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OROMO LEGACY LEADERSHIP &
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ABOUT OLLAA

The Oromo Legacy Leadership & Advocacy Association (OLLAA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, community-based organization that seeks to serve the socio-cultural needs of the Oromo people in Ethiopia and around the world through the principles of advocacy and development.

Since 2016, OLLAA has worked as a force for human rights, women's rights, and indigenous rights by empowering Oromo communities and collaborating across the globe. As an umbrella organization, we represent over 50 Oromo communities throughout the world and frequently work in coalition with other advocacy organizations that represent various ethnic groups across Ethiopia.

OUR VISION

A peaceful, democratic, and prosperous Oromia, Ethiopia, and Horn of Africa region.

OUR MISSION

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FOREWORD

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The last two and half years have been one of the most challenging times in modern Oromo history. Beginning with the murder of Haacaaluu Hundessa in 2020 and the mass arrest of prominent political prisoners, in a short amount of time, the Oromo have lost thousands of the innocent youth who led the peaceful, pro-democracy protests that brought the current government into power. Revolution turned against those who made change possible.

Since OLLAA was formed in 2016, our core mission has been to raise Oromo voices and be a force for human rights, women's rights, and indigenous rights by empowering Oromo communities in Ethiopia and across the globe. Over the past year, we have witnessed the situation facing the Oromo become ever more difficult - from escalating conflicts, government-led drone attacks, and dire drought conditions, the humanitarian and human rights situation in Oromia has never been worse.

OLLAA has worked tirelessly over the past 12 months to tell the too-often overlooked stories of the Oromo, to share the plight and tragedy facing millions. We have advocated for more global attention and responses to the human rights violations taking place, including participating in high-level meetings with the United Nations International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia (ICHREE), with government bodies, the United Nations, the US State Department, civil society organizations, and much more. Much of this advocacy work takes place behind the scenes, but it is this essential work that keeps the Oromo present in conversations. In the following report, you will find a comprehensive compilation of OLLAA's publications over the past year. While this only represents half of the work we do, the articles, press releases, events, and more that you will find here are the result of countless hours of work, expertise, and a true passion for human rights and the Oromo people.

It is important to note that the deadly legacy of 2022 is not only the thousands of civilians that have been targeted by drones, heavy military shelling, drought, and mass starvation due to conflict and man-made displacement. Instead, for the first time in modern history, the horror of what the Oromo have long read or heard about in textbooks has become the norm. What was once debated as folklore has now become a tragically common and gruesome sight on live videos disseminated across social media sites: videos depicting the breasts and hands of Oromo farmers being cut off, and Oromos being beheaded and burned alive.

For the Oromo, the most heartbreaking aspect is that it is happening under the guise of those who claim to be Oromo. Merely four years ago, over 5000 Oromo lost their lives to bring about change - however, those who came to power due to those peaceful revolutionaries not only appear more anti-Oromo than Orommuma (Oromo culture and nationalism), they are complicit in actions that violate the very foundations of human dignity and human rights that they are sworn to protect.

For those in the diaspora that have given so much from afar, these latest atrocities have been extremely painful. It is painful partly because those who are now targeting Oromos were once the very same people many placed their hopes into. On top of this, and perhaps most painfully, is the fact that the international community has continually refused to condemn the atrocities against the Oromo, sending a message that Oromo lives matter less. To the Oromo, the Pretoria peace agreement signed in November to end the civil war in the North seems to have let Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed off the hook - sending the message that as long as he can make peace with Tigray, the West, and, in particular, the United States, will not make mention of the atrocities occurring in Oromia.

With this ambivalent legacy serving as our backdrop, I look forward to 2023 with both fear and hope. Fear that the international community's silence in the face of brutal acts of violence will continue - such as when Oromos are burned alive on camera, beheaded, or killed in mass - emboldening the Abiy administration to commit further atrocities. Yet, hope still blossoms from the strength of the Oromo people to stand together in the pursuit of dignity, human rights, democracy, and justice. The barbaric acts committed against the Oromo by the current ruling parties have united the diasporas and Oromo more than ever - and it is through this unity that Oromos can speak with a strong voice: calling for an end to violence and oppression and building a road to peace.

It is this road to peace that OLLAA is committed to working towards in 2023. We thank you for your support over this difficult last year and look with hope as we take our first steps into the new year together.

As the Oromo proverb says, "Through unity, fibers can tie an elephant" (Qunceen wal gargaartee arba hiiti).

Sincerely,
Seena Jimjimo,
OLLAA Executive Director



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In this report a comprehensive list will be provided with updates on the 2022 activities of OLLAA. This report will condense online publications, relevant news articles, as well as past events into a single document for convenient reference. Online publications include the sections titled: "OLLAA Exclusives," "Press Releases," and "Humans of Oromia". "In the News" is the section which covers the relevant news articles of events and circumstances of the Oromo people and international diaspora. Events is the section that will cover past events of 2022 hosted or related to OLLAA. More details and reflection on each section can be found below, either expanded on within the executive summary or with contents decompressed and sorted chronologically within its own section of this report.

OLLAA Exclusives contains publications covering high-level topics on the Oromo community. OLLAA Exclusives offer the greatest top-down perspective on current policies in Ethiopia and abroad while still condensing complicated issues into summary form. OLLAA Exclusives are created by OLLAA internally by subject matter experts.

Press Releases catalogs relevant news articles to the Oromo and diaspora from reputable news sources including but not limited to: Reuters, the United Nations, Bloomberg, BBC, USAID, and more. Topics covered in Press Releases relate to the humanitarian crisis facing the Oromo community, ongoing tragedies relating to the armed conflict in the region, and paramilitary activities and their effects on the local population in addition to much more.

Humans of Oromia is the section where articles come from reliable "boots on the ground" sources, that is, individuals who live in regions of tension or conflict within Oromia or elsewhere in which citation from primary sourcing is the only reliable method of conveying the present situation and circumstance. More so, Humans of Oromia provides individuals the chance to share their experiences and relate ongoing suffering while still providing a unique scope of coverage analyzed by experts.

Events is the section in which events hosted by OLLAA in which previous events are listed. Within Events a description of the event is given if relevant as well as links to any related social media. For live recordings of OLLAA subject matter experts, a link to each presentation is provided for reference.

OLLAA EXCLUSIVES

The Long Arm of the Ethiopian Government in Kenya | January 5, 2022

"Kenya is home to a significant number of Oromo-Kenyans, as well as Ethiopian refugees predominantly originating from the Oromia and Ogaden regions of Ethiopia. According to the Danish Refugee Council (DFC), these refugees are typically fleeing political persecution and "escaping harsh, oppressive and undesirable conditions." As the conflict in Ethiopia escalates, and as OLLAA has been documenting, thousands of Oromo civilians and political opponents face violent government targeting and arrest. With so many fleeing their homes in fear of their lives, OLLAA is deeply concerned by reports of the unwelcoming and obstructive practices currently in place." Read more [here](#).

Retaliatory Attacks Against Civilians in Oromia | January 17, 2022

"In recent weeks, OLLAA has received several reports of civilians being targeted by Ethiopian State agents, including members of the military and police, in the East Guji, East Wollega, and Kellem Wollega zones of Oromia regions. These attacks have involved both physical attacks against individuals, in some cases leading to death, and the intentional burning down of their houses, leading to forced displacement. Many of these attacks were apparently made as a form of retaliation for the ongoing conflict between the Ethiopian military and police and the OLA." Read more [here](#).

A Living Hell: Oromo Migrants Bear the Scars of Houthi Bombing | January 25, 2022

The Houthi bombing that occurred in March of last year, resulting in the death of at least 400 Oromo migrants, exposes the horror that can await some of the most vulnerable individuals in an already devastated region. As we edge closer to the one year anniversary of the tragedy, it is worth taking stock of the current situation in Yemen – and what it portends for those who remain stranded there." Read more [here](#).





It's Time for the International Community to Denounce the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission | February 7, 2022

"The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is a National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) that was established in 2000. It has a mandate for the promotion and protection of human rights, which enables them to undertake human rights investigations and monitor prisons and public service institutions to ensure that international human rights standards are protected and observed. Since it was established, the EHRC has faced criticism from leading civil society organizations that it lacked independence and was biased. That perception began to change after Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed came to power in 2018, and in 2021, several sources claimed that the EHRC appeared to have improved substantially in recent years. However, following the release of a joint report by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the EHRC, which was widely viewed as an attempt by the EHRC to create a false equivalency between the scale of violations committed by the Ethiopian, Eritrean, Amharan forces and the TPLF, it appears the international community is again coming to recognize the failures of that body." Read more [here](#).

Along the Eastern Route: In the Footsteps of Ethiopia's Forgotten Slaves | February 25, 2022

"Worn-out flip-flops and calloused feet mark the young men and women making their way along the barren, dusty road from Obock to Aden. It is a trek that takes more than two days on foot, typically under a burning sun that pushes temperatures to 40°C or more. There is little food or water to be found along the way. Instead, migrants rely on the kindness of locals or the black-and-white survival sacks handed out by the IOM at various checkpoints. According to the IOM, at least 400,000 Ethiopians made this journey to the Arabian Peninsula between 2017 and 2020. Since then, migration has slowed due to COVID-19 border restrictions. However, as these restrictions lift, the migratory flow is predicted to keep on growing. Key drivers such as low employment, ongoing conflicts and natural hazards remain unresolved." Read more [here](#).





Violence and Displacement in Sibu Sire | March 9, 2022

"Sibu Sire woreda is located in the East Wollega zone, Oromia region, approximately 274 km from Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa. The most recent population estimates for the woreda were published in 2005 by Ethiopia's Central Statistical Agency, who reported that 97,864 people lived in the woreda, the vast majority of whom are Oromos. Like much of Oromia, Sibu Sire has been subject to frequent internet shutdowns over the past few years. Such shutdowns have made it difficult for individuals on the ground to share reports of human rights violations, including, most recently, a series of attacks perpetrated by Amhara militias which reportedly led to the mass displacement of roughly 15% of the population of Sibu Sire." Read more [here](#).

Oromia in Peril: The 8 Million Ethiopians Facing Hunger & Drought | April 28, 2022

"Since the civil war broke out in Tigray in November 2020, the world's attention has turned to the humanitarian crisis in northern Ethiopia, caused, in large part, by the de facto blockade on the delivery of humanitarian aid. In recent weeks, the TPLF and the Ethiopian government have adopted a humanitarian truce designed to allow the flow of humanitarian aid into the region. While this is certainly welcome news for civilians throughout northern Ethiopia, it does not alleviate the suffering of Ethiopian citizens throughout the rest of the country, particularly in the south, which has been experiencing increasing food insecurity due to a drought, which some have called the "worst drought in forty years", alongside underreported conflicts." Read more [here](#).

A Mother's Heartbreak | May 10, 2022

"The last time Degalee saw her youngest child, then a seven-month-old baby, the foundations of her life had just come crashing down. Three days earlier, Ethiopian security forces seized Degalee's husband and killed him in front of her and their six children in their own home. As her husband was murdered, Degalee recounts how she was forced to stretch out her body in front of her children – a human barricade to prevent them from risking their lives by running to their father. It was 2012, a period of extreme crackdowns by the then-government on any perceived opposition to their regime. Many ethnic Oromos were arrested or killed for their supposed links to the opposition party, the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF). In the days after the attack, knowing that the security forces would return for her, Degalee was forced to flee her home, leaving her children behind in the hope they would be protected from further retribution. Not knowing where she was going and simply fleeing for her life, Degalee found herself sucked into a tragedy of human trafficking, exploitation, and hardship that continues to this day." Read more [here](#).



OLLAA: Report on Extrajudicial Killings in May 2022 | June 30, 2022

“As the ethnic onslaught continues upon Oromia, civilians continue to face extrajudicial executions at the hands of security forces. May was a bloody month for the Oromo people, with 35 reported civilian deaths at the hands of Ethiopian security forces, reproduced below. Security forces often accuse civilians who they have killed without due process of law of having been a member of the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) or being related with or otherwise connected to members of the OLA, despite such connections often being tenuous at best.”

Read more [here](#).

Death By Starvation | August 3, 2022

“As previously reported by OLLAA, the southern regions of Ethiopia are experiencing increasing food insecurity and starvation due to drought, conflict, and other factors. Since OLLAA last examined the effects of the drought on Oromo civilians in April 2022, we have received further updates about the extent of humanitarian needs in Oromia, both from publicly available sources and credible sources on the ground. We are particularly concerned about the latest report that 38,000 people in the Sabaa Borruu district of the Guji zone are currently facing acute starvation. This report will, therefore, provide an update on what is known about the extent of humanitarian need inside Oromia. Taken together, these sources reveal that the Ethiopian government and the international community may be severely underestimating the true extent of humanitarian need across Oromia.” Read more [here](#).



Report on Extrajudicial Killings in July 2022 | August 25, 2022

“July has been another bloody month for the people of Oromo, bringing further reports of extrajudicial killings and attacks against civilians to the region, as government forces continue to target Oromo citizens, often alleging they are OLA supporters. The data collected below details individuals who were reported by the mass media as having been extrajudicially killed by Ethiopian government security forces in July throughout Oromia.” Read more [here](#).



A Mother's Search for Security | September 5, 2022

“It’s been over two decades since Khadija fled her homeland of Ethiopia. Brutally abused by the Ethiopian authorities, Khadija was left with no choice but to take her children and run. It was a decision driven by sheer desperation, tremendous bravery, and an awareness that her life was at risk.” Read more [here](#).

Report on Extrajudicial Killings in August 2022 | September 29, 2022

“During the month of August, Ethiopian government security forces continued to commit extrajudicial killings of Oromo civilians, in addition to forced displacement and the destruction of hundreds of houses. According to our sources, some of the victims were taken and killed from their workplaces, some from their own homes; while others were taken from prisons and killed.” Read more [here](#).

Irreecha: A Story of Oppression and Resistance | October 3, 2022

“On October 2, 2016, millions of Oromos—an ethnic group descended from an ancient Cushitic-speaking people—gathered in Bishoftu, Ethiopia to celebrate the annual Irreecha thanksgiving festival. The day was supposed to be a joyous one, meant to observe the end of the rainy season and hail in the upcoming harvest through sacred rituals. Unfortunately, the festive atmosphere didn’t last long, and the events that followed have left behind a dark spot in the hearts and minds of millions of Oromos.” Read more [here](#).



Report on Extrajudicial Killings in September 2022 | October 28, 2022

"During the month of September, Ethiopian government security forces continued to commit extra-judicial killings of Oromo civilians, alongside the mass destruction of homes and villages, with impunity. At times, it was reported that these killings took place as part of joint operations conducted by state agents (including federal and regional forces) alongside non-state armed actors, particularly Amhara militias (Fano)." Read more [here](#).

Open Letter to US, AU & EU Special Envoys on the situation in Oromia | November 24, 2022

An open letter from OLLAA to the US, AU & EU Special Envoys for the Horn of Africa on the failure to condemn human rights abuses in Oromia and pursue genuine country-wide peace. Read more [here](#).

Report on Extrajudicial Killings in October 2022 | November 25, 2022

During the month of October, Ethiopian government security forces continued to commit extra-judicial killings of Oromo civilians, alongside the mass destruction of homes and villages, and drone attacks with impunity. Read more [here](#).





PRESS RELEASES

OLLAA routinely shares Press Releases where news relating to Ethiopia, Oromia, and regional interests are shared on its website. For more information, click [here](#).

JANUARY

- ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT RELEASES JAWAR MOHAMMED, BEKELE GERBA, AND OTHER LEADERS OF OPPOSITION MOVEMENTS
January 7, 2022 | [Link](#)
- STATEMENT BY OLLAA ON REACTION OF VARIOUS PARTIES TO THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS
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- SENATOR BOOKER RELEASES A STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ETHIOPIA, INCLUDING DRONE STRIKES IN OROMIA
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- OLLAA EXPRESSES ALARM AT REPORT THAT OROMIA REGIONAL GOVERNMENT IS SEEKING TO SUPPRESS REPORT ON KARAYU MASSACRE
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- STATEMENT BY WORLDWIDE OROMO CIVIC, PROFESSIONAL, ADVOCACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL DIALOGUE COMMISSION (NDC) IN ETHIOPIA
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- OLLAA CONDEMNS AIRSTRIKE ON YEMEN MIGRANT DETENTION CENTRE
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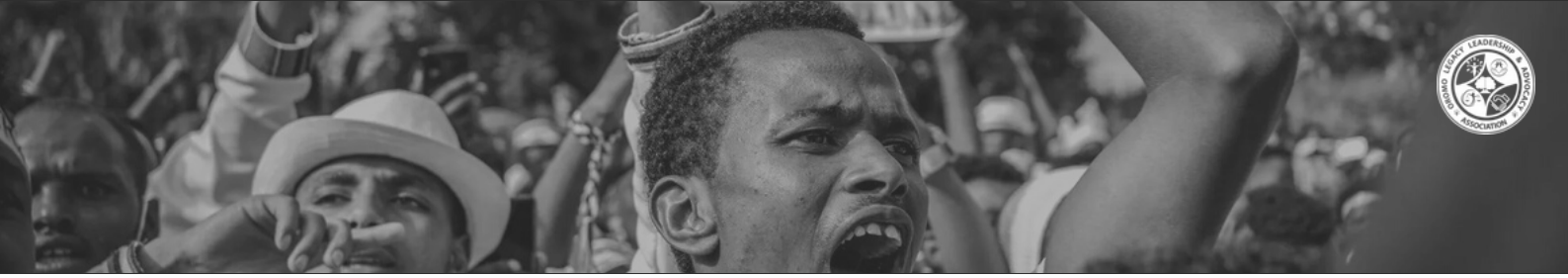




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- OLLAA REITERATES ITS CALL FOR REAL JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES AS EHRC ISSUES REPORT ON KARAYU MASSACRE
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- U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MALINOWSKI INTRODUCES BILL TO SUPPORT STABILIZATION, PEACE, AND DEMOCRACY EFFORTS IN ETHIOPIA
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- OLLAA CALLS FOR THE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AS DETAINED LEADERS OF THE OLF LEAD A HUNGER STRIKE
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- OLLAA CONDEMNS RECENT ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIANS THROUGHOUT ETHIOPIA
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- ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT LIFTS STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED IN NOVEMBER 2021
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- OLLAA EXPRESSES ALARM AT REPORTS THAT ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT IS FORCING IDPS TO RETURN TO CONFLICT ZONE
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- OLLAA HAS URGED ETHIOPIA'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO REPATRIATE OROMO MIGRANTS DETAINED IN SAUDI ARABIA
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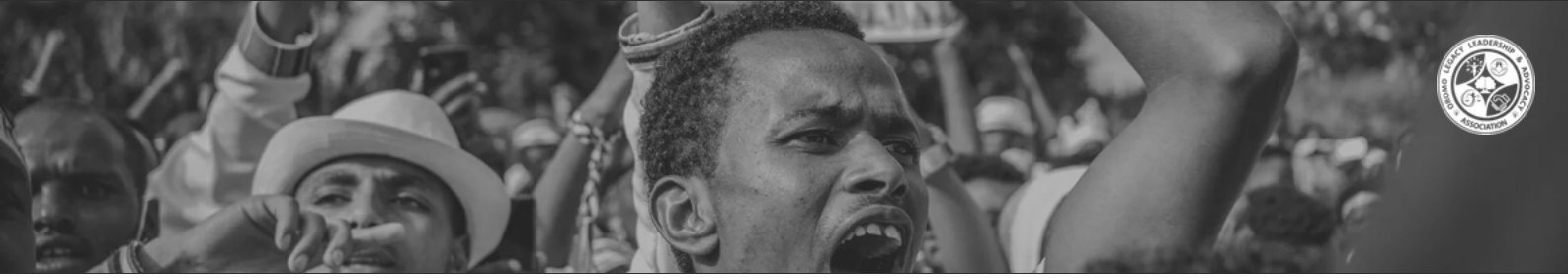


MARCH

- OLLAA CALLS FOR RELEASE OF OLF CHAIRMAN FROM HOUSE ARREST
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- ON THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOUTHY BOMBING OF A MIGRANT DETENTION CENTER IN YEMEN, OLLAA & BRIDGES FOR YEMEN HONOR THE VICTIMS
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- HATE SPEECH IN ETHIOPIA: PRESS RELEASE BY COALITION OF OROMO ADVOCACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS
March 7, 2022 | [Link](#)
- OLLAA CALLS FOR JUSTICE AFTER VIDEO SHOWS CITIZENS BEING BURNED ALIVE IN BENISHANGUL-GUMUZ
March 14, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Advocacy Organizations Urge the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to Pass the Ethiopia Peace and Democracy Promotion Act
March 23, 2022 | [Link](#)
- OLLAA CALLS FOR ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE AND RELEASE OF OLF POLITICAL PRISONERS
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- OLLAA URGES US SENATE TO ADVANCE BILL ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ETHIOPIA
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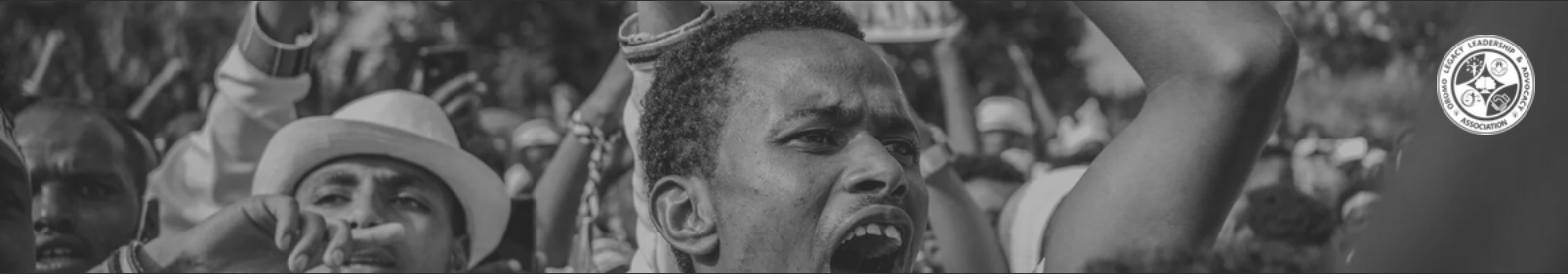


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- AMHARA MILITIAS LAUNCH ATTACK AGAINST FEDERAL AND REGIONAL SECURITY FORCES IN THE EAST SHEWA ZONE
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- SEENAA JIMJIMO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OLLAA – WARMONGERING ETHIOPIAN ELITES SPREAD RAMPANT DISINFORMATION ABOUT S.3199 AND HR6600
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- ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES AGGRESSIVE MILITARY OFFENSIVE INSIDE OROMIA
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- AMHARA MILITIAS (FANO) LAUNCH ATTACK AGAINST CIVILIANS IN THE WOLLO OROMIA SPECIAL ZONE
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- OROMO ADVOCACY GROUP PUBLISHES REPORT ON ABUSES COMMITTED BY OROMIA SPECIAL FORCES
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- OLLAA CONDEMNS HORRIFIC ATTACK ON MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN AMHARA REGION, LEAVING 21 DEAD
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- OLLAA CLOSES OROMO REFUGEE PORTAL
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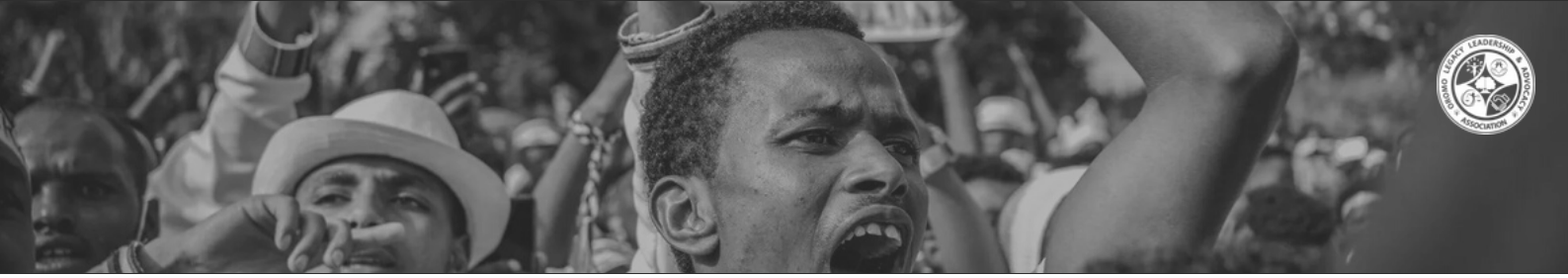
- DRONE STRIKES AND ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIANS REPORTED THROUGHOUT OROMIA AS PART OF MILITARY OFFENSIVE, LEADING TO 278 DEATHS
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- OROMO COMMUNITIES FROM ACROSS THE WORLD TO HOLD RALLIES CONDEMNING THE WAR IN OROMIA
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- OLLAA IS DISAPPOINTED BY FAILURE OF STATE DEP'T REPORT TO INCLUDE KARAYU MASSACRE, OTHER VIOLATIONS
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- ETHIOPIAN SECURITY FORCES ARE TARGETING OROMOS FOLLOWING CLASH WITH ARMED GROUPS IN GAMBELLA CITY
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- OLLAA CONDEMNS ATTACKS AGAINST ETHIOPIAN CIVILIANS, CALLS FOR INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS
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- OLLAA WELCOMES ANNOUNCEMENT THAT UN COMMISSION IS INVESTIGATING ABUSES INSIDE OROMIA
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- ATTACKS AGAINST CIVILIANS REPORTED IN THE KELLEM WOLLEGA ZONE
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- What Really Happened in the "Tole Massacre" in Western Ethiopia? Reporting without Verification Exposes Major Media Outlets to Complicity in a Deadly Government Narrative in Ethiopia
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- US SENATOR MERKLEY WRITES TO STATE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE OROMO
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- ATTACK AGAINST CIVILIANS REPORTED IN JILE DHUMUGA DISTRICT, WOLLO OROMIA SPECIAL ZONE
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- OROMIA STATE MINISTER CLAIMS GOVERNMENT FAILED TO PROTECT CIVILIANS
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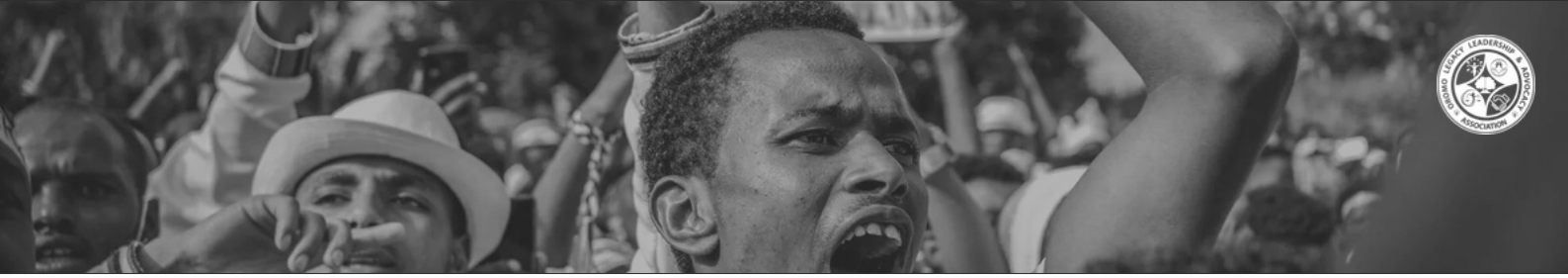
- EHRC REVEALS VIOLATIONS OF OROMO PRISONERS' RIGHTS
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- OLLAA WELCOMES CALLS FOR A PEACE SOLUTION AND URGES ETHIOPIA-WIDE PEACE PROCESS
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- OLLAA SUBMITS REPORT TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
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- UN COMMISSION RELEASES REPORT ON ETHIOPIA
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- OLLAA CONDEMNS RE-ENTRY OF ERITREAN FORCES INTO ETHIOPIA
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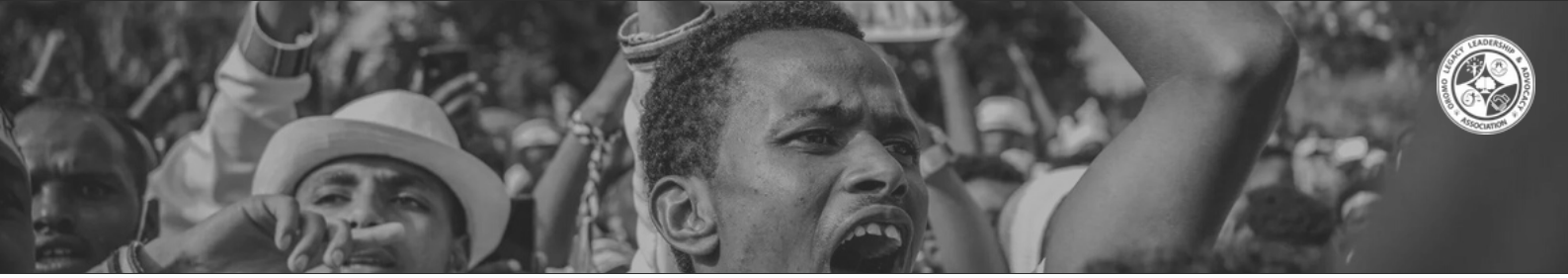


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- MANDATE OF UN COMMISSION INVESTIGATING ETHIOPIA RENEWED
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- OLLAA URGES OROMOS TO SUBMIT REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS TO US STATE DEP'T, UN
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- OLLAA, OSF, AND IHRDA TO HOLD EVENT HIGHLIGHTING ABUSES COMMITTED AGAINST OROMOS
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- DRONE ATTACKS AND VIOLENCE ACROSS WESTERN OROMIA
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- OLLAA AND OSF FILE CASE BEFORE AFRICAN COMMISSION
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- THE ARREST OF THREE OROMIA SUPREME COURT JUDGES
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- ETHIOPIAN ADVOCACY GROUPS WRITE TO US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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- GRUESOME ATTACKS THROUGHOUT WESTERN AND CENTRAL OROMIA
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- Dhiittaa Mirgoota Namoomaa Namoota Hiriira Mormii Bahan Irratti Raawwate Ilaalchisee Ibsa OLLAA
December 8, 2022 | [Link](#)
- OLLAA URGES US LEADERS NOT TO MEET WITH PM ABIY, SUPPORT OROMO CIVILIANS
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- US OROMO COMMUNITIES GATHER IN DC TO PROTEST VIOLENCE IN OROMIA
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HUMANS OF OROMIA

OLLAA regularly publishes reports and articles on the incidences of violence and extra-judicial persecution of Oromo civilians.

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- An Oromo Elder Killed in Cold Blood by Police
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- The Story of a Family Still Seeking Justice After 17 Years
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- The Extrajudicial Execution of Tariku Itinnaa
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- The Arbitrary Detention of an Herbalist
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- 100 Days of Injustice: The Detention of a Young, Brave Journalist
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- Detained for a Year, Brutalized, and in Urgent Need of Medical Care
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- The Story of a Man Who Was Just Elected to the OFC's Executive Committee, Despite being Detained Since 2020
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- The Story of a Man Who Died After Being Tortured for Being Outside Past Curfew
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- The Extrajudicial Execution of a Young Student by the Oromia Special Police
April 19, 2022 | [Link](#)
- The Continued Detention and Denial of Medical Care for a Leader of the OLF
April 26, 2022 | [Link](#)



Sallo Moluu Waqoo
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MAY

- The Extrajudicial Killing of a Karrayyu Herder
May 10, 2022 | [Link](#)
- The Heavy Cost of Ethiopia's War on Oromia
May 17, 2022 | [Link](#)
- The Man Who Survived a Massacre
May 24, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Collective Punishment for an Oromo Family
May 31, 2022 | [Link](#)

JUNE

- They Killed My Son For No Reason, Says
Father of 14-Year-Old Oromo Boy
June 7, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Two Cousins Gunned Down by Ethiopian
Security Forces
June 14, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Five-Year-Old Girl Arrested, Tortured by ENDF
Because of Father's Ties to the OLA
June 21, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Student Ambushed and Killed by Government
Forces at Café
June 28, 2022 | [Link](#)

JULY

- "They left us with nothing," Says Farmer
Whose Home Was Destroyed By the ENDF
July 5, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Killed in Broad Daylight for His Beliefs
July 12, 2022 | [Link](#)
- The Unlawful Detention of a Journalist
July 19, 2022 | [Link](#)
- The Disappearance of Henok Dejene
August 2, 2022 | [Link](#)

AUGUST

- The Extrajudicial Killing of an 85-Year-Old
Man
August 16, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Property destruction in the Arsi Zone
August 30, 2022 | [Link](#)



Henok Dejene



SEPTEMBER

- The Death of A Pastor
September 13, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Mengistu Wakuma: In Exile
September 27, 2022 | [Link](#)

OCTOBER

- Bilisumma Husen: Unlawfully Detained
October 11, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Moibon Bekele: The Icon for Oromo Youth
October 25, 2022 | [Link](#)

NOVEMBER

- The Public Execution of a Peace-Maker
November 1, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Rabirra: Survivor of Torture
November 8, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Remembering Ali Birra: A Beloved Oromo Artist
November 15, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Remembering Shekh Mufti Haji Adam Tula: Oromo Religious Scholar
November 22, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Remembering Hirko Ayana: Peaceful Protester
November 29, 2022 | [Link](#)

DECEMBER

- Fenet & Eyob Alamayo: Brilliant Students
December 6, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Kulani Imana: Tortured & Denied Medical Care
December 13, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Abdi Ababe: Extrajudicially Killed
December 20, 2022 | [Link](#)
- Dambi Tashoma: Victim of Multiple Arbitrary Detentions
December 27, 2022 | [Link](#)



Ali Birra



EVENTS

OLLAA regularly publishes reports and articles on the incidences of violence and extra-judicial persecution of Oromo civilians.

JANUARY

- MLK day Twitter campaign | January 15, 2022
Read more [here](#).

FEBRUARY

- #SaveOromoSaudiMigrants | February 4, 2022
 - "Thousands of Ethiopian/Oromo migrants in Saudi prisons are still living in horrifying conditions, locked up in overcrowded and dirty cells, starving, mistreated and beaten, and in need of medical attention. Some of them are in mortal danger. Join us in a Twitter campaign to create awareness and give a voice to the lost and forgotten souls still suffering in the Saudi detention centers." Read more [here](#).
- Live Discussion – Education Department | February 13, 2022
Watch it [here](#).
- Live Discussion – Education Department | February 25, 2022
Watch it [here](#).

MARCH

- Live Discussion – Afaan Oromoo for Kids | March 6, 2022
Watch it [here](#).
- Justice for Oromo Refugees in Yemen | March 7, 2022
Read more [here](#).
- Live Discussion – Gadaa System Class | March 25, 2022
Watch it [here](#).

APRIL

- Live Discussion – Education Department | April 9, 2022
Watch it [here](#).

JUNE

- World Refugee Day | June 20, 2022
Read more [here](#).
- Support HR 6600-S3199 | June 27, 2022
Read more [here](#).
- Hachalu Hundessa Tribute | June 28, 2022
Read more [here](#).

AUGUST

- Komishiniin UN Namoota Dhuunfaaf Dhaabbille Odeeffanna Dhiitta Mirgoota Namoom Akka Galchaniif Waamicha Dhiyyeesse (UN Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia Call for Submissions) | August 14, 2022
Read more [here](#).

SEPTEMBER

- ATTACK ON OROMOS | September 2, 2022
Read more [here](#).
- Oromia Drought | September 8, 2022
Read more [here](#).

NOVEMBER

- Voice of Oromo #GivingTuesday | November 15, 2022
Read more [here](#).

DECEMBER

- Training on Scheduling Meetings With Congress | December 1, 2022
Read more [here](#).
- Reach out to Congress Regarding Situation for Oromos | December 14, 2022
Read more [here](#).



