekemte on 22 August, on suspicion of supporting the OLF (*Gadado*).
BENISHANGUL-GUMUZ REGION

80 Oromo civilians were detainted in Metekel Oromo zone in August, including the local Aba Gada (religious and social leader) Dabalo Hika. The others named by Gadado are:

Jirata Gurmesssa Gelana Bekele Gemechu Gutema
Biqila Asefa Jira Mekonnen Mamo Waqjira
Melaku Qitessa Abera Wirtu Abera Regassa
Takele Dinagde Waqjira Gurmu Merga Mekonnen
Israel Abera Dawit Bayu Hundesa Bekele
Soresa Dhaba Lencho Tadesse Melku Ensermu
Garuma Imeru Regassa Begonjo Negatu Tefera
Worqu Enbyale Merga Waqtole Amenu Fufa
Sirika Belay Kefyalew Asefa Regassa
Mekonnen Jebessa Abebe Zeleke Abaya
Dhuguma Ayana Abraham Adamu Temesgen Amsalu
Gemechu Niqes Dereba Waqtole Zerihun Alamirro
Gemechu Geneti Temesgen Tameru Abebe Bekele
Qanaa Hailu Ms Melketu Negatu Besufiqad Abebe
Habtamu Beshir Hika Bekele Dereje Seyum
Gonfa Ensermu Fikadu Gemechu Abush Wqkenne
Regassa Hailu Zekarias Adeba Gemechu Waqwaya
Abdisa Fufa Takele Yadeta Simachew Kebede
Dhugas Bekele Temesgen Kebede Jemere Geleta
Siyum Niqes Adamu Ayana Habtamu Debela
Tegbaru Adamu Biqila Bushan Biqila Tadesa
Mekonnen Dejas Mulualem Bekele Beyene Wirtu
Ms Belaynesh Geneti Asefa Desta Bayisa Gemechu
Jelqaba Bekele Teshale Dheresa Biqila Biru
Habtamu Dhinsa Adamu Bekele Geleta Oljira
Daniel Dessalegn Abiyot Enbyale Gobena Dhinsa

SOUTHERN OROMIA

Killings

OSGA reported that Haji Umar Wacu Nagessa, from Goro Dola, E Guji, was killed on 4 April by Federal Defence Forces and that Abkuula Guyo Dida, from Mega, Dire district, Borana zone, was ‘heavily tortured and finally killed’ by soldiers on 13 May. Horo Areri and his 12 year-old son, from Malka Mansa, Saba Boru district, E Guji, were detained by security forces and then taken from detention on 17 May and killed by having their throats cut (OSGA).

The second report from Gadado on 19 September included the killing of 12 year old Sabona Horo and his father, Horo, in Dire Saphinsa, Saba Boru district, Guji, on 15 June. Gadado (9 September) reported the killing Tefo Umar in Wadara village, E Guji (on 1 or 17 July).

Eight civilians were murdered by government forces in Bulbul kebele, Gumi Eldelo district, Guji zone, on 9 or 10 August, and in Dhaka Qala, Liban district, Borana zone, on 9 August because they were suspected of supporting the OLF according to reports from Gadado on 6 and 19 September. They included:
Molu Halake, and his brother
Huqa Halake, 10th grade student
Doyo Kora, father of three
Usman Hasan
Burgale Fola

On 24 August, seven civilians were killed by government soldiers in Goro Dola Dhuqo kebele, E Guji, ‘being suspected OLF supporters’ (Gadado 6 September):
Muda Sokora Balako  Desta Jilo Iya
Addisu Tana Dhadacha  Dambobi Duba Wasis
Badhu Shaqo Jilo  Hama Galma Bati
Bakalcha Qararo Safay

In its 19 September report, Gadado named two brothers killed by security forces in Gumi Eldelo district, E Guji, on 12 September:
Salesa Katelo Sora, father of seven
Chala Katelo Sora, father of seven

Rape

The following five teenage male school students were taken from Jidola district, E Guji, and detained at a nearby military camp, where they were raped by soldiers (Gadado):
Gemechu Turi Bekelcha 16  Melkamu Waldhabi Abatari 17
Ali Korojo Saqi 16  Tulisho Waldhabi Abatari 15
Awel Gobena Guduba 14

Arbitrary arrest and detention

OSGA collated information on a small number of detentions in March and April. Information on later arbitrary arrests will be given in the next OSG report.

The following were detained in Sabba Boru, E Guji, on 30 March:
Chuluke Jarra  Dasta Kina
Gararo Wate  Desha Mita
Dawa A/Loko  Gobana Garbi
Udesa Ulane  Ana Garbi
Kutala Bali  Robayi Dukale
Dhanko Anole

In Gumi Eldalo, Liban district, E Guji, on 14 April:
Sheba Faranji Dhiba  Derartu Boru
Loko Kula Kire  Iftu Wako
Kebele  Garo Hulfo

In Negele Borana, Liban district, E Guji, on 14 April:
Abduba Sora Halake  Mohammed Umar Jilo
Dawa Birbirsa  Tiya Kotolla
Huka Sora Halake  Tume Dambala
Galgalo Haj/Roba  Tato Guyo
Sora Dhenge  Galma Wariyo
Dawit Godana  Wariyo Jibicha Bagaja
Liban Boru Bukana  Arero Galgalo Kosi
Iya Liban Sora
The detention of the following occurred on unspecified dates in March/April:

In Malka Soda, W Guji:

Roba Jilo
Bariso Hatasa
Boshore Duba
Dinkinesh Yosef

Nugusu Gammada and Hassan Yusuf were detained at unspecified locations in West Guji and Abduba Dida in East Guji.

The media and information blackout has been effective in restricting the flow of information out of the region. More information is being collated and will be included in Report 54.

SOUTHERN NATIONS, NATIONALITIES AND PEOPLES’ REGION

Killings in Walaita

Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa (HRLHA) reported on 14 September that at least 58 were killed when security forces opened fire on peaceful demonstrators in Walaita zone of the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples’ Region during protests lasting from 9 to 14 August. The initial report by Amnesty International on 14 August stated that protests began in the zonal capital, Soddo city, on 9 August when community leaders, activists and zonal officials were arrested for allegedly holding a meeting in contravention of restrictions imposed due to the virus pandemic (https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2020/08/ethiopia-stop-the-use-of-deadly-force-on-protesters/).

HRLHA reported that the meeting was to prepare a constitution for a future regional state of Walaita. The 26 detainees, named in the HRLHA report, including the local head of the governing Prosperity Party, all top local officials, and several academics and senior members of the judiciary, were held until released on bail on 14 August. The protests were spearheaded by the Walaita youth movement, Yelagaa, calling for a referendum on independence. A photograph of the protest appeared on social media (above right). Security forces including local police, special SNNPR Liyu police and Ethiopian Defence Forces overwhelmed the city and other towns to where protests spread over ensuing days.

Many witnesses told how security forces beat up and shot protestors and bystanders as they broke up gatherings. Those killed included the 31 listed below. Most had bullet wounds to the chest or head, suggesting deliberate use of lethal force. HRLHA relayed reports by local informants that another, as yet unnamed, 27 bodies were removed by security forces in Soddo and taken to other areas - ‘Wadu, Otona, Maremiya, Gola, Gutera, Merkato etc.’ The dead included street children, destitute, homeless and those with mental disabilities.

At least one homeless boy is known to have been killed in Soddo on 9 August (Amnesty International). Bystanders and shoppers were among those who died. In Bodditi town, footballer Akililu Wana (above right - named Getahun Ashenafi in the Amnesty report) was among those killed. At least 18 injured were in hospital.
Among the dead were 10 year old Dagim Tafese Wolde-Hanna (below left), a resident of Gido, 34 year old Birkinessh Bala, a pregnant woman from Dodo Holeta (2nd left), 28 year old Tesfaye Teferi, a graduate in Damot Amba (below right middle), Tesfaye Kassa Selelu (below right) from Chaw Kare, and Minase Memiru Mecha (bottom left) from Doge.

Others killed included:

Abayneh Seba
Getahun Bedilu
Abdulaziz Ahimed
Habtamu Balta
Akililu Wana
Matusala Esrail

Azmeraw Asfew
Belay Bassa
Mesfin Ayicha
Belete Belachew
Minalu Tadese
Beniam Merid
Minase Tamiru
Bereket Mamo
Petros Abewab
Tagay Taye
Biyu Tesfaye

Temesgen Estifanos
Temesgen Ganta
Desalegn Kassa
Esrael Boto
Tesfaye Tamirat
Eyob Balcha
Getahun Adisu
Getahun Ashenafi
Yonas Eskiel

HRLHA wrote that activists and supporters of opposition parties have long been persecuted, especially the Walaita National Movement, despite it being a recognised legal opposition party registered with the National Electoral Board.

Detention in Walkite

A single episode of detention in Walkite, the administrative centre of Gurage zone in the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples’ Region, was detailed in the OSGA report; the imprisonment of Solan Haile on 13 March.