



NEWS ALERT

The Amharas of Welkait-Tegede-Telemt-Raya are once again under the threat of mass murder by the TPLF and Abiy

After the TPLF (Tigray People's Liberation Front) invaded the woredas Raya Alamata, Zata and Ofra on 13.04.2024 with 50,000 displaced Amharas, the TPLF is now gathering its army at the Tekeze River to occupy Welkait-Tegede-Telemt again by force. For the Amharas living there, this is unimaginable. These areas were under the brutal rule of the TPLF from 1983 to 2020 under the names "West Tigray" and "South Tigray" (see picture below, coloured red). During this time, the TPLF elites sent hundreds of thousands of Amharas to their deaths or expelled them.

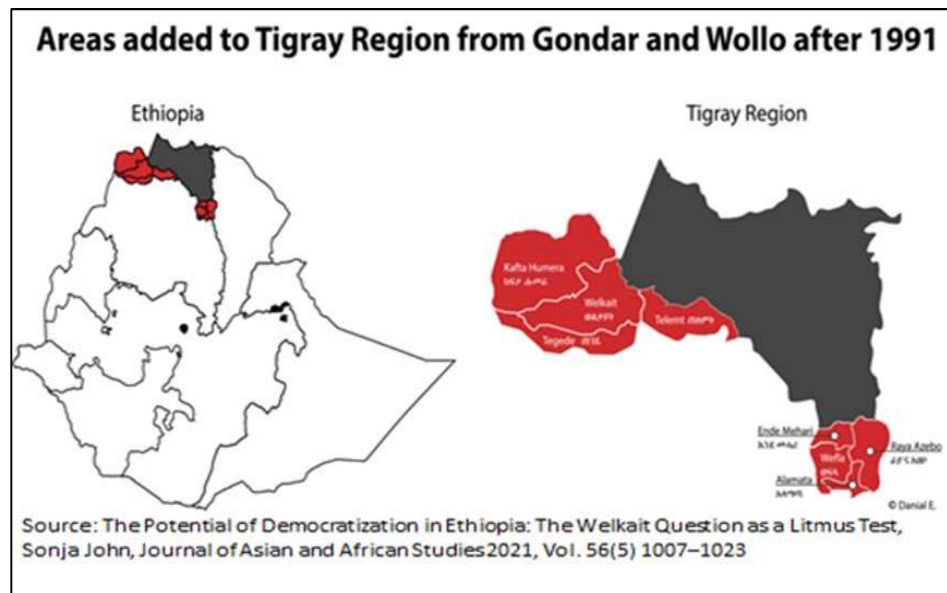
"In Wolkait-Tegede, Telemt and Raya we only need your women and your land!"¹

This is a statement often made by TPLF officials to Amharas in Welkait-Tegede-Telemt-Raya between 1983 and 2020. The statement aptly describes the TPLF's cruel rule in these areas and was specifically aimed at those Amhara who resisted **forced Tigrayanization** and insisted on **their Amhara identity**. Under the TPLF rule, these brave Amharas were imprisoned en masse, murdered and buried in anonymous graves, their property distributed to Tigrayan settlers, women indiscriminately raped and forcibly impregnated in a perfidious manner. All this is documented, eyewitnesses are still alive. Dozens of mass graves have already been secured. In short, the TPLF has occupied these areas while decimating the Amhara people living there.

The attitude of the West to return these territories to the TPLF is contrary to the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948. The purpose of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is to ensure the maximum protection for all people in the here and now. However, the right guaranteed by this declaration is still denied to the Amhara in Welkait-Tegede-Telemt-Raya.

Dozens of mass graves² have already been secured. It is also documented that the organizations of the Amhara Diaspora have repeatedly reported these crimes of the TPLF to the UN, the EU and the USA. **If only the UN and the West did not suffer from**

selective justice! No, it is not about the territorial claims of the TPLF as the West believes, otherwise the TPLF would have let hundreds of thousands of Amhara die there during its cruel rule. It was and is about the forced Tigrayanization of the Amharas there. Some of the victims are still alive and demanding justice. The perpetrators are still in power. If the UN had allowed the work of the International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia to continue in 2024, a lot would have come to light. This would have helped the victims. Despite the experts' findings of "grave and systematic violations of international law and crimes" in Ethiopia, the US and EU endorsed the Abiy regime's "transitional justice" plan. It is reasonable to assume that the US and EU will only support the investigation of violations of international law when it does not conflict with their geopolitical and economic interests. Expecting "transitional justice" under the Abiy regime was the biggest mistake of the UN and the West. The tacit approval of the TPLF's invasion of Welkait-Tegede-Telemt-Raya by the UN and the West will ignite a conflagration in East Africa and the Horn of Africa that will certainly not benefit the West.



¹ <https://www.hornofafricainsight.org/post/welkait-ethiopia-geo-strategic-importance-and-the-consequential-annexation-by-tplf>

² <https://borkena.com/2022/04/05/wolkait-mass-grave-researchers-say-tplf-had-killed-and-tortured-about-59000-people/>