



SPECIAL ISSUE

Abiy's war crimes in Gonder: civilians massacred, houses burnt down, raped and looted

Despite numerous defeats in the Amhara region, the invading army of Abiy continues its massacres of the civilian population, rape, looting and destruction of homes. For the past month and a half, the Amhara people in Gonder have once again been the victims of these war crimes.

- South Gonder: According to reports, Libo Kemkem, Beles and the surrounding area were the scene of the invasion by the Abiy army. In the fighting between the Abiy army and the self-defence forces of the region (Fano), the Fano managed to repel the invading army, after which the Abiy army hastily retreated. As always when they retreated, they went from house to house, indiscriminately shooting civilians, looting property and setting houses on fire to avenge their defeat. The same thing happened in the district of Gaint, Kosset Berr. The soldiers shot indiscriminately from house to house and also in the streets. The army burnt down more than 50 houses in Michael Debir town and looted Tsedey bank (Hibir Radio, 01/05/2024).
- According to eyewitness reports, Abiy's army carried out the following massacres during this period:
 - 17 civilians were massacred in Dembiya (in the centre of Gonder). 7 of the victims belonged to one family,
 - In Belesa district, Kebele 3, 47 civilians were massacred. Among the victims were 11-year-old children and 80-year-old people. In addition, 1,500 residents fled from this barbaric act of the Abiy soldiers,
 - In North Gonder, the following victims of the Abiy army have been mourned:
 - a. More than 15 civilians shot in cold blood in the towns of Jinora and Ankash,
 - b. 10 civilians were massacred in Armachiho,
 - c. 12 civilians were shot dead in the neighbourhood of Ashere,
 - The following table contains the names and ages of the people who were brutally shot in Agona and Welela Bahir Kebele, South Gonder:

	Name of the victims	Age	Remarks
1	Metages Abebaw	12	
2	Bamilku Zerihun	30	
3	Kindiye Aniley	40	
4	Kefyalew Tigabu	12	
5	Biruk Kassa	12	
6	Mersha Demmelash	45	
7	Kinde Fenta	28	
8	Geta Tamiru	50	
9	Enanaw Fetene	75	
10	Emebet Atinafu	6	

The ECLJ (European Centre for Law and Justice) document of 26 April 2024 on the crime against the Amhara is attracting more and more attention. It also notes the lack of attention paid to this crime by the EU (and the USA). The reasons for this seem to us to be as follows:

1. The EU and the US claim to be working for the unity of Ethiopia. So far, however, they are working with the forces (Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) and Abiy's Prosperity Party) that are dismantling Ethiopia.
2. The EU and the US pretend to be in favour of human rights in Ethiopia. In reality, they ignore the blatant human rights violations committed by the TPLF against the Amharas in Welkait-Tegede-Telemt-Raya and even demand the return of these areas to the TPLF without holding them accountable. Moreover, the EU and the US have occasionally condemned the Abiy regime for the grave human rights violations against the Amhara people in Welega, West Shewa, Addis Ababa, Amhara region, etc., but only half-heartedly.

By and large, the policy of the West towards Ethiopia is on the wrong track.