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Human Rights Abuses in Ethiopia

The extra-judicial killing and arbitrary arrest of OLF supporters since December 2018 has created a situation in Oromia very similar to that in 1991-2 when thousands of OLF supporters were killed and scores of thousands detained and tortured. The good will and support for Ethiopia from the international community helped to maintain the abusive regime of Meles Zenawi, then in power. The current silence about killings and widespread imprisonment is eerily reminiscent of that time. Many reports have been sent to OSG since December 2018 and this report is a summary of the information received.

This report includes information about 163 extra-judicial killings and the arbitrary detention of at least 933 all due to their suspected support for the Oromo Liberation Front, which officially returned to Ethiopia in September 2018.

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FINFINNEE AND CENTRAL OROMIA

Killings

Three students at Adama University of Science and Technology were killed and their bodies found in a garbage dump in Adama on 4 January:

Ababiya Badhadha
Eliyas Alemayehu Qixata
Efrem Hailu WoldeKidane

Arbitrary arrest and detention

Students remaining in detention since 2016

Although thousands of political prisoners were released in 2018, the following remain in detention in Gadab Asasa District prison, W Arsi, after their arrest at student protests in 2016, according to a report received on 2 April 2019. Most are aged 16-18:

Abu Said Sette	Buli Qumbi	Jemal Bue
Abishu Wayo Bakalo	Kabato Jula	Fayisa Amalo
Awal Abdulkadir	Amana Mulugeta	Mame Haji Kasim
Edao Amba	Wata Gamachu	Obsa Fayisa
Fikadu Haji Bafa	Gurre Huso	Arbu Tibba
Edao Gamadi Gida	Tibesso Gurre	Masho Waritu
Kamal Nagesso	Wariyo Hussein	Ms Jamila Kurkure

Arrests from December 2018 to June 2019

It was reported on 27 December that the following were abducted from the Bole area of Finfinnee earlier that day and taken to an unknown place:

Lata Teshome
Marama Mekonnen
Alemne Fufa
Dinqu Daraje
Jamila Ahmed
Mengistu Abebe
Gamachu Dibaba

On 30 December, the detention of Mideksa Fite (shown right), from Dembi Dollo, W Wollega, was reported. He was arrested in Burayu, Central Showa, and taken Burayu police station (confirmed in list received on 8 January).



Also reported on 30 December was the detention of Jontiree (shown left), from Mandi, Wollega, who was also taken on 28 December from Burayu to an unknown destination.

Another abduction in Burayu was of Bashana Hailu, an Oromo artist. He disappeared until his badly beaten body was found on 30 December in Burayu.



On 2 January, Game Baqala (shown left), from Nekemte, Wollega, was detained by plain-clothed security men in Finfinnee and taken to an unknown place.

The following were taken by security forces from their villages in Jarso sub-district and detained in Fiche Salale in the afternoon of 2 January (confirmed 8 January):

- Toli Magarsa, Bantu Walarga village
- Abdalla Tamana, Bobe Liban village
- Wasana Gamachu, Bobe Liban
- Dame Damise, Bobe Liban

The place of detention in police custody of some of those detained at the beginning of the year was reported on 4 January. The following were at Laga Xaafoo:

- Sisay Dhinsa
- Gamachisa Chala
- Mesfin Kebede
- Gamachis Kebede
- Alemayehu Rege
- Dejene Biranu
- Fedhesa Diriba
- Sibatu Abera

In police custody at Sabata:

- Irko Urga'a
- Asafa Negusse
- Tulu Mulisa
- Tadasa Dhaba
- Alemu Lata

At Burayu:

- Diro Tolasa
- Taresa Didha
- Fiqadu



Dame Dereje (above right), from Holota town, Showa, was detained on 3 January.

Ms Loko Yohanis was taken in December from the Katta area of Finfinnee. Her family reported that she was held in Tor Hayloch until transferred to Finfinnee, from where she disappeared, with 12 others, until reported on 2 March to be among those held in Adama.

Among the other 12 was Bonsa Hailu, Motima Shiferaw and Amanuel Shiferaw (his brother).



Seifu Amanu Aliyi (left), a young book salesman in Waliso town, from Gindo village, Amaya sub-district, Showa, was harassed by plain-clothed security men for two days before being detained in early January. He was transferred to the military camp in Tolai, where he had been held in 2016, and where his presence was confirmed on 2 April.

The following were among those reported on 8 January to be detained.

From Bishoftu (Debre Zeit) sub-district:

Keenboon Gada	Nagassa Magarsa	Raji Tesfaye
Roba Shifera	Gutama Dereje	
Ishetu Tulu	Takilu Habtamu	

From Burayu sub-district:

Tolasa Alemu	Kusa Getachu	Hunde Diriba
Nagassa Abera	Tole Gudata	Desalegn Gamachu
Sanyi Amsalu	Oluma Abera	Galata Magarsa
Gamachis Bekele	Haile Mamo	Murad Ramata
Taresa Didha	Lami Dhugassa	Zelalem Olana
Diro Tolasa	Addisu Lechisa	Mekonnen Galata
Fikadu Alemu	Lata Qana	Nimona Disasa
Ms Tolina Tsegaye	Hirphasa Gamachu	Bakala Tufa
Amanti Hailu	Dabale Kitata	Getu Biranu

and

Abdi Gari from Dukem town, Showa

Gamachis Bekele (listed above) was reported on 2 March to be held in Adama.

Dabale Kitata (listed above, pictured right), is from Ginchi but was living in Burayu, when detained (confirmed 16 January).



Reports were received on 14 and 15 January of the arrest of Ms Bachu Marga (left) in Adama, E Showa on 14 January. She was a prominent youth activist and was detained when a juvenile in 2005 until released in 2016, after 11 years in detention, including in Maikelawi CID.

he had been tortured. He is said to have disappeared from Adama prison on 19 March.

Dandi Garboshe (right), an engineer, was among those listed detained in Finfinnee on 8 January. He was also listed among those named as detainees in Adama on 2 March. On 2 April, witnesses claimed



On 9 January, Badasa Dinsa (left), was taken from his home in Ashewa Meda, Finfinnee, according to a report on 16 Jan.

Dejene Mamo and Lama Fayisa, both from Ambo, W Showa, were reported detained on 12 January.

According to a lengthy report on 16 January, the following were arrested in Fichu and Kuyu, Selale, N Showa:

Dhaye Dodota	Hailu Dabale KBLTO guard
Moti Chala and family	Ashu (Ashanafi) Hailu, businessman
Amuma Miesa	Obama Dereje , guard
Getachew Badha	Dejene Seyume, teacher
Damu Obe	Girma Tura, businessman
Mesay Getachew, from KBLTO College	



Two OLF drivers, Ismael Lamu and Siraj Abdulqadir, were abducted at a fuel station in Finfinnee on 16 January. Col. Gamachu Ayana (left) was detained in Finfinnee on 18 January.



Fekede Regassa (right) was also taken by Federal Police in Finfinnee on 18 January.



Brothers Oli and Qabso Duroma (left) and Mengi Teferi (right), were reported on 22 January to have been detained in Kebele 02 Police Station, Ambo two days previously, on 20 January.



Also on 20 January, Aman File, Dr Buli Ejeta (OLF supporter), Galgalo Wariyo, Dambi Teshome, Idosa Tadese and OLF Executive Officer Jabesa Gabisa (below left), were arrested in Finfinnee and taken to an unknown place.



Debele Haile was abducted from his neighbourhood of Ambo in January, according to a report on 3 March. He was tortured during two years in detention in Maikelawi CID and Kilinto prison and released only a few months before re-arrested.

Businesswoman Obse Qano, from Burayu, Finfinnee, was taken by EPRDF soldiers from her business premises sometime in January 2019, because she was suspected of supporting the OLF. She was initially held in Gafarsa Police Station. It was reported on 2 April that she was held there only six days before being transferred to Tolai Military Camp, where thousands of suspected OLF supporters were held and tortured in 1992/3. Many died there.



The following were listed as detained in a report received on 22 January but the places of their arrest and/or detention are not clear:

Getachew Beyene, elder
Qanate Ayana, elder
Getachew Tolosa, elder
Awalu Nagadras, elder
Nuru Bakala, elder
Anuma Dereje
Gutema Garoma, QEERROO activist
Motuma Gabayew, student
Dereje Gudeta, student

Abebe Regassa, student
Ms Age Tarfa
Abile Dhere
Isayas Mulugeta
Ms Bontu Wakwaya
Abdeta Abera
Negasa Abera
Samuel Merga

OLF supporters detained in January, from Salale Dagam district, N Showa:

Girma Shawa, elder	Yirgalem Petros,
Girma Tura, elder	Ms Haynalem Lama, student
Dejene Fikadu ,	Nahil Ababe, teacher at Ambo
Taganu Hordofa, farmer	University
Alemayehu Adugna, farmer	

On 10 February, according to a report on 2 March, Gutema Kebede was taken from his home in Sabata, Finfinnee, at 11 pm and removed to an unknown place.

At an unspecified date in January or February, Shimelis Lamu and Jalata Legisa were arrested in Gambella Region and detained in Finfinnee, according to the May report from Human Rights League for the Horn of Africa.

On 2 March, the following were listed as detained in Adama, Central Oromia Region:

Tamirat Temesgen	Tariku Gudata	Garoma Jaldu
Tibabu Dachasa	Bacu Marga	Amansisa
Jarra Bayisa	Abdalla Imana	Gamachu Fikadu
Fayera Mekonen	Tafari Mamo	Girma Hunduma
Fikiru Dase	Mamad Oliyad	Abdisa
Diriba Tadasa	Yadata Jirenya	
Ingida Kusi (from	Milto	
Finfinnee)	Yosef Dheressa	

Lelisa Urgessa (right) was taken from his home in Ambo, W Showa, on 4 March and Lelisa Merga, also arrested 'for being a suspected OLF supporter' was taken from Bole 9th District, Finfinnee on 10 March, according to a report sent on 2 April.



The following were reported by Human Rights League for the Horn of Africa in May to have been held in arbitrary detention, mostly since January.

Detainees held in Finfinnee included:
Engineer Israel Lamu and Gada Samuel (from Burayu)
Kisii Kituma, from Ambo
Ebbisa Getachew
Sheik Shaban Dhaba

The following are held in Holota town, W Showa
Abdi Iana
Ibsa Igazu

Held in Ambo, W Showa:
Jigsa Feyera
Alemayehu Olani
Feyisa Lemma
Dejene Kitaba
Kasaye Kenenisa

In a communication on 5 June, was reported the continued detention of OLF fighters (members of the Oromo Liberation Army) in poor conditions at Senkele Police Training

Camp in W Showa, about 6 km from Ambo. Despite their protection being brokered by elders, they are living without sufficient food or clothing, isolated from friends and family and sleeping rough on cement floors. They fear being taken, ‘eliminated one by one’ and they include:

Abdata Tagese
Kafale Magarsa
Abiyot Tafara
Jibril Shifara
Shafe Mustafa

Bari Mekonnen
Dawud Adam
Abdul Samadi Ali
Rooba Marama
Tamaam Usman

Addisu Ulfina
Ta’era Maati
Milkiyas Lagasu



On 5 June, the following (pictured left) were arrested in Burayu, on the west side of Finfinnee ‘being suspected OLF supporters’ (reported 11 June):

Abdi Adugna
Gemechis Gudina
Gedefa Regassa
Fiqiru Hika



OLF official, Kayo Fufa (above right), was taken by EPRDF security forces from the OLF office in Ambo, W Showa on 10 June (reported 11 June).



Lalise Mekonnen (left), was taken from Finfinnee on the same day, as a suspected OLF supporter

Among many reportedly arrested in Waliso, W Show, on 7 June, when protesting against government actions in Western and Southern Oromia are the following (pictured below):

Dejene Abera	Dawit Tamarat
Wabi Tefera	Tokuma Shiferaw
Hussein Mohammed	Eshetu Kebede



In Wollo, Northern Oromia, mass arrests, which included government officials, by security forces from Amhara Region occurred on 6 June. Over 50 were arrested in Caffa and Hataye Districts alone.

From Kamise, Caffa District:
Ahmed Ebrahim, District Administrator

Mame Ali Mohammed, District Security Manager
Ebrahim Ali, District Deputy Security Manager
Hussein Ali Afare, Community Manager

From Hataye District:

Ahame Hussein
Abdella Tesnitu
Umer Abdu Umer
Mohammed Ame

Expulsions from Ambo University

The following students were expelled from Ambo University shortly after they took part in a demonstration there on 1 April 2019 (reported 5 April):

Adugna Ebissa

Yosef Mekonnen

Yosef Mitiku

Naol Temesgen

Geremew Olana

Getu Mamo

Fantahun Alemayehu

Robsen Tadele

Tariku Gusu

Mitiku Dereje

AMHARA REGION

In Enjbara town, Adisu Mekonen (right), Vice-Chairman of Ageho National Shengo, was detained on 17 March after attending a public meeting.



Oromo students at Debre Berhan University were reported on 11 June to be under attack by forces of the regional government, aided by members of the Amhara National Movement party.



Some of the students had been so isolated and trapped that they had not eaten for three days.

Female students had requested help from the university authorities to get out of their besieged state but they had received none at the time of writing.

An intimidating crowd in Debre Berhan University campus is shown above and an injured Oromo student is pictured right.



EASTERN OROMIA REGION

Killings and injuries

A **substantial number were killed** in Harage province in December 2018, according to sources reporting on the 23rd of that month, but no names were available.

On 2 January, it was reported that on 1 January, two people in Cinaksan District, Hararge, were killed by EPRDF ‘Special Somali Police’:

Tofiq Umar Fatansa (from Kora Dawe)

Ali Mohammed (from Darimura)

At least five were wounded, including a young boy.



Three were shot dead in Shanan Dhugo village, Hararge, on 2 January:

Ahmed Juhar, teacher

Abdura’uf Nasir

Faxuma Ahmed, a pregnant woman

The two men are shown left.

The ‘Somali Special Force’ killed three and injured many others in Fedis District, E Hararge, on 28 February.



Arbitrary arrest and detention

On 8 January, the following were reported detained from Bale Zone, ‘Bale Goba, Bale town’:

Awal Hussein Nuro

Alo Aman

Abdella Hussein

Yaya Ahmed, teacher

Hussein Ahmed

Seifu Sheik Jamal

Ahmu Haji Jamalo

Mohammed Jamal

Tayib Wako

Mustafa Ibrahim

Ms Misera Mohammed

Mogol Bus Dima

Adam Aman

Awalu Haji

Caala Oromia

The prolonged detention of the following residents of Harena were detained in Bulukira town according to the Human Rights League for the Horn of Africa’s May report:

Ahmed Safi

Kedir Mamad Haji

Adem Mamad

Sabona Abdi



On 5 June was reported the detention of Bari Birbirso from Harar, E Hararge. He had been detained for 8 years until released recently. He was again detained in May on suspicion of supporting the OLF.

WESTERN OROMIA

Killings



On 13 October 2018, OSG received a report of the fatal shooting of at least three students demonstrating at Jimma Agaro on 12 October 2018, including **Taha Kadir** (far left).

The **unnamed** victim (near left) finished high school in Boji Birmaji, Wollega, and joined Jimma University in 2018 shortly before being killed.

Over 20 were injured and over 200 detained in Jimma Agaro Police Station.

On 24 December, from a report sent the following day, government soldiers killed three civilians in Ghimbi town, W Wollega, when abducting and terrorising others in the town: **Nasredin Ahmed**, 29 yr old shoe shop employee
Getachew Tahera, described as having a mental problem, killed 11.35 at Kebele 03
Fikirte Tamiru, a young girl working in the Abere Hotel.

The following killings in a village in Ghimbi District, Guliso sub-district, W Wollega, were reported to have occurred in the few days before being reported on 29 December:

Yonas Ragasa was taken from his home by soldiers and his body with fatal bullet wounds was found near his house on 28 December
Mengistu Olqaba was shot dead on his coffee farm; his father was wounded



Fayisa Negatu (right) was shot dead in his home, where he lived with his father; the house was burnt down later that day.

One **unnamed** coffee farmer, shot dead on his farm.

Also reported on 29 December was the killing of at least **three young men** (above left) in a Benya village, Guduru sub-district, Horo Guduru, E Wollega. Their names were not reported.

On 2 January, **Jirata Abdisa** (also named Abiteti - pictured below), was killed by soldiers and his body left on the road after being dragged along the ground. He was a local elder working as a guard at the Church of Gutu Wangelati, Jarso Damota village, Lalo Asabi District, W Wollega.

On 2 January, **Shibiru Getacho** (see below), of Jardaga village, Horo Guduru, E Wollega, was shot dead after being interrogated by soldiers, while standing on the village main road.

On 7 January, **Kefale Oljira Ayana**, a young boy from Gaba Jimata village, Gida Ayana sub-district, Wollega, was shot dead on the street in front of his family. His body at Gida Ayana hospital is pictured below. A friend of his was wounded but was refused treatment and taken into detention in an unknown place.



Jirata Abdisa



Shibiru Getacho



Kefale Oljira Ayana



On 12 January, 12th Grade student, **Samuel Shuma** (far left) was killed in W Wollega. On 14 January (reported 16 January) **Mr Said**, from Begi, W Wollega was killed and his body (near left) thrown in the bush.

On 10 February (reported 2 March), **Samuel Tadese**, teacher and father of two (below), was killed in Mana Sibu District, W Wollega.





Also on 10 February, brothers **Lalisa and Iyasu Kenate** (left), aged 18 and 16, were shot dead in front of their parents while sitting together after dinner at 7.30 pm, when government soldiers entered their home, in Ebentu District, W Wollega.



On 14 February, **Zakarias Fida** (right), a 12th Grade student in Ghimbi, W Wollega, and **Iyasu Yadesa** (left), who was physically disabled, from Guliso District, W Wollega, were shot dead.



On 22 February, according to a report on 1 March, **Adugna Jabessa**, Lalo Asebi District, W Wollega, was shot dead by soldiers.

Killings by EPRDF forces, reported on 2 April, included those of:

Shula Dhinsa (right) and **Abdi** at their home in Garjeda District, W Wollega, on 15 March, ‘for being suspected OLF supporters’
Girma Mosisa (below left), father of four, in his home, Caliya Mole Kebele, Boji Choqorsa, W Wollega, on 17 March
Debela Tesema (below right), Jima Horo District, W Wollega, on 20 March.



Tura Lemu, 11th Grade student, Kiramu District, E Wollega, was shot dead at 10 pm, 22 March, ‘while he was sleeping’, in front of his parents Lemu Waqjira and Chaltu Urgessa. They complained at the District Police Station but were told ‘We have done it and will continue to kill OLF supporters’ before the parents were themselves severely beaten.

Bacha Temesgen, 10th Grade student, Guliso District, W Wollega, was shot dead on 17 March by EPRDF soldiers, who ‘terrorised the district residents saying “you are all OLF supporters”’.

A report of more killings was received on 5 June:

Temesgen Gameda, Qiltu Kara District, W Wollega, was shot dead in broad daylight in the market area of Kolfe town on 2 June.

At Chala village, Mandi District, W Wollega, the following were among those killed by government troops when returning home from market on 3 June:

Kedir Guyo
Dano Woga
Gadisa Getachew.

On 11 June, football trainer Chombe GebreHiwot told *BBC Afaan Oromo* that one of his players, **Wondeson Yohannes**, had been killed by government soldiers.

Killings in Benishangul-Gumuz

A few details of attacks on Oromo people living in Yaso sub-district of Benishangul-Gumuz land adjacent to Wollega Zone of Oromia Region were sent on 23 November 2018. On the night of 21 November, Gumuz people attacked Oromo peasants using knives and other weapons. The following **21 are among those killed**:

Ms Likitu Tefera	Gadisa Feyisa
Merga Feyisa	Yeshume Kumera
Ms Sorome Feyisa	Gudeta Dilagegne
Yadata Feyisa	Tsehay Sorii
Dinsa Feyisa	Dalige Elifitu
Desalegne Alonke	Sifan Dinsa
Darge Densa	Bedasa Habite
Ms Alemitu Feyisa	Ms Sena Dinsa
Gutema Feyisa	Kaba Eba
Bedasa Habite	Ms Ganjebe Jirata
Jira Bedasa	

In a report dated 23 December 2018, **105 were said to be missing** from Kamashi Baloo sub-district in an area of Gumuz territory adjacent to Wollega. The **dead bodies of 33 individuals** were found at a place called Qarxaa in the sub-district, including those of two children aged 5-11, four children aged 6-15, and nine mothers of whom three were pregnant. They were named:

Miree Tesso	Ms Roman Abbaya
Tafasee Abdisaa	Ms Iftu Abbaya
Jabesa	Bilisee Abbaya
Habitamu Wagari	Ayane Wagari Getachoo
Ms Eebisee Tamasgeen	Chuche Wagari
Samu'el Habitamu	Darajee Geetacho
Abdata Angasu	Ms Gexee Geetacho
Tafara Ayyana	Dachasa
Shogalee Oboo	Jiraa Geetacho
Yadata Gudata	Ms Obsee Geetacho
Ms Arare Olani	Ms Nagaree Gabayyo
Ms Robee Yadata	Zalalem Nagash
Dhaba Yadasa	Tolosaa Xixaa
Alemu Yadasa	Ms Gadisee Nigatu
Abbaya Waquwa	Yadata Girmayeroo
Ms Birhane Saxeny	Ms Qanatu Nugusee
Ms Hindhibne Abbaya	

On 2 January, **Ayna Adis** (far right), a young woman from the Sasiga area of Wollega, and **Shegaw Fetene** (near right) died from arrows fired by Benishangul Gumuz in Dangure District, Benishangul.



Arbitrary arrest and detention

Eeba Dagne Likasa (right), author of the book ‘Gufuu Karaarraa Jedhuti’, was abducted in Dembi Dollo on 1 January 2019, severely beaten in the stadium and taken to an unknown place. His books and property were stolen.



Girma Temesgen, the Abba Gada for West Wollega, was arrested at his home in Ghimbi shortly after being interviewed by the *Oromia Media Network* on 2 January 2019.

On 1 January 2019 (reported 2 January) 300 were arrested in Nekemte, E Wollega. Most were taken from their homes and included:

Burqa Biranu, student at Wollega University

Yishaq Abiti Zelalem, student at Wollega University

Raguel Hailu, student at Wollega University, reported on 2 March to be held in Adama

Henok Yohanis, student at Wollega University

Lami Gezaw, private company worker

Kebena Tariku, teacher at Rift Valley University (photograph below)

Legese Abetu, teacher at Rift Valley University (detained previously when a student in Finfinnee, he was taken while giving a lecture, photograph below)

Moonet Badhasa, an employee of the Oromia Media Network, and her sister Ayantu Badhasa (photograph below)

Idosa Getachew, teacher at Rift Valley University (photograph below)



Kebena Tariku

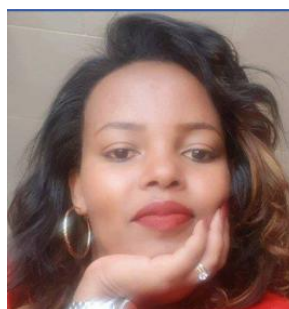
Legese Abetu

Moonet and Ayantu Badhasa

Idosa Getachew

On 2 January, Engineer Olyad Chamada, an employee of Oromia International Bank, and his driver, Habtamu Tasgara, were taken by soldiers while driving from Nekemte to Anger Gute. They were beaten and taken to an unknown place.

On the same day, Ms Hage (Tsige) Hambisa, the owner of Gada Hotel and Gada Stationery (near right), in Nekemte, and Fikiru Nagasa (far right), owner of Nadhi health clinic, were detained in Nekemte. Fikiru, who has heart disease, and Hage were taken to Senkele Police Training Camp, 6 km from Ambo, W Showa, from where both were reported on 22 January to have **disappeared**.



Eliyas Tasfaye (right) was taken from his house in Nekemte on 3 January.



On 3 January, four police employees in Alge Sachi sub-district, Illubabor, were detained because of suspected support for the OLF:

Qitesa Malkamu
Eliyas Waqjira
Getachu Ayana
Tariku Raga



Also on 3 January, Dr Dalasa Bulcha (left), President of Dembi Dollo University, and Ayana Mulatu, manager of the Ghimbi branch of Ethiopian Insurance Co., were arrested and taken to unknown places.

Another arbitrary arrest on 3 January was that of Hambisa Ayana (right), a 70 yr-old elder with many previous episodes of detention, from Darimu District, Illubabor. He was taken when attending hospital with his ill son.



On 4 and 8 January, the following were reported among many in custody in Nejo town, W Wollega, in addition to those found on other lists:

Solomon Fiqadu
Abdi Mamo
Ms Belanesh Ingida, aged 70
Getachew Awal (property and car confiscated)
Paulos
Gamachis Legese and/or Gamachis Nagassa
Endalu Abdissa
Ebba Jabo
Gutama (computer confiscated)
Fikiru Mosisa, detained with two others accused of transporting OLF troops in their cars
(confirmed in several subsequent reports)
Ms Lydia Gobena
Abdi Tamiru

On 4 January, Sanyi Hamsalu (right), a teacher at Rift Valley University in Wollega, was taken and held at least initially in Burayu, Showa, and Oromo investor, Zelalem Tesfaye, was arrested in Asosa, Benishangul, with 'many others'.



In the morning of either 7 or 8 January, Ms Chaltu Takala Abetu (see below), who had been detained many times before, including in underground cells at Maikelawi CID, and Marga Wirtu (also below), a teacher, were both taken from their homes in 02 Kebele, Shambu town, Horo Guduru District, to an unknown place.

Taken at the same time from Shambu were:
Caltu's brother, Sanyi Takele Abetu (below),
Dasta Lata, trader
Merga Fayisa, elder

On 8 January, Getachu Tarfa (below), Abba Gada in Begi, W Wollega, was taken from his home and held in Begi police station.



From left to right, taken on 7-8 January from Shambu and Begi, Caaltu Takala Abetu, Marga Wirtu, Sanyi Takele Abetu (brother of Caaltu) and Abba Gada Getachu Tarfa (two pictures).



Ms Mimi Dawit (left), from Mandi, Wollega, was arrested when visiting relatives in Asosa, Benishangul, on or around 8 January, because she was ‘suspected of being an OLF supporter in Mandi’ (detention confirmed 22 January).

Reported to be in detention on 8 January:

from Anno, Sibul Sire sub-district, E Wollega:

Tagalu Nagash

Nagara Tolina

Sa'id Ejeta

Misganu Urgessa

from Qiltu Kara, W Wollega:

Yohanis Biru

Nagassa Homa

Qajela Hailu

Tariku Balina

from Illubabor:

Ms Mistu Yimamu Yasin

Jamal

Gabayo Warkina

Mandne Tadasa

Ms Mame Jamal

Abu Aba Dura

On 9 January, Katama Waqjira (right) was taken from Kombolsha Elementary School where he is a teacher, Horo Guduru, E Wollega. Soldiers ‘invaded’ the school ‘with the knowledge of the school administrators’.



From reports dated 16 and 22 January and later, the following list was compiled. Detainees, their relatives and their neighbours were told that they were targeted because of their support or suspected support for the OLF:

On 11 January, Gamachis Legese and Getachew Awel, were detained in Nejo, W Wollega, accused of transporting OLF troops in their cars.

At night on 12 January, Solomon Dheressa (below) was abducted from his home in Nekemte, E Wollega.

On 13 January, Dawit Getane, a hotel servant, and Illillii Abate (below), a taxi/bajaj driver, were detained and taken to an unknown place.

On 15 January, Lalisa Hirko, was taken from her work at the District Finance Office, Jardeda, Horo Guduru, E Wollega.

In the first half of January, Dasta Mosisa (below), a QEERROO activist in Shambu town, Horo Guduru, and Belay Yadeta (below), an elder and businessman in Ghimbi, W Wollega, were detained. Belay was taken to Ghimbi police station. Dasta was taken to an unknown place.

Shanko Solomon was detained in Nekemte, transferred to Senkele Police Training Camp near Ambo, taken to an unknown place and reported on 2 March to be held in Adama, Central Oromia.



January detainees from left to right: Samuel Dheressa, Ilillii Abate, Dasta Mosisa and Belay Yadeta

Others abducted in January include six from Lixa Jarso, Wollega:

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|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Loko Gutama Mangudo, 65, businessman | Dinka Adamu |
| Dawit Kajela, Abba Gada Jaarso | Fikiru Tadasa, teacher |
| Dabala Fikiru | Cuccaa Mulugeta |
- and Dejamech Beyene, from Shambu, Horo Guduru
 Akililu Hordofa, teacher, from Dembi Dollo, W Wollega, and
 Burka Yalo, university student

Information received 1-3 March included the arbitrary arrest and detention of the following in February.

Bacha Shambi, Qondola District, and Pastor Cheru Gemechu (below), Mana Sibru District, W Wollega, were abducted on 6 February 'because they were OLF supporters'

On 7 February, four were taken in 01 Kebele, Qiltu Kara District, W Wollega:

- Magarsa Chala, teacher and owner of pharmacy
 Girma Kitata, District Transport Office manager
 Mengistu Gudeta
 Tesfaye Ofgaha, businessman

Abdo Hasan (below), Abba Gada and traditional healer in Guliso District, W Wollega, was also taken that day.



From left to right: Bacha Shambi, Pastor Cheru Gemechu, Abdo Hasan and Haji Yasin Said

Sheik Usman Abose, Babo Gambel District, and Haji Yasin Said (shown at bottom of previous page), Begi, W Wollega, were taken to unknown places from their homes on 9 February.

Hirko Ayana, from Nejo, W Wollega, was abducted on the 10th and Gutama Kebede (below), from 04 Kebele, Nekemte, was abducted in Sire town, E Wollega on the 12th.

Arrests in W Wollega towns on 13 February included:

Tamiru Ayana (below), a member of the OLF reception committee hosting the OLF in October 2018, accused of supplying OLF flags to youth, detained in Ghimbi

Idosa Emeru (below), Guliso

Tamiru Sirnessa(below), teacher, Ayera

Kalbisa Nonno, businessman, Ayera

Isayas Yadasa (below) and Fedhasa Tasisa (further below) were taken on 14 February in Guliso District, W Wollega.

On 15 February, Daniel Shopa and Waktole Tilahun were taken at night from Jimma Horo District, Qellem, W Wollega, and Debele Getachew was abducted from Dembi Dollo, W Wollega.



From left to right: Gutama Kebede, Tamiru Ayana, Idosa Emeru, Tamiru Sirnessa and Isayas Yadasa

Michael Dheressa (below) was taken on 16 February from the Jarso District, W Wollega.

Lulu Negera (below), from Horo Guduru, E Wollega, was taken to Tolai Military Camp on 17 February.

Fira'ol Daniel (below), from Nekemte, E Wollega, was arrested by Federal Police on 25 February and held in Finfinnee.

Zaky Jamal (below), a QEERROO activist, was abducted from Limu Genet town, Limu Kosa District, Jimma Zone, on 28 February.



From left to right: Fedhasa Tasisa, Michael Dheressa, Lulu Negera, Fira'ol Daniel and Zaky Jamal

Reported on 3 May by Human Rights League for the Horn of Africa to be in detention, most of the following are people who entered detention in January or February.

The following were reportedly being held in Finfinnee after being abducted from Horo Guduru, Wollega:

Tegegne Regassa	Sintayehu Mengistu	Lamessa Takele
Getachew Gameda	Bonsa Mulu	

also held in Finfinnee were:

Dr. Dinqisa Qanno,
Bonsa Abera and
Amanuel Ejigu from Nekemte
Inspector Dorombas Chuko,
Sgt Wadajo Melkamu and
Sgt Ungula Bekele, policemen from Dembi Dollo,
Abdi Ebbisa from Mandi
Gutu Qana'a from Ayira
Haji Yunis Mustafa from Begi and
Qajela Ebbisa from Babo Gambel

In detention in Nekemte, E Wollega:

Degefa Beyene	Tomas Tekle
Zerhun Chanalew	Temesgen Adugna
Dr. Mitiku Getachew	Leta Getachew
Abebe Mamo, elder	Elias Tesfaye
Leta Tamene	Warkina Fikadu
Leqa Fekadu	Zelalem Adamu, from Hangar-Gutin
Gemechu Tekle	

In Haru, Wollega:

Jibril Isa	Mustafa Abshiru	Mulatu Olijira
Nasir Isa	Elias Sali	Dashura Mulatu
Mame Zenu	Belay Kebede	Wandime Mulatu

In Shambu town, Horo Guduru, E Wollega:

Abba Gada Aba Borana	Negari Terfa	Gudeta Gamada
Abba Gada Abishe	Aseba Namomisa	Fikadu Alemu
Takele Dugassa	Teshome Dhufera	Gaddisa Negari
Ebba Gindaba	Dinka Dheressa	Merga Abdisa
Zekarias Gindaba	Amsalu Bekana	Tadese Bayisa
Desta Wusha	Amsalu Abdisa	Tariku Dessalgn
Tokuma Hinsarmu	Adugna Gerbi	Olana Abera
Inkosa Namu		

Detained in Horo Guduru, E Wollega:

Gamachu Dirribsa	Olijira Qitata, from Gida Ayana town
Dula Horro	Teferi Galana from Gida Ayana town
Endale Temesgen	Getaneh Guddata , Amuru

In Guliso town, W Wollega:

Dagaga Fetene	Hamza Abdulkadir, teacher
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Abba Gada Abebe Nagasa
Tafari Dhaba
Yohannis Fufa
Mitiku Yohanis
Charra Tasfaye

Tasfaye Yadata
Ragaa Kumarra
Abba Gada Abdoo Huseen
Yosef Abarra

Elsewhere in W Wollega:

Warku Abeetu
Badiru Mohamed, teacher, Dembi Dollo
Amanuel Adugna, Mandi
Tsegaye Wanna, Mandi
Imana Banqe, Bilara town
Hailu Tamsgen, Yubdo
Bonaa Raaga, Lalo Qile
Gutu Tibabu, Jarso town
Gaddisa Tesama, Qellem
Dassalegn Nagari, Qellem
Hika Ebisa, Kara Wayu
Mitiku Dhibbisa, Nole Kabba
Temesgen Sishaa (doctor), Nole Kabba
Waggari, ODP official, Nole Kabba
Ms Abarre Bayisa, Nole Kabba

Waga Tafara, Lalo Asabi
Adamu Gondore, Lalo Asabi
Indalu Tasama, Ghimbi
Tasfaye Mitiku, Qiltu Qara
Abba Gada Belay Tarfaasa, Qiltu Qara
Tariku Addisu
Tomas Fayisa
Galata Tesfaye
Garoma Namomsa
Firomsa Ayele
Amanu'el Tafese
Lammii Olansa
Habtamu Olliqa
Tammiruu Girmaa
Dangule Baqala

In Bedele, Illubabor:

Mosisa Nagaaa
Wube Tammiru
Gammachis Immiru

Kasahun Dabala
Mezgebu Fixee
Fuhad Alii

Detentions of OLF supporters and suspects which were reported on 2 April included the following taken on 3 March from Jargeda Jarte District, Horo Guduru, E Wollega:

Abebe Tiye (physically disabled)
File Beyene
Tuli Negasa

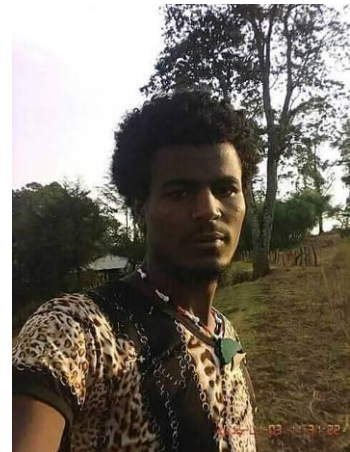
Taken on 4 March in West Wollega (Sayo Nole District):

Abera Negasa (businessman)
Belay Ayana
Bikila (teacher)
Getachew Dhufera
Waktola Shiferaw

Also detained were

Gemechu Debela (teacher) Qiltu Kara District
GadaEbbisa (teacher) Mana Sibru District
Melaku (District Manager) Mana Sibru District
Nuradin Mulatu Lalistu, Geco District

Foyessa Teshale (right), a Rift Valley University student from Shambu, Horo Guduru, E Wollega, was taken to an unknown place around the first week of March (reported 5 April).



Ms Fatima Waltaji, and Bashir Haji Jamal were taken from Begi town, W Wollega, on 6 and 10 March respectively.

The following farmers from Abuna town, E Wollega were detained after being beaten severely by government soldiers on 9 March (reported 2 April):

Reta Terefe
Dessalegn Negash
Megersa Takele
Teshome Kebede
Kasa Firdisa
Takele Hudera and
Abdisa Ferede from Guliso District, W Wollega



Diriba Mekonnen (teacher, photograph above right), Ebentu District, E Wollega, was detained on 19 March. He played a significant role in facilitating the visit by an OLF delegation in October 2018.

Abducted from Lalo Qile District, W Wollega on 20 March:

Galan Gabisa	Hailu Hambisa, teacher
Adugna Dheressa	Arafine Teferi
Gemechu Geche	Bona
Waqqari Teshome	

Keba Negassa (below), District Manager, Ficha District, Horo Guduru, E Wollega, was detained on 22 March.

On 2 April, Mariqos Yonas and Idris Alemu (below) were taken into detention from Gidami District, W Wollega (reported 5 April).

Oliqa Wakwoya, Shambu town, Horo Guduru, E Wollega, was named in a report on 5 June as having been taken to an unknown place by military forces on 25 May (below).

In the same report was the abduction into incommunicado detention of Mamo Afata, a disabled 70 yr-old (pictured below) from 04 Kebele Nekemte, E Wollega.



Detained between March and May, from left to right: Keba Negassa, Mariqos Yonas, Idris Alemu, Olika Wakwoya and Mamo Afata

According to a report on 5 June, EPRDF soldiers opened fire on the main road at Alaltu Bridge, Nejo, W Wollega, on 2 June. Citizens scattered but soldiers chased them, beating those they caught. After being severely beaten, two women, Genet Tadiga (50) and Askale Lemi (30), were detained at Nejo police station.

Soldiers entered Ghimbi Adventist Hospital, W Wollega, for the second time on 31 May, terrorising the patients and ordering men and women to remove their clothes and accusing the hospital of treating OLF troops. They removed three young men and took them to an unknown place.



Students at Metu University in Illubabor were injured with live ammunition during a demonstration on 3 June against the attacks on Oromo people. Two third year students are shown (above right) with injuries (reported 3 June). At least five were taken to hospital including Na'ol Yosef (5th yr engineering), Rata Daraje (4th yr history), Dabala Fikadu (2nd yr biology) and 1st year student Dawit Itana.



On 5 June, it was reported that a young tailor, Nega Ademo (right), of Hinde town, Ibanu District, E Wollega, was severely beaten when interrogated about the location of his absent father. Nega supports the remaining family.

Gemeda Habtamu (above left) was taken from his home in Innango town, Lalo Asabi District, W Wollega, to the local military camp by government soldiers in the evening of 9 June.



According to *BBC Afaan Oromo* on 6 June, 75 year-old Tamirat Ligaba (left), Nekemte, E Wollega, was severely beaten by 'EPRDF security forces and arrested' on 5 June.

On or about 7 June, writer Amanuel Belay (right) was taken from the stage in a hall where he was launching his new book *Yomilan*.



Beatings, robberies, looting and burning

On 30 December, the OLF office in Ghimbi, W Wollega, was looted by government forces and the OLF flag removed.

On 4 January, photographic evidence of the destruction of crops and animals by EPRDF soldiers around Ghimbi, was sent (right).

On 7 January, about 20 armed soldiers entered Ghimbi hospital, terrorising and insulting the staff.



On 16 January ‘Reports coming from Qellem Wallagga are very concerning. A high school in Gidami is bombed from the air because the army thought there were OLF soldiers in the compound. Kobari bridge (between Dalati and Inango) is said to be destroyed from a similar aerial bombing by an army helicopter. Numerous houses are also reported to have been burnt down by what appears to be indiscriminate (carpet) bombing.

Well, this is a military action being taken without even a semblance of legality under a formal state of emergency.’



In the same report was the beating in their homes on 11 January 2019, while EPRDF soldiers were seeking out Oromo Liberation Army fighters in Ayera District, W Wollega, of Abate Gutema and Lule Lata. Ms Lata was ‘inhumanly beaten on her head while she is going on street in her living village.’ Both are shown left, in Ayera hospital.

On 11 January, farmer Roba Lelisa was robbed when he went to Gori, Mandi district, to buy an ox. When Balina Jirata, Habtamu Nagari and Nagari Dabala were harvesting coffee beans, their homes in Gori Kebele were burnt down by government soldiers.

Air strikes against OLF bases in Gidami and Garjeda Districts of W Wollega began on Sunday 13 January, which, according to Reuters, followed bank raids which were blamed on the OLF.

On 22 January, it was reported that three days previously, Asfaw Goshu, a farmer in Abuna village, Horo Guduru District, Wollega, was beaten and shot by government soldiers. He is recovering in hospital.

Pictures were sent on 3 March showing a military vehicle being loaded with sacks of grain or flour on 1 March. They were reported to have been taken in Gida Ayana District, E Wollega, where some of the 250,000 Oromo displaced by Benishangul militia are settled. It was reported that this private property was stolen by EPRDF forces.

Local informants reported on 2 April that teenager Matiws Waqtole Bulcha (right), from Lalo Asabi District, W Wollega, was admitted to Ghimbi Adventist Hospital after being robbed and severely beaten by EPRDF soldiers.



On 2 April it was reported that the air force attacked the same area of Gidami and Garjeda Districts in W Wollega from 14 to 16 March, associated with an escalation of attacks by government soldiers against civilians known or suspected to support the OLF, which included the rape of girls aged 12-14.

In the same report of 2 April, was the robbery on 19 March of wholesale goods which were recently bought in Finfinnee, including bicycles and cigarettes, taken by EPRDF soldiers from the home of businessman Tamiru Taressa, Guliso, W Wollega.

A hotel and shops belonging to Edosa Diriba and Dereje Diriba were looted by government soldiers on 19 March in Guliso.

On 19 March, police went to the homes of Inkosa Asefa and Tegegne Mulu (teacher) in Kombolcha District, Horo Guduru, E Wollega, took their phones and money and beat them severely.

Around the same time, in Sombo Guta Kebele, Nejo District, W Wollega, soldiers sought Abeye Fetene with the expressed intent of killing him. He had been fired from his local government post, as a suspected OLF supporter. He escaped but his motorcycle was burnt and destroyed.

On 21 March, government forces interrogated and beat Beshatu Tolu, demanding that she present her husband who had fled from them. She was detained with her two year old child in Jima Geneti District, Horo Guduru, E Wollega.

Similarly, Sukara Borse was detained in the Jima Geneti District police station and beaten on 17 March because her husband had run away. She was told she would be released when they had caught and killed her husband.

12 year-old Jiregna Asfaw, of 02 Kebele, Harato town, Horo Guduru, was badly beaten on his spine on 21 March when he was unable to tell soldiers where his father was. He was unable to walk after the injury.



In Dongoro town, Lalo Asabi District in W Wollega, it was reported on 2 April that EPRDF forces had occupied the district for two weeks, harassing and terrorising local people. Nine soldiers raped the daughter of one family, whose property they damaged, and then threw her on a gate which they had broken down.

An elderly woman farmer was also raped while tending her cattle.

On 6 June (reported 11 June), Adisu Ayele (left) and Gemechu Qanna were shot and injured 'by EPRDF military force for being suspected OLF supporter' and admitted to Qellem Hospital, W Wollega.

SOUTHERN OROMIA

Killings

On 23 December 2018, it was reported that there was widespread killing of OLF supporters in the Moyale sub-district of Borana Zone but government soldiers and militias prevented their identification.

On 29 December, photographs were sent of several individuals with bullet wounds and other injuries received when government soldiers attacked their village in Dugda Dawati sub-district, Guji District. **Eleven were reported killed.**

Also on that day, news was sent of attacks in a Moyale village in Moyale District, Borana Zone. **'More than 16 dead bodies is found in the village at the end of this week'** the report concluded.

A photograph (above right) showing two of the bodies in Moyale was sent the next day.



A report dated 22 January stated ‘in January 2019 the following innocent civilians were killed by EPRDF Force in Southern Oromia Guji zone without any cause because of they were not interested to be member of the EPRDF party’. They were all from Qarcha District.

The following were from Lami Hirpha Kebele:

Dukale Holota (‘very young’)

Ture Udessa (shot in head and admitted to Bule Hora hospital)

Robale Gamada

Bariso Quruta, aged 80

Lami Hotessa

From Borotu Kebele:

Duke Shege, aged 70

From 01 Kebele, Qarcha:

Miju Birbirsa

Abero Dulo

From 02 Kebele, Qarcha:

Tariku Elema

Milkesa Galgalo

Tesfaye Hube (ambulance driver)

Alemu Wadesa

Robale Gamada

From 01 Kebele, Garbo town:

Guye Bogale

On 12 February, newly married couple, **Kotola Jaldesa Buke** and **Cuqulisa Guyo Ashane**, and three wedding guests, **Jaldesa Wako Ammo**, **Kurayu Boru Jilo** and **Adan Saro**, were **shot dead** by government soldiers in Miyo District, Borana Zone (reported 1 March).

On 19 February (reported 1 March), the following were among at least nine killed in Saba Boru District, E Guji:

Brude Gada (pregnant) and her **3 yr old child**

Dukale Oda

Qonchora Hundessa

Kamari Adola

Bali Hundessa

Barisa Qalicha, 10 yrs old

Kalacha Birbirsa, 8 yrs old

On 23 February (reported 1 March), **Dawit Arba**, from Bule Hora, W Guji, was shot dead.

On 2 April were reported the following attacks and killings by EPRDF forces of civilians known or suspected of supporting the OLF:

Farmers from Gumi Eldolle District, W Guji Zone, were attacked on 10 March 2019. The properties of 85 farmers were destroyed, including cow sheds with 250 cattle. Another 350 cows were stolen, together with 250 camels and 1800 goats. The following three farmers were **shot dead** on 10 March:

Duba Qararsa Dhado, aged 70

Roba Orobo Qanchi, 28, and

Chari Tura Liban Dima, 24.

The driver of Haji Guyo Jarso, named **Qoncora**, was **killed** while driving from Moyale to Arero, Borana Zone, on 12 March, in an attack believed to have been aimed at Haji Guyo Jarso.



Warabo Abba Gudo Hayu (left), of Gumi Eldolle District, W Guji, was shot dead on 14 March

Borte Galma Chari (right), a driver, Borana Zone, was shot dead on 19 March



Arbitrary arrest and detention

It was reported on 16 January that at the beginning of the month, the following were arrested in Bule Hora District, W Guji Zone and taken to an unknown place. Three are shown below:

- Golcha Gobana
- Duba Yachis
- Ture Tisso
- Dube Tisso
- Dejene Kilta Golo



Three of the detainees listed above from Bule Hora and Abiti Sefe Godana (right)

It was reported on 22 January that the following were arrested earlier that month from Adola, Guji Zone:

- Abiti Sefe Godana (above right), QEERROO leader in Adola,
- Negasso Bare (right)
- Daniel Kote
- Hailu Bekele
- Tesfaye Hotessa
- Tadese Wako



On 12 February (reported 1 March) 18 civilians were taken from Miyo District, Borana Zone. On this day five were killed in Miyo (see above).

On 18 February (also reported 1 March), 22 suspected OLF supporters were abducted by security forces from Wadra District, E Guji Zone:

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| Sida Wako, teacher | Harsu Areri | Yemanu Zewude |
| Tariku Dade | Loko Galchu | Oda Badhu |

Kadiro Ibrahim
Taha Konno
Tahir Kasim
Kasim Dube
Handuke Aliyi
Alemu Tuli

Kono Sokora
Abduqadir Kasim
Bikila Tolasa
Siraj Hesa
Benya Denus
Ms Bisile Waqo

Ms Kamaria Usman
Ms Sitina Shifara
Ms Lidia Tesso
Ms Sara Wako

Nine were taken from Goro Dodola District, E Guji Zone:

Abdo Ilala Kefyalew
Tariku Gobana
Oda Utura
Tariku Dugo
Barbare Densho

Shek Addisu
Geleta Galano
Hayimanot Alemu
Shuree (2nd name not
known)



On 21 February, MP Guracha Galgalo (right), from Arero District, Borana Zone, was detained, shortly after being interviewed on *BBC Afan Oromo*.

The following were reported by Human Rights League for the Horn of Africa (HRLHA) in May to have been held in arbitrary detention, mostly since January. All were arrested in Guji Zone.

From Saba Boru:

Mirkata Qilxa
Tsfaye Halake
Bekele Wachile

Girja Jarso
Adola Arero Buukee
Dhaba Abba Xurra

Yatani Qilxaa
Dhugo Baqqajjo
Ayela Bariso

From Biqiltu town:

Kadhii Roba
Jabessa Korju
Boru Korju

Adula Galchu
Qilxa Balli
Ture Waqo

Gulu Bariso
Qosarre Roba
Mitto Gammade

From Bule Hora, Adola, E Guji Zone (also listed on 1 March by another source):

Guye Tefelo
Ketema Shawul
Kifile Jiso
Abraham
Tadele Kumala
Shamsu
Hasan Yusuf
Kedir Hassen

Assefa Shunte
Note Nanko
Bariso Nanko
Zegadem
Tilahun Barako
Geno Sirba
Gemeda (Damaqaa) Zeleke
Ahnadi Mume Bulti

HRLHA also listed:

Danbala Adulaa from Wachile:
Quxala Dhadacha from Kotobo and
Abraham Tolasa from Aroji Wadora.

Kulule Sara Kusu, from Ciment Kebele, Liban District, W Guji, was detained while taking food to detained relatives on 10 March and Harredi Safay (right), Goro Dola District, E Guji Zone, was taken on 20 March, according to reports received on 2 April.



Burning and looting

On 22 January it was reported (with photographic evidence) that, while elders were attempting to mediate between OLF and EPRDF forces in Ode Shakiso zone of Guji District, government forces deliberately set fire to Oromo property, including a motorcycle.

On 2 March, it was reported that government forces had robbed businessmen of their money, gold and motorbikes (essential means of transport locally), and had burnt down the houses of suspected OLF supporters in late February. Zinabu Bogale was robbed of 10,050 Birr, Desalegne Hana of 400,000, and Gobena Dhugo and his wife of 22,000 Birr and a quantity of gold. Over 200 motor motorbikes were commandeered and burnt. Two youngsters were shot and injured and eight motorbikes were stolen 'by force'.

On 3 March it was reported that Eskezhim Alemu Ararsa, businessman in Odo Shakiso District, Guji Zone, was ejected from his business premises which were then shut down.

It was reported on 2 April that on 22 March, the luxury home (worth 1.5 million Birr) of Galgalo Cicu in Qarcaa District, Guji Zone, was burnt down by government forces because of his suspected support for the OLF.

On 10 April (reported 14 April) government police burnt down five houses belonging to people suspected of feeding OLF soldiers at Badeesa Kebele, Qarcaa sub-district, Guji Zone - Kidane Wudeesa, Tadassa Dulacha, Kushuru Konde and Uddeesa (whose home has been burnt down twice). Also in Galana sub-district, Ejersa town, the home of Asamino Areeri was burnt to the ground.

Rape

It was reported on 2 March that 8 Guji Oromo girls, aged 12-18, and a pregnant woman were admitted to Bule Hora hospital for treatment after being raped by EPRDF soldiers on 8 February:

Beza Imush (18)

Hana Desta (17)

Tamire Gemeda (15)

Bacho Warqi Agegnew (13)

Ushe Sibiru (pregnant)

Roman Abush (12)

Hiwot Safaye (12)

Isiyo Sali Molu (12), from Malka Sogida

Zanu Tesfaye (13), from Malka Sogida