



# OLLAA'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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## Executive Summary

In this report, a comprehensive list will be provided with updates on the 2023 activities of OLLAA. This report will condense online publications, relevant news articles, as well as past events into a single document for convenient reference into a single easy-to-access timeline. Here, we chronicle all of our past work in the last year to bettering the future of the Oromo people through shedding light on the ongoing human rights abuses in Oromia in order to advocate for the Oromo people on local, national, and international levels. Our Annual Report is divided into sections based on the type of report that has been published. More details on each section or type of report can be found below. Within the main body of our Annual Report, you will find a short summary or description to accompany each report. We encourage you to view full reports with the provided links.

*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. These reports provide important context on various situations that could affect human rights in Oromia (e.g., grain shortages, malaria outbreaks, how religion can repress historically marginalized people such as the Oromo, etc.), and highlight our advocacy efforts and policy recommendations to improve human rights. OLLAA Exclusives are created internally by OLLAA 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. This provides a more personal perspective on the victims of human rights violations.

*In the News Update* section, offer a diverse selection of news outlets covering articles directly related to developing news on issues pertaining to human rights, humanitarian concerns, and other relevant updates on the international stage. Our curated sources encompass major international media such as BBC, VOA, DW, the United Nations, and more.

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.

We will bring you another Annual Report at the end of 2024 as we tirelessly work another year to save the lives of Oromos and fight to prevent human rights abuses.

# FORWARD

IN 2018, A TRANSFORMATIVE YET COSTLY CHAPTER UNFOLDED FOR THE OROMO AND ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE, MARKING DECADES OF ANTICIPATION FOR A GLIMMER OF HOPE. THE SHIFT FOLLOWED FOUR YEARS OF PEACEFUL PROTESTS AGAINST THE OPPRESSIVE RULE OF THE RULING PARTY IN ETHIOPIA. ALTHOUGH THE POWER TRANSITION IN 2018 BROUGHT A SENSE OF RELIEF, IT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A STAGGERING TOLL – OVER 5000 OROMO LIVES LOST, THOUSANDS DISPLACED, AND COUNTLESS SUBJECTED TO TORTURE. NONETHELESS, THE OROMO COMMUNITY EMERGED WITH A SENSE OF TRIUMPH.

THE INITIAL OPTIMISM POST-2018 WAS SHORT-LIVED, AS VIOLENCE ERUPTED BEHIND THE SCENES JUST MONTHS AFTER THE NEW PRIME MINISTER ASSUMED OFFICE. IN 2019, THE SAME YEAR THE PRIME MINISTER WAS HONORED WITH THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S ANNUAL REPORT DEPICTED MASS ARRESTS, EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS, VILLAGE BURNINGS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ACROSS VARIOUS PARTS OF OROMIA. THIS REPORT SURFACED IN MAY 2020, SHORTLY BEFORE THE TRAGIC KILLING OF HACHALU HUNDESA, A PIVOTAL FIGURE IN THE OROMO COMMUNITY, MARKING A TURNING POINT FOR MANY OROMO BETWEEN THE SO-CALLED NEW OROMO GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE WHO BORE THE HEAVY PRICE.

IN 2023, AMIDST ONGOING KILLINGS, A GLIMMER OF HOPE EMERGED IN MAY WHEN THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE OROMO LIBERATION ARMY (OLA) ENGAGED IN THE FIRST-EVER INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE. WHILE THIS HISTORIC EVENT RAISED OPTIMISM DUE TO ITS HIGH STAKES AND INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION – THE FIRST TIME THE ETHIOPIAN STATE ACKNOWLEDGED OROMO FORCES – AN AGREEMENT WAS CRUCIAL, GIVEN THE TARGETING OF MANY OROMO MERELY ASSOCIATED WITH OLA. SIMULTANEOUSLY, CREDIBLE REPORTS FROM OLLAA STAFF AND THE DIASPORA COMMUNITY UNVEILED TORTURE AND KILLINGS BY SOME OPERATING UNDER THE OLA NAME, CREATING A CHALLENGING SITUATION FOR THE ORGANIZATION. REPORTING ON THESE INCIDENTS RISKED DISAGREEMENT WITH STAUNCH DIASPORA-BASED OLA SUPPORTERS WHO PERCEIVED OLA AS PERFECT AND INNOCENT. HOWEVER, NOT REPORTING POSED A DIFFICULT ETHICAL DILEMMA.

DISAPPOINTMENT AND FRUSTRATION PERMEATED THE OROMO COMMUNITY WHEN THE DIALOGUE CONCLUDED WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT. OVER TWO YEARS, OLLAA DILIGENTLY LOBBIED NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEADERS FOR DIALOGUE AND MEDIATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND OLA, BEING AMONG THE FIRST TO APPROACH U.S. AMBASSADOR HAMMER. THE FAILURE OF THE SECOND ROUND FELT LIKE OLA HAD OVERLOOKED THE DESPERATE NEED OF THE OROMO PEOPLE FOR PEACE.

AS ONE OF THE FEW ORGANIZATIONS SHEDDING LIGHT ON OROMO HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, IT WAS EXASPERATING WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CONTINUED TO NEGLECT REPORTING ON THE SITUATION, AND OLA FAILED TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM. SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE OROMO PEOPLE HAS BEEN THE HIGHLIGHT OF SEENAA JIMJIMO'S LIFE, YET IT SERVES AS A HEARTBREAKING REMINDER THAT EFFORTS MAY SEEM INCONSEQUENTIAL AS THE MEDIA CONSISTENTLY OVERLOOKS OROMIA, PLAGUED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOCUSED SOLELY ON EXPLOITATION AND OPPRESSION.

IN HER ROLE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OLLAA, SEENAA JIMJIMO ARTICULATES THE HEARTBREAK AND FRUSTRATION FELT BY THE OROMO PEOPLE. DESPITE THE INITIAL UNITY FUELED BY THE BARBARIC ACTS OF THE RULING PARTIES, PROLONGED LOSSES HAVE LEFT MANY IN THE DIASPORA BEWILDERED, AND THOSE IN OROMIA FIND THEMSELVES IN A CHALLENGING SITUATION. OLLAA REMAINS ONE OF THE FEW ORGANIZATIONS AMPLIFYING THE CONCERNS OF VOICELESS OROMO VICTIMS. THE ORGANIZATION EXTENDS GRATITUDE FOR THE SUPPORT RECEIVED DURING THIS CHALLENGING PAST YEAR AND LOOKS FORWARD WITH HOPE AS THEY COLLECTIVELY STEP INTO THE NEW YEAR.

# OLLA EXCLUSIVES

## **OLLAA 2022 ANNUAL REPORT | JANUARY 5, 2023**

We published our 2022 Annual Report in the same spirit as our 2023 Annual Report to provide a compendium of all our publications over the previous year including a foreword from OLLAA Executive Director Seena Jimjimo. Once again, this is done to chronicle the work we have completed, how far we have come, and what there is still left to accomplish. We let this serve as a historical accounting of human rights in Oromia in 2022. Read more [here](#).

## **MONTHLY SITUATION UPDATE: DECEMBER 2022 | JANUARY 6, 2023**

This report marks the first in OLLAA's new Exclusive Report series documenting the ongoing pattern of human rights abuses perpetrated against Oromo civilians, both inside Ethiopia and throughout the world. It will also document the humanitarian situation inside Oromia, including on the effect of the drought and conflict on civilians throughout Oromia. These reports will be released on a monthly basis and will seek to give readers insight into the overarching pattern of abuses experienced by Oromo civilians. Read more [here](#).

## **HUMANS OF OROMIA 2022 ANNUAL REPORT | JANUARY 12, 2023**

The Oromo Legacy Leadership & Advocacy Association (OLLAA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that advocates for the human rights of Oromos throughout the world. As part of its advocacy, OLLAA publishes Humans of Oromia reports on an ongoing basis. These reports are used to expose the human rights violations committed against Oromo civilians throughout Oromia under the government's watch and as evidence to advocate and advance the rights of the Oromo people on the global stage. Read more [here](#).

## **THE EXCLUSION OF OROMOS BY THE ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH | JANUARY 19, 2023**

Religion plays a significant role in our lives; providing a source of community, spirituality, and wisdom that helps us to understand the world around us. Religious institutions, more specifically, organize and shape our societies by providing codified sets of rules around participation and morality. However, while religion often plays a positive role, there are times when religious practices and teachings can serve as a tool to continue to repress historically marginalized groups such as the Oromo people. Read more [here](#).

## **REPORT ON EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN DECEMBER 2022 | JANUARY 25, 2023**

Over December 2022, the lives and livelihoods of Oromo civilians continued to be threatened by Ethiopian government security forces. Ongoing drone strikes and attacks by non-state armed actors led to violations of Oromo civilians' right to life. Read more [here](#).



## **MONTHLY SITUATION UPDATE: JANUARY 2023 | FEBRUARY 2, 2023**

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## **OROMO COMMUNITY CALLS FOR PEACE TALKS | FEBRUARY 9, 2023**

This open letter is from members of the Oromo diaspora communities and leading Oromo civil society organizations and is addressed to Prime Minister Dr. Ahmed, President Abdisa, and Commander Marroo Dirba. This letter calls for the peaceful settlement of the conflict between the Ethiopian government and the Oromo Liberation Army and ending human rights violations resulting in part of the conflict by opening negotiations between the parties. Read more [here](#).

## **REPORT ON EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN JANUARY 2023 | FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

Throughout the month of January 2023, the Ethiopian government continued its brutal assault against the citizenry of Oromia. When taken together, this presents stark evidence of a continued and widespread campaign of violence against the Oromo people by their own government. The majority of the confirmed killings of Oromo civilians in January were perpetrated by the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF)—often in conjunction with regional forces, such as Benishangul-Gumuz regional special forces, Oromia Special Forces (OSF), and federal police—and by non-state armed militia groups, including Fano. At times, it was reported that Fano operated in conjunction with Amhara regional forces in these attacks. Read more [here](#).

## **MONTHLY SITUATION UPDATE: FEBRUARY 2023 | MARCH 2, 2023**

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## **POLICY PAPER: THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S APPROACH TO ETHIOPIA | MARCH 6, 2023**

The ongoing and growing conflicts throughout Ethiopia are threatening to destabilize the entire Horn of Africa. The international community must intervene with a measured response, empowering and including all ethnic groups in the process. This paper outlines how the international community, namely the United States, Australia, the European Union, the United Nations, and the African Union should prioritize the myriad of policy options available to them. Read more [here](#).



### **DROUGHT IN THE BORANA ZONE | MARCH 9, 2023**

Severe drought across the Horn of Africa is driving widespread food insecurity due to the loss of crops, livestock, and incomes. Unless humanitarian assistance is quickly provided, the entire region – including all the pastoral lowlands of Ethiopia – will be at risk of famine. Pastoral areas of the Oromia region in Ethiopia have experienced five consecutive drought seasons (with indications a sixth is on the way), leading to a significant deterioration of lives and livelihoods. Read more [here](#).

### **REPORT ON EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN FEBRUARY 2023 | MARCH 15, 2023**

Throughout the month of February 2023, the Ethiopian government's security forces, including the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF), continued a widespread campaign of violence against the Oromo population. This report highlights the 19 Oromo civilians confirmed by OLLAA or through mass media reports as having been extrajudicially killed this month. Read more [here](#).

### **REPORT ON EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN MARCH 2023 | APRIL 19, 2023**

Throughout the month of March 2023, the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) as well as members of the Oromia Special Forces (OSF) and Amhara Regional Special Forces continued their widespread campaign of violence and brutality against the Oromo people in Ethiopia. This report highlights the 14 Oromo civilians confirmed by OLLAA or through mass media reports as having been extrajudicially killed this month. Read more [here](#).

### **MONTHLY SITUATION UPDATE: APRIL 2023 | MAY 4, 2023**

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### **BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE | MAY 12, 2023**

A disastrous armed conflict has been ongoing in Oromia, particularly within the two Guji zones, for the past five years. Compared to the wide variety of broadcasts and media reports of other armed conflicts within Ethiopia, the suffering of civilians in Guji has not been covered in the media, leaving civilians to suffer human rights violations in silence. Read more [here](#).

## **CONFIRMED EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN APRIL 2023 | MAY 16, 2023**

In the month of April 2023, the Ethiopian government continued its brutal assault against the citizenry of Oromia, the majority of the confirmed killings of Oromo civilians in April were perpetrated by the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF), often in conjunction with regional forces, such as Benishangul-Gumuz regional special forces, Oromia Special Forces (OSF), and federal police—and by non-state armed militia groups, including Fano. At times, it was reported that Fano operated in conjunction with Amhara regional forces in these attacks. When taken together, these assaults present stark evidence of a continued and widespread campaign of violence by the government against the Oromo people. Read more [here](#).

## **MONTHLY SITUATION UPDATE: MAY 2023 | JUNE 1, 2023**

In the month of May, OLLAA published numerous reports detailing a series of vicious attacks targeting innocent Oromo civilians, carried out by both state agents and non-state armed actors along with armed conflict that has engulfed the two Guji Zones for the past 5 years. Civilians in Guji have been subjected to extra-judicial killings, mass arrests, rape and other sexual violence, property destruction, enforced disappearances, forced required, and other damaging violations of their human rights. Read more [here](#).

## **ETHIOPIA'S FORGOTTEN CRISIS | JUNE 7, 2023**

You could be forgiven for assuming that this article would focus on Tigray. Since civil war broke out in Ethiopia's north in 2021, international attention has rightly focused on the conflict, which led to horrific civilian casualties and pushed the region to the brink of famine. Even after a peace agreement was reached in November, the Tigray region has remained an object of scrutiny. However, long before war broke out in Tigray, another human rights and humanitarian crisis threatened the people of Ethiopia. In Oromia, a large central region that includes the capital of Addis Ababa, protesters have been begging the government for relief and change for decades, as its residents have long suffered abuses. Read more [here](#).

## **CONFIRMED EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN MAY 2023 | JUNE 16, 2023**

Throughout the month of May 2023, the people of Oromia endured a relentless wave of violence orchestrated by the Ethiopian government. Shockingly, the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) and regional forces were responsible for numerous extrajudicial killings, as well as widespread reports of violence, property destruction, and human rights violations. This report highlights the 30 Oromo civilians confirmed by OLLAA or through mass media reports as having been extrajudicially killed this month. Read more [here](#).

## **THE ENDANGERED ENCLAVE: SYSTEMATIC ETHNIC CLEANSING OF WOLLO OROMO IN AMHARA REGIONAL STATE OF ETHIOPIA | JUNE 22, 2023**

This report discusses the ongoing human rights violations and ethnic cleansing against the Oromo people in the Wollo zone of Ethiopia. Extremist groups, supported by the federal government, have targeted Oromos, resulting in violence, abductions, killings, and displacement. Over 100,000 people have been displaced, and justice and support for victims are lacking. Urgent international attention and pressure are needed to address this crisis and uphold human rights. Read more [here](#).





## **“WE WERE DYING YESTERDAY AND HERE WE ARE DYING TODAY, WHAT COULD BE THE SOLUTION?” | JUNE 29, 2023**

Hachalu Hundessa, an Oromo artist and human rights advocate, was assassinated on June 29, 2020. The assassin's identity is still unknown. It is believed that he was killed because he contributed substantially to the Oromo struggle, advocated for justice and equality, amplified Oromo voices, and defended Oromo rights through his music and activism. His death led to protests in which 230 people were killed. This also led to dissidents being silenced, the jailing of opposition forces and popular leaders, crushing political alternatives, and media suppression by the Ethiopian government. Read more [here](#).

## **MONTHLY SITUATIONAL UPDATE: JUNE 2023 | JULY 6, 2023**

In June 2023, critical infrastructure including health facilities and water systems, were severely impacted by the ongoing conflict in Oromia. This is worsened by the misappropriation of food aid in the country determined by a probe. The senior leadership of the World Food Program in Ethiopia resigned which may be linked to the probe. Also, USAID has cut off food aid to Ethiopia following revelations of a massive fraud scheme that has diverted desperately needed humanitarian assistance from at least seven of the nine regions in Ethiopia involving government officials. Read more [here](#).

## **CONFIRMED EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN JUNE 2023 | JULY 14, 2023**

Throughout the month of June 2023, deadly campaigns by the Ethiopian government's security forces, including the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF), the regional forces and Fanno extremist armed groups continued to be waged against the Oromo population. This report highlights the 49 Oromo civilians confirmed by OLLAA or through mass media reports as having been extrajudicially killed this month. Read more [here](#).

## **MONTHLY SITUATION UPDATE: JULY 2023 | AUGUST 3, 2023**

In July 2023, a malaria outbreak affected 350,000 people including those in Oromia and a cholera outbreak also affected the region. Potentially further exacerbating the health crises is the suspension of the Black Sea Grain deal which threatens food aid for Ethiopia and other countries with great humanitarian need. The African Union's Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) has dissolved its commission investigating human rights violations during the war in Tigray. The Demobilization, Disarmament, and Reintegration (DDR) effort has spread to 8 regions including Oromia, but has reversed in Benishangul Gumuz. Read more [here](#).

## **CONFIRMED EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN JULY 2023 | AUGUST 14, 2023**

This report discusses the ongoing Throughout the month of July 2023, the Ethiopian government sent its security forces, including the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) acting in concert with regional militia forces and Oromia police, to further its widespread deadly campaign against the Oromo people. This report highlights the 29 Oromo civilians confirmed by OLLAA or through mass media reports as having been extrajudicially killed this month. Read more [here](#).

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**IN THE MARGINS, AMONG THE MASSES; IDPS NAVIGATING GOVERNMENT NEGLECT AND NEIGHBORHOOD HOSTILITY | AUGUST 16, 2023**

There are approximately 5.1 million Ethiopians, including Oromos, who are classified as internally displaced persons (IDP). In 2022, there were 959,712 IDPs in Oromia alone. However, these numbers are very likely gross underestimates and are also increasing as time progresses. Promises of government aid have largely gone unfilled while the services that exist are woefully inadequate. Both the government and the OLA hope that the situation will improve if a peace deal were developed. Read more [here](#).

**MONTHLY SITUATION UPDATE: AUGUST 2023 | SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

This report is part of OLLAA's monthly report series documenting the ongoing pattern of human rights abuses perpetrated against Oromo and other civilians, both inside Ethiopia and throughout the world. These reports also document the humanitarian situation in southern Ethiopia, including the effects of the drought and conflict on civilians. Read more [here](#).

**REPORT ON EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN AUGUST 2023 | SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

Throughout the month of August 2023, the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) as well as members of Fano and Amhara Regional Special Forces working in tandem continued their widespread campaign of violence and brutality against the Oromo people in Ethiopia. This report highlights the 40 Oromo civilians confirmed by OLLAA or through mass media reports as having been extrajudicially killed this month. Read more [here](#).

**THE DETERIORATING HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION OF OROMOS IN METEKEL ZONE, BENISHANGUL REGION OF ETHIOPIA | SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

This report recounts the situation in the very diverse Benishangul Gumuz zone of Metekel. The Oromo community in the Metekel zone is subjected to marginalization as well as systematic and gross human rights violations. The Oromo community is a minority in Metekel which has made them a target for the many armed groups, including the ENDF, Gumuz Liberation Front, and Fanno militia which have begun operating in the zone. The situation is worsening. Read more [here](#).

**CONFIRMED EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN SEPTEMBER 2023 | OCTOBER 17, 2023**

The majority of the 26 confirmed killings of Oromo civilians in the closing weeks of summer were perpetrated by the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) often in conjunction with regional forces, such as Benishangul-Gumuz regional special forces, and federal police as well as by non-state armed militia groups, including Fano. This report highlights the 26 Oromo civilians confirmed by OLLAA or through mass media reports as having been extrajudicially killed this month. Read more [here](#).



**HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS: THE CASE OF EAST ARSI ZONE  
| OCTOBER 20, 2023**

When the Asmara agreement was signed in September 2018, the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF) accused the Ethiopian government of betraying the deal and splitting from the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA). With both the local police forces and the Oromia Special Forces unable to remove the OLA, the government stationed 500 Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF) in Abomsa, the main administrative Town to control the situation. Caught in the middle of this conflict, people in this region have been subjected to extra-judicial killings, mass arrests, property destruction, abduction/kidnapping, and other human rights violations. Read more [here](#).

**REPORT ON EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS IN OCTOBER 2023 |  
NOVEMBER 24, 2023**

Throughout the month of October 2023, the Ethiopian government sent its security forces, including the Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) acting at times in concert with the national air force as well as with Fano militia forces, to further its widespread campaign of mayhem and murder against the Oromo people. This report highlights the 26 Oromo civilians confirmed by OLLAA or through mass media reports as having been extrajudicially killed this month. Read more [here](#).



# PRESS RELEASES



## JANUARY

- 1/3/23 - ENDF RENEWS VOW TO ELIMINATE OLA | [LINK](#)
- 1/24/23 - ATTACK ON CIVILIANS IN WOLLO OROMIA SPECIAL ZONE | [LINK](#)

## MARCH

- 3/6/23 - DEATHS OF PROTESTERS IN THE GUJI ZONE | [LINK](#)
- 3/13/23 - OLLAA SUBMITS REPORT TO UN COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE | [LINK](#)
- 3/14/23 - OLLAA MEETS WITH US OFFICIALS AHEAD OF TRIP TO ETHIOPIA | [LINK](#)
- 3/20/24 - OLLAA COMMENTS ON US VISIT TO ETHIOPIA | [LINK](#)
- 3/22/23 - US STATE DEP'T RELEASES REPORT ON ETHIOPIA | [LINK](#)
- 3/31/23 - OLLAA ALARMED AT ESCALATING TENSIONS IN GUJI AND BORANA | [LINK](#)

## MAY

- 5/22/23 - OLLAA AND OROMO COMMUNITIES THANK AMBASSADOR MIKE HAMMER FOR MEETING | [LINK](#)
- 5/30/23 - OLLAA CONDEMN ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT'S RECENT ACTIONS, URGES DIALOGUE FOR RESOLUTION | [LINK](#)
- 5/30/23 - OLLAA CONDEMN ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT'S RECENT ACTIONS, URGES DIALOGUE FOR RESOLUTION | [LINK](#)

## FEBRUARY

- 2/16/23 - RESPONSE TO OUR CALL FOR A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO CONFLICT | [LINK](#)
- 2/21/23 - OLLAA SUBMITS COMMENTS ON TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE PROCESSES
- 2/27/23 - OLLAA WRITES TO USAID REGARDING CRISIS IN BORANA

## APRIL

- 4/12/23 - OLLAA ALARMED BY DISTURBING RHETORIC FROM AMHARA COMMUNITY | [LINK](#)
- 4/17/23 - UN EXPERTS WRITE TO ETHIOPIA REGARDING KARAYU MASSACRE | [LINK](#)
- 4/24/23 - PEACE TALKS ANNOUNCED BETWEEN OLA AND ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT | [LINK](#)



## AUGUST

- 8/1/23 - OLLAA CONGRATULATES AMBASSADOR MASSINGA AND MR. SCOTT HOCKLANDER ON THEIR NEW APPOINTMENTS IN ETHIOPIA | [LINK](#)
- 8/8/23 - OLLAA'S CONCERNS ON THE DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE AMHARA REGION | [LINK](#)

## OCTOBER

- 10/5/23 - OLLAA CONGRATULATES AMBASSADOR MASSINGA ON BEING SWORN IN AS THE NEW US AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA | [LINK](#)

## DECEMBER

- 12/4/23 - AN OPEN LETTER TO CALL UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF ETHIOPIA AND THE OROMO LIBERATION ARMY AND THE MEDIATORS TO RESUME THE STALLED PEACE TALKS WITH RESOLVE AND RECOMMITMENT DECEMBER 4, 2023 | [LINK](#)

## SEPTEMBER

- 7/7/23 - OLLAA JOINS THE CALL FOR THE EXTENSION OF ICHREE | [LINK](#)
- 9/14/23 - ETHNIC-BASED DEADLY CLASHES BETWEEN ETHIOPIAN MIGRANTS IN YEMEN | [LINK](#)
- 9/19/23 - OLLAA'S TAKE ON 2ND ICHREE REPORT | [LINK](#)

## NOVEMBER

- 11/7/23 - OROMO CIVILIANS CONTINUE TO BE TARGETED BY FANO MILITIA | [LINK](#)
- 11/13/23 OLLAA TRANSMITTED A LETTER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ETH & OLA | [LINK](#)
- 11/27/23 - LETTER TO THE HONORABLE ANTONY BLINKEN | [LINK](#)



# HUMANS OF OROMIA





## JANUARY

- 1/13/23 – FIKIRU BAYANA: JUDGE ON THE RUN | [LINK](#)
- 1/10/23 – AMAN QAALLU: ARBITRARILY DETAINED | [LINK](#)
- 1/12/23 – HUMANS OF OROMIA 2022 ANNUAL REPORT | [LINK](#)
- 1/17/23 – DEGEFU ABATA: EXTRAJUDICIALLY EXECUTED | [LINK](#)
- 1/24/23 – WAKTOLA D: LIVING ON THE RUN | [LINK](#)
- 1/31/23 – NANNESSA B: SURVIVOR | [LINK](#)

## MARCH

- 3/17/23 – WARIYO DIDA: TORTURED | [LINK](#)
- 3/14/23 – XAXO JARSO: EXTRAJUDICIALLY KILLED | [LINK](#)
- 3/21/23 – CIIBSA OLANA: KILLED AT HOME | [LINK](#)
- 3/28/23 – GUTU MUL'ISA: FORMER MP | [LINK](#)

## MAY

- 5/2/23 – SIDA TALILA: A FARMER IMPRISONED | [LINK](#)
- 5/9/23 – TAFARA NAGASA: THE WHOLE FAMILY SCATTERED | [LINK](#)
- 5/16/23 – GAMACHIS IMIRU: VICTIM OF MULTIPLE ARBITRARY DETENTIONS | [LINK](#)

## FEBRUARY

- 2/7/23 – IBSA G: JOURNALIST, POLITICIAN, AND SURVIVOR | [LINK](#)
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