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## ABBREVIATIONS

1. **ONLF** Ogaden National Liberation Front
2. **OWDA** Ogaden Women's Democratic Association
3. **UDHR** Universal Declaration of Human Rights
4. **ICRC** International Committee of the Red Cross
5. **EPRDF** Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Front
6. **MP** Member of Parliament
7. **CC** Central Committee
8. **RRC** Relief and Rehabilitation Commission
9. **ICCPR** International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
10. **WSLF** Western Somali Liberation Front

## The Ogaden Human Rights Committee (OHRC)

The Ogaden Human Rights Committee (OHRC) is an independent, voluntary, non-political non-profit making organisation, founded on June 13<sup>th</sup> 1995, in Godey, Ogadenia, to monitor and promote the observance of internationally accepted human rights standards in the Ogaden. It investigates all allegations of human rights abuses, and when it is satisfied that the claim is authentic, documents it.

The Ogaden Human Rights Committee prepares reports, press releases and appeals to publicise human rights violations in the Ogaden by the Ethiopian government. It campaigns for the improvement and respect of basic human rights by educating the people and putting the spotlight on the Ethiopian human rights record in the Ogaden.

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**BRIEF NOTE**

**REF:**

The Ogaden or Ogadenia as known locally by the inhabitants lies in the Horn of Africa between Somalia and Ethiopia. The territory is inhabited by Ogadenians who are ethnically Somalis and is under the rule of Ethiopia. Abyssinia colonised the territory in the late 19th century and renamed itself Ethiopia. Since that date the whole region has been engulfed in a series of wars involving the Ogadenis and Ethiopians and the Somali Republic.

The Ethiopians use repressive measures in order to pacify the Ogadenians. This pacification measures have resulted in a gross abuse of the Human Rights of the Ogaden people.

The present regime ruling Ethiopia has pledged to respect Human Rights and Democratic Principles through its legislations, the Transitional Charter and the new Constitution. But Ethiopia's promises seem not to conform to the realities of its practices.

The Ogaden Human Rights Committee has investigated the human rights situation in the Ogaden during the rule of the present regime of Ethiopia and presents its findings in this report.

The Ogaden Human Rights Committee appeals to the International Community to send a fact-finding mission to investigate the grave situation in the Ogaden. No government will ever admit committing Human Rights abuses and Ethiopia is no exception.

## ***HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE OGADEEN BY ETHIOPIA 1991 TO 1996***

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

After the fall of Mengistu, the Ogadenian people were allowed to elect freely a self-government for the first time in their whole history under Ethiopian rule. More than 14 parties contested the elections. The Ogaden National Liberation Front (ONLF) won 80% of the parliament seats and formed the government. Despite the elected self-government, the Ogaden territory was under the control of the EPRDF militia and in martial law.

At the end of the Transitional period the Elders and ONLF expressed their views concerning the future of the Ogaden. In February 1994 The Ogadenian Parliament voted for a referendum and submitted their request to the Central Government. The reaction of the Central Government was swift and severe. The President and vice-president of the Assembly were imprisoned and replaced by the Government. The ONLF headquarters and leadership were attacked and a pro-government party was formed. Furthermore hundreds of ONLF members and supporters were either imprisoned, maltreated or killed. To further consolidate its grip of the region, non-Ogadenian Somalis from Somalia especially in the northern region were nominated for the regional administration. The Capital of the Ogaden was shifted from Godey to Jigjiga, which is closer to Addis Ababa for closer monitoring and control.

At present the Ethiopian government is conducting a harsh pacification campaign in order to subdue the Ogadenians sentiments for the right to decide their destiny. Furthermore the territory is closed to the press and international community. At the same time Ethiopia has launched a massive public relations campaign to the world presenting itself as a model for Democracy and Human Rights in Africa.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

The abuse of the Human Rights of the Ogaden people by Ethiopia was started by Menilik during the 19th century and is well recorded. The Ethiopians have always used forceful measures in order to pacify the Ogadenis. In those pacification measures no consideration was given to the elderly, children or women. The following extracts give a vivid account of the methods used by Ethiopia in her efforts to subjugate the Ogaden people:

Harar immediately became the springboard of further expansion into Somali territory, and a raid by the Abyssinians on 15th December 1887 was reported by colonel E. V. Stace, British Consul for the Somali Coast, in a letter addressed to British Agent and Consul General in Cairo, dated 4 January 1888:

*'Mekonen, Dejajmaj or governor of the Province of Harar, lately made a raid on the Somali to the east of Harar, advanced as far as Darimi and captured a large number of women and children and animals (Fitzgibbon, 1982:22).*

In her book, *The Government of Ethiopia* Mary Perham stated:

*'In 1889 an Ethiopian expedition penetrated far to the south of Harar and stripped the country bare of stock and horses. ' Returning from a reconnaissance trip in 1891, the Swayne brothers reported that the Somalis had been raided on a number of occasions and that 'great anxiety is felt'....(Fitzgibbon, 1982:23).*

In a memorandum prepared for the British Foreign Office by Mr. P. Bertie in 1893, it stated:

*The Abyssinians of Harar are constantly raiding the Ogaden country and the Somalis under our protection. Colonel Stace has several times written to Ras Mekonnen on the subject; and Captain Swayne who, in the course of his shooting expedition, went to Harar on a visit to Mekonnen, was told to present unofficially to the Ras the injury inflicted on British interests by Abyssinian aggressions on Somali territory; but our later information shows that they are encroaching more and more into territories occupied by the Somalis under our protection and oppressing the people (Fitzgibbon, 1982:23).*

Donaldson Smith, an American, who visited a village called Sesabane, south of Milmil in 1894, and who addressed the Royal Geographical Society on 6 January 1896, said:

*You may imagine my chagrin when I heard, a few days afterwards, that they had just been raided by the Abyssinians under Mekonnen. Their animals have all been driven off, the boys and girls taken as slaves, and the elder people killed or mutilated (Fitzgibbon, 1982:23).*

Dr. Smith also reported that the Gallas (Oromos) were subjected to the same inhuman treatment as the Somalis, and he indignantly exclaimed:

*We earnestly wish they (the Abyssinians) as savages bearing arms against other poor defenceless Africans should have such a drubbing that they could not forget it and try to extend their sway further. Let these good people who take an interest in uncivilized nations cast a thought on black neighbours of the Abyssinians who are in the worst plight (Fitzgibbon, 1982:23).*

Sir Albert Pease, after a visit in 1897 said:

*We (British) have prevented them (Somalis) from acquiring arms and ammunition and having deprived them of all means of self-defence have left them at the mercy of raiding Abyssinians who have no other employment than that of making raids on Gallas and Somalis (Fitzgibbon, 1982: 24).*

During the Haille Sellasse period similar patterns of reprisals and pacification acts of violence against peaceful civilians were committed. For example in September 1948 in Jigjiga and else where uprisings were ruthlessly put down, the Ethiopian police shooting 25 persons in Jigjiga alone (Fitzgibbon: 42). In 1961 the Ethiopian Imperial army bombarded the towns of Aisha', Dhagahbur and Qalafo, killing hundreds of civilians. In 1963 at the village of Tuuk kalkal:

*' .... Hunting underground resistance leaders, government forces invaded the village. In addition to their customary killing and looting, the Ethiopian soldiers singled out two of their victims, cut their heads off, and paraded them in their hometown (Qabridaharre) to intimidate and terrorize the population. Abdi Barqab and Ibrahim Amey.... (Keynan, 1990: 9).*

During the Mengistu Period the abuse of Human Rights intensified. Mengistu importing arms and ideology from the Soviet Union implemented the Stalinist doctrine to deal with the Ogaden Nationalism. Mengistu was advised to uproot the Ogadenians from their territory and culture they identified with, with a view to settling them elsewhere in small groups or decimating them altogether, under the guise of the evil scheme of "resettlement of drought-stricken victims". There is evidence that the Ethiopian army adopted the monstrous Stalinist policy towards the Ogaden (ACR, 1982:A5). These policies coupled with the reprisals and bombardments by Ethiopia forcefully drove one million Ogadenis from their homeland to become refugees in the neighbouring countries. Those left behind were tormented, humiliated and starved by oppressive policies and problems of famine (Keynan, 1990:9-10).

### **3. HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY CURRENT REGIME**

In 1991 the Mengistu regime was toppled and the Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Party (EPRDF), headed by Meles Zenawi took power. The new regime presented a charter that widely recognized Human Rights Principles, including the Right of Self-determination of all Nations under Ethiopia's rule. In 1995 a constitution was also presented with the above principles.

The people in Ogadenia who were for a long time under martial law and totally marginalized in all aspects in Ethiopia, starting organizing publicly and participating in the political process. Members of the Liberation Fronts formerly clandestine and their supporters became public. At the end of the transitional period, the political organizations, the elected members of Parliament, the elders



and the people started expressing their views about the future of Ogadenia. Their views were not consistent with that held by the ruling party in Ethiopia (see BBC dispatches of February 1994 and April about the - Harar meeting Ogadenia Elders and the then President Meles Zenawi, the Third Session of the Ogadenian Parliament in Jigjiga, and the Godey meeting between The Elders and Zenawi). Starting from that period, the Human Rights situation in the Ogaden deteriorated.

Despite all the above legislations consistent with the Universal Human Rights principles and International Law, the plight of the Ogadenian people has not changed. The Ogaden Human Rights Committee (OHRC) has conducted extensive investigation of the Human Rights situation in the Ogaden and has found gross violations by the current regime ruling Ethiopia. Some cases are presented below and a list of the cases currently confirmed by the committee is attached.

### **3.1. Prisoners of Conscience**

Article 2. of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights guarantees against any form of discrimination; Article 3. the right to life, liberty and security of person; Article 9. prohibits arbitrary arrest, detention or exile; and Article 10. for a public hearing. Hundreds of women, children, elders and pastoralist have been detained and terrorized by EPRDF simply because of their nationality as Ogadenians in a pacification program of deterring them from supporting the Ogaden National Liberation Front. No one was ever brought before a public hearing. These arrests occur arbitrarily in all the Ogadenian towns and in the rural areas and have created a climate of fear and apathy. And the normal conduct of life has been severely disrupted exasperating an already precarious existence in the territory due to the long-standing wars and famine. Many of the cases in the attached list are of this kind.

### **3.2. Political imprisonment**

Hundreds of ONLF supporters, parliamentarians, elders, commissioners, mayors, police officers, religious leaders, journalists and singers were detained. Some died in custody, others disappeared, while others released in dubious circumstances. **\*Abdullahi Muhumed Sadi, Siyad Badri, and Mahdi, president, vice-president and secretary of the Ogadenian parliament** were arrested in December 1993 and accused of embezzlement. They were released after one year without public hearing. Their replacements, **Hassan Jire Qalinle, and Ahmed Ali Dahir** were also arrested in May 1994 and charged also with embezzlement, but they all pleaded not guilty, and were never found guilty of any wrong-doing. They were later released. **Abdil-ilah Ugaas Muhumed Hashi (MP)** was arrested in Godey in May 1994 and his brother **Mohamud Ugaas Muhumed Hashi** in June. **Deeq Uraag, and Sheekh Muse, commissioner and district councillor** of Wardheer were detained. **Shugri Yassin, mayor** of Godey, whose former two predecessors were killed was also arrested. The mayors of Godey, Qabri-daharre, Qorile and

Aado were killed, while the mayor of Qalafo was tortured. **Abdinasir Hersi Arab** and **Bashir Sh. Aden Hussein, police commissioners** of Qabridaharre and Danood, were also arrested.

**Ms Ibado Abdullahi Gabya, Ms. Sahro Sh. Hassan, Ali Khaliif (food), Ibrahim Deyl Timo-Jili'**and **Jeefad**, all were **singers and composers** (the women were detained, while the men killed). **Deeq Yusuf Kaariye**, a **journalist**, was detained and disappeared. **Sh. Mahdi** and **Suufi Kaboole, religious elders** and **Ugaas Mohamed Dulane, Ali Daroor, Abdinur Hersi clan elders** were among those arrested. Also members of the Ogaden Women's Democratic Association were extensively arrested and some maltreated.

In July 1995, several civil servants, businessmen and others were detained without charge or trial in Jigjiga, among them were **Ahmed Makahiil** and **Riyaale Haamud**, both members of the parliament. Many alleged **ONLF supporters** are currently detained in all detention camps in the Ogaden.

There is a clear pattern in the arrests that show no section of the Ogaden Community has been spared.

### **3.3. Extra-Judicial Executions**

The most basic guarantee of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and ICCPR is the right to life. Principle 1 of the UN Principles on the Effective Prevention and Investigation of Extra-Legal, Arbitrary and Summary Executions requires governments to "prohibit by law all extra-legal, arbitrary and summary executions" and to "ensure any such executions are recognized as offences under their criminal laws, and are punishable by appropriate penalties.... Principle 1 further makes it clear that "such executions should not be carried out under any circumstances, including, but not limited to, situations of internal armed conflict. Principle 2 to 8 requires governments to take effective measures to prevent "extra-legal, arbitrary or summary executions. Principles 9 to 17 state clearly and strictly the requirement which must be satisfied in carrying out a thorough, prompt and impartial investigation of such executions. Furthermore, Principles 18 to 20 require governments to bring those responsible to justice and compensate the families of victims. In addition both the transitional charter and the new constitution claims to uphold those basic Human Rights Principles.

Regardless of all those principles the Ethiopian Security Forces stationed in the Ogaden have carried out systematically extra-legal, arbitrary and summary executions which had been confirmed by Human Rights organizations such as Amnesty International and no action was taken by the Central Government -- no investigations were made, neither culprits brought to justice nor victims' families compensated. When complaints are forwarded to the Government the response is either outright denial attributing such cases to isolated instances of disobedience by

some militias. The following are cases that were carried out either in broad daylight in front of the people or confirmed by adequate witness:

### **Qabri-daharre**

**Mohamed Omar Tube and Deeq Mohamud Arab**, commissioner and deputy commissioner of Qabri-daharre were killed in broad daylight in front of the people at 5:00 pm on 12 February 1994. Their bodies were forbidden to be buried and were on display for three days in the town centre. Both men have big families.

**Kaafi Yusuf Ali**, an ONLF executive committee member was detained in 26 January 1992 and later in July killed violently in prison, as witness imprisoned with him later recounted. **Ali Khaliif Food (a Singer & Poet)** and **Mohamed Haybe** were abducted in a rural village called Nus Dariiq by an EPRDF patrol and brought to Qabri-daharre also killed violently and their bodies found mutilated later near an army camp. Both were buried by the town folk.

### **Dhagahbur**

**Mohamed Sh. Muhumed Iraad**, an ONLF Central Committee member, was shot in broad daylight in 20 May 1992 at the checkpoint. **Dhuh Siyaad Ahmed**, the district attorney, was beheaded with a knife in front of his family and town folk in 20 August, 1995. **Abdirashid Beddel, Keyse Sh. Ibrahim** and **Aseyr Mohamed Duale**, all respected businessmen in Dhagahbur were killed on 10 December 1995 by the security forces in the town. Also in 1996 the killings intensified in the town.

**M. Ibrahim Deyl Timo-Jili'**, a very popular poet and singer was killed in the outskirts of the town (Bulale) in January, being accused of composing nationalist songs.

### **Qabri-Bayah**

In November 1995, EPDRF militias rounded up a group of citizens in Qabri-Bayah and summarily executed 8 of them (all businessmen).

### **Wardheer Massacre**

Principle 9 of the UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms By Law Enforcement Officials specify that "intentional lethal use of firearms may only be made when unavoidable in order to protect life". In Wardheer, on 22 February 1994, the Ethiopian army which is also the security forces in the Ogaden opened fire on innocent civilians in a rally listening to the speech of the ONLF chairman **Sheikh Ibrahim Abdallah**. 81 people died and 17 were wounded. The Ethiopian Government admitted the massacre and promised to investigate the case. It never materialized and no one was

accounted for. ICRC visited the scene and took two wounded people to a hospital in Harar. Among the people who died were **Ms. Degmo Ahmed Ali**, a member of the Ogaden Women's democratic Association who was captured wounded on the Wardheer massacre field. She was taken to the militia camp and witness reported later that she was burned alive. **Ahmed Ibrahim Nur**, ONLF regional representative for Wardheer, **Abshir Ali Dhuh**, Mayor of Qorile, **Hakim Hersi Abdulle**, Mayor of Aado and **Abdi-Weli Hassan Ibrahim**, ONLF Danood representative were among those killed. Also **Abdullahi M. Ganey**, deputy commissioner, was detained earlier and witness released told about how he was extensively tortured and died in duress on 8 February 1993 (see the attached exhibit for a list of the dead).

### **Godey**

**Mirad Leyli Sigale**, Mayor of Godey, was detained in 30 May 1994 and killed while in custody. His body was never found. The government later said he was killed by attempting to escape. Mirad was an old man of 65. Witnesses say he was extensively tortured and died in duress and his body could not be presented to the public. **Mukhtar Aden Gedan**, who replaced Mirad, was also killed in front of his house with his family and friends present by the security forces in daylight. **Mirad- Gadhweyne Mohamed**, head of the transport department of RRC in Godey, was beheaded with a knife in the town centre in front of the people in 12 June 1994 and was refused burial for a day. **Two Nomadic Families of Abdi Ali and Kooley**, surrounded at midnight at Bargun, Godey district, and indiscriminate fire opened on their **Aqals**-grass tents. Six died on the spot and four were severely wounded including two children and an old woman in 10 October 1995. Also killed was **Baarah Mohamed**, a notable businessman in Godey.

### **Qalafo**

**Abdi Hassan Yare, Hassan Aagane Odowa, Abdi Hersi Dubad** and **5 others** including a **nomad** who just visited the town, were collected from the town centre and summarily executed.

Also **Mohamed Omar Gorod**, a member of the elected district council, was detained on 8 April 1994 and later tortured to death. His body was never found.

### **Garbo**

**Ms Markab Mahad Mursal** and her Husband, a nomad family was detained in January 1995 and later killed in custody. The family had young children and camels that were left to the elements. The security forces (Ethiopian Army) in Garbo when approached by the elders said, "We heard that they have given milk to ONLF members". In the Ogaden tradition of the nomadic people a guest is a guest whether ONLF or EPRDF. Also **Ms Ardo Mahad**

**Mursal**, the sister of Markab was detained and presumed dead since no body saw her again, after one morning going to the army barracks to appeal for her sister. Others reported killed are **Mohamed Iise Killin**, **Deeq Mohamed Muhumed**, **Abdullahi Abdi Kare**, all related to ONLF members.

## **Birqod**

**Ms Halimo Sayid Abdulkadir**, a small teashop owner, with a three days old child and her worker, **Omar Mohamed Taagwaa**, were killed on 25 August 1994, when EPRDF forces fired on their shop. No reason was available for the slaughter. On 30 April 1996, a group of travellers from Dhagahbur on vehicle were stopped at the outskirts of the Birqod near the army checkpoint. They were all ordered to come down and regroup according to their clans. Two elders from each group were separated (totalling eight), taken to one side and then summarily executed on the spot by the EPRDF forces. Among those executed were elders **Hersi Farah Nur** from Dhagahbur. Elder Hersi was 56 years old and was once a member of the cc of WSLF from 1975 to 1978, later he returned to the Ogaden during the Mengistu reign and was made the District commissioner of Dhanan until 1991. Now he was retired and tending his camels in the rural area. Also killed were **Shibin Haji**, a prominent businessman from Godey and **Mohamed Ali Taraar** an Elder statesman from Qabri-daharre. Also in April seven people with a small landcruiser were abducted from a small village called Laandheer near Qabri-daharre and taken to Wardheer where they were summarily executed. Some of them were **Ahmed-Aqil Mohamed Hersi**, **Abdirizaaq Mohamud Haybe**, **Ali Farah Bidhiidh**, **Abdi-shakuur Sh. Omar** and **Mohamed Tarabi Ali**.

## **Disappearances**

First of all in the Ogaden there are no prisons. Since the territory was ruled always under emergency laws, The Army was the Law in the Ogaden. Except for a small rooms used by the feeble police for petty criminals, the Ethiopians used the army quarter for political prisoners. And the only crime that they were interested in was what concerned state affairs or acts that concerned their civilian settlers. The new regime in Addis Ababa followed the old pattern. The Self-administration tried to establish the forces necessary for the rule of Law but were disbanded after the conflict between the Ogadenis and EPRDF. Thus there is no prison authority and no central registration system. The security forces are the prison authorities, the prosecutors, the lawyers, the judges and the armed forces in the Ogaden.

The UN Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance requires that the authorities take effective action to prevent "disappearances", including holding people in officially recognized places of detention (Art. 10(1)); making information concerning the place of detention and all transfers known to families, lawyers and others (Art. 10(2)), and ensuring

releases of detainees under circumstances that permit verification of their release and conditions (Art. 11). Furthermore Article 13 of the above Declaration requires the authorities to investigate reports of disappearances. As a member of the UN and the International Community Ethiopia is accountable to all those obligations. The Ethiopian Authorities have neglected those provisions and never applied them to the Ogadenian people. The following cases are illustrative of the above assertions:

**Deeq Yusuf Kaariye**, a journalist was detained in Dhagahbur on 27 July 1994 and was never heard of again. Also the whereabouts of **Haji Abdinur Sh. Mumin**, the Imam of the Dhagahbur Mosque who was detained in April 1994 is not known. **Abdullahi Abdi Taflo**, ONLF central committee member, **Abshir Abdi Suge**, MP for Qalafo District and **Mohamud Yare**, ONLF Diridhabe Office secretary were detained in Jigjiga on 23 May 1994. Their whereabouts is not known. **Abdi Aydiid**, an ONLF member, detained in Qabri-daharre on 15 September 1994 was never seen again. Witness reports say he was tortured to death. **Abdullahi Sh. Muhumed Iraad** detained in Fiiq was never found and is presumed dead.

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### 3.5. Torture

The UN Convention against Torture and The ICCPR forbid torture. Article 7 of the ICCPR prohibit torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. The Geneva Conventions of 1949 - Common Article 3 prohibits torture during internal armed conflict. The UN Human Rights Committee established under ICCPR to monitor its implementation, has declared that states are obliged to provide an effective remedy for torture under National Law and that "complaints must be investigated promptly and impartially". The UN Convention requires the impartial examination of complaints and the authorities are to promptly and impartially investigate any allegations regardless of the grounds for the allegations. States are further required to bring those responsible for torture to justice and give redress and compensation to those who had been tortured.

In the case of the Ogadenians, **Ms Hajia Dama** was examined by a member of the Ogaden Human Rights Committee, a broken finger was clearly identified, but she was also complaining from internal wounds and other maltreatments which were beyond the capacity of the examiner to confirm. Also witness who were in detention with **Dulane Hassan Gaabane** confirmed that he was unable to cater to his sanitary needs and that he was every night taken out and returned in terrible condition. **Ali Khaliif (Food)** and **Mohamed Haybe** were found extensively disfigured in the head and dead.

Many of those tortured and die in duress are never shown to their relatives or public and buried clandestinely in the camps. Also all prisoners released sign a document that they will be killed if they ever disclose what went in the detention centres or they complain to "outsiders". Relatives are also informed that if they speak to anyone about the conditions of their loved ones, they would never see

them again alive or dead. Thus the people are kept in perpetual terror and no one trusts anybody and the flow of information is extremely handicapped.

### **3.6. Torture Methods**

- \* Beating on the joints, ankles, shinbone, soles of the foot.
- \* Tying with plastics for extended periods.
- \* Denial of food and water.
- \* Denial of sanitary visits.
- \* Gang raping.
- \* Suspending from the roof upside down.
- \* Indiscriminate beating of the whole body with gun butts or heavy sticks.
- \* Creating psychological terror by assembling detainees and killing one of them in front of the others.

### **3.7. Other Abuses**

Article 12 of the UDHR protects people from arbitrary interference in their private lives; Article 17(2) prohibits arbitrary deprivation of private property. The Ethiopian security forces in the Ogaden enter without warrant private homes and properties and confiscate any property they fancy. The confiscated properties are not even made public property, are taken privately. For example in February 1996, the business premises in Godey were looted by the army there. More than 100,000 USD valued property is missing. Article 21(2) guarantees the right of everyone to equal access to public service in his country and Article 25 states the right to adequate standard of living for everyone in the society. During Mengistu period, more than one million refugees escaped to Somalia and the neighbouring countries. After civil war started in Somalia, the refugees became victim to the warring factions in Somalia. Most of the refugees returned to their country derelict and without anything. The Ethiopian Government neglected its responsibilities towards those returnees while capitalizing on the new refugees from Somalia. At the beginning of this year when the German president visited the area, he was only shown the refugees from Northern Somalia. The following report by Jonathan Clayton (Reuter) on 25 November 1992 gives a succinct picture about their appalling conditions and up to this day they are neglected and slowly dying:

*Caught in "Nowhere land", Ogaden Somalis pay price.  
Gode, Ethiopia, Nov. 25 Reuter - Flies are everywhere. They cover the faces of dying children, swarm over the feeble bodies of emaciated livestock and buzz around the entrances to flimsy stick and cloth huts that serve as home...*

*Caught between Somalia's tragedy and Ethiopia's neglect, the people of the Ogaden have suffered quietly for months. For many the burden now appears unbearable.... There is a mentality in the camps this year of 'We have come to Gode to die'. 'People have nowhere else to go', said*

*Paul Antigoni of the Irish Charity Concern, which runs a feeding centre in this regional capital.*

*The racking coughs of sick children pierce the still air. Skeletal figures, now a common sight all over the Horn of Africa, move ghost-like around the camps. These people are Somali-speaking nomadic Ogadenis, until recently dependent on livestock and trade with Somalia. When Somalia fell into bloody chaos after the January 1991 downfall of Siad Barre, the Ogadenis - already hit by years of drought - lost their economic livelihood. Others who had had taken refuge across the border during the 1977-8 Ogaden War between Somalia and Ethiopia and then stayed on the refugee camps fled back to relative safety.*

*Aid workers accuse the government-run Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) of reacting too late to the tragedy and then responding inadequately. Last August, mortality rates reached 12 a day for every 10,000 people while average malnutrition rates were over 60 percent, high by any standards. An estimated 350,000 people are believed to be in need of assistance, but no emergency appeal was made....*

*"They were a forgotten people in a forgotten land. When I first came here, there were 17 people a day dying in the camps. I was shocked. The children were half-dead, half-living," said U.N. field worker Salim Akhtar.... Unlike neighbouring Somalia, the area is virtually free of insecurity that plagued relief operations in that country. The local people are suspicious of the government in Addis Ababa, dominated by former rebels from the northern province of Tigray who overthrew dictator Mengistu Hail Mariam in May 1991. "Every government has neglected the Ogaden, and this one is not different," said a U.N. official (Jonathan Clayton: Reuter dispatch, JMC JCH. 25 Nov. 92 Ethiopia-Ogaden Gen-Fea).*

#### **4. FINDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE**

7. The Ethiopian Government is systematically committing Human Rights violations against the Ogaden people, through its Armed forces in the Ogaden.
2. Ethiopia is misinforming the International Community about the situation in the Ogaden and has isolated the territory from neutral and independent observers, such as international NGO's and Press.
3. Ethiopia has shifted the capital of the territory from Godey to Jigjiga and is using the Jigjiga area at the Periphery of the Ogaden as an



example to misguide the international community the atrocities it is committing inside the Ogaden.

4. The people of the Ogaden are disadvantaged vis-a-vis the Ethiopian Government propaganda machinery, and can be saved only by the intervention of good Samaritans from the International Community.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**Article 28 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UN. UDHR) entitles every human being to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration can be fully realized. Since the Ogaden People are Human beings and are entitled to all the freedoms and rights set forth in (UN.UDHR), the Ogaden Human Rights Committee recommends that:**

1. The Ethiopian Government stop immediately the current genocidal policy it is implementing in the Ogaden, and find a political solution to the current conflict between it and the Ogaden people.
8. The Ethiopian Government set up a body to investigate the violations of the Human Rights in the Ogaden with observers from international Human Rights organizations and bring to justice all perpetrators.
3. The Ethiopian Government release all detainees and close down all military detention camps in the Ogaden.
4. United Nations appoint a permanent Human Rights monitor to the Ogaden.
5. International Community exert more pressure on the Ethiopian Government to improve its Human Rights record in the Ogaden.
6. The International Community send an independent fact finding commission to investigate the Human Rights violations in The Ogaden. History has shown that hindsight never helps the victims of atrocities as is amply proven by the cases in Rwanda, Bosnia and the Second World War.

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## **ANNEXES**

### **CLASSIFIED LISTS OF VICTIMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES**

Kaafi and 9 other people were detained at check –point. Their vehicle was confiscated. Later they were taken to Qabridahaare and were tortured. When they discovered Kaafi was an EC member of ONLF he was forced to dig his grave and beaten to death as recounted by the others who were released.

No	Name	Place	Occupation	Date
1	Ammin Aden Dhere	Geri-Go'an	Director	26.01.92
2	Aydarus Yusuf Ali	Geri-Go'an	Civilian	26.01.92
3*	Kaafi Ali Yusuf	Geri-Go'an	ONLF E.C. Member	26.01.92
4	Mohamed Ahmed Ali	Geri-Go'an	Civilian	26.01.92
5	Mohamed Mohamed Hersi	Geri-Go'an	Civilian	26.01.92
6	Mohamud Mohamed Shuayb	Geri-Go'an	Civilian	26.01.92
7	Ms Faadumo Ahmed Ali	Geri-Go'an	Civilian	26.01.92
8	Mukhtar Sulub Abdi	Geri-Go'an	Civilian	26.01.92
9	Shaafi Sh. Mohamed Sulub	Geri-Go'an	Civilian	26.01.92
10	Shimbir Sheikh Abdi	Geri-Go'an	Civilian	26.01.92

\*Detained and tortured after refusing to refrain from contesting EPRDF selected candidates for the district committee. They were elected while in detention. Later Deeq was killed.

11	Abdullahi Ugaas Muhumed	Qabridaharre	Committeemember	10.03.92
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12	Deeq Mohamed Arab	Qabridaharre	Head distr. Committee	10.03.92
13	Faarah Daba-Siidhi	Qabridaharre	Committee member	10.03.92
14	Muhumed Omar Gaas	Qabridaharre	Committee member	10.03.92

\*M.Sh.Irad was killed and the other was severely wounded at Dhagahbuur checkpoint.

15	Ahmed Nuur Mohamed	Dhagahbuur	ONLF member	20.05.92
16	Mohamed Sh. M. Irad*	Dhagahbuur	ONLF C.C. member	20.05.92

\*16 and 17 year old boys killed while demonstrating.

17	Ibrahim Ismail	Qabridaharre	Youth Activist	25.05.92
18	Mohamed Nayrobi	Qabridaharre	Youth Activist	25.05.92

\*Disappeared and presumed dead.

19	Makaddin Mohamed Ali	Babile	ONLF member	07.06.93
20	Omer Hassan Ahmed	Babile	ONLF member	07.06.93
21	Sheikh Abdirahman	Babile	ONLF member	07.06.93

\*Rounded up by EPRDF militia and shot dead in broad daylight.

23	Abdi Hassan Omer	Burqa Tir-tira	Civilian	02.07.93
23	Abdi-Aziz Abdullahi Turre	Burqa Tir-tira	Civilian	02.07.93
24	Ahmed Hashi Hussein	Burqa Tir-tira	Civilian	02.07.93
25	Deeq Abiib Tube'e	Burqa Tir-tira	Civilian	02.07.93
26	Hassan Abdullahi Yusuf	Burqa Tir-tira	Civilian	02.07.93
27	Mohamoud Nur Muhumed	Burqa Tir-tira	Civilian	02.07.93

\*Collected from their farms by EPRDF militia under the pretext of supporting ONLF, Ali of them tortured to death.

28	Abdi Ibrahim Guure	Burqa Tir-tira	Farmer	24.07.93
29	Abdullahi Abdi Ismail	Burqa Tir-tira	Farmer	24.07.93
30	Amardiid Ahmed Sugulle	Burqa Tir-tira	Farmer	24.07.93
31	Halimo Abdi Jibril	Burqa Tir-tira	Farmer	24.07.93
32	Mawlid Ali Amud	Burqa Tir-tira	Farmer	24.07.93
33	Mohamed Abdi Gibille	Burqa Tir-tira	Farmer	24.07.93
34	Muhumed Abdi Nur	Burqa Tir-tira	Farmer	24.07.93
35	Wali Mohamed Osman	Burqa Tir-tira	Farmer	24.07.93

\*Extensively tortured and crippled.

36	Dulane Hassan Gaabane	Qalafo	District Comm.	03.02.94
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\* He was the chairman of ESDM party and was detained in a private villa. He was released after the U.S. Embassy intervened.

37	Isse Sheikh Omar	Addis Ababa	Politician	05.02.94
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\*Deeq was detained in solitary confinement, Sh. Muse detained and tortured.

38	Deeq Uraag	Wardheer	District Comm.	06.02.94
39	Sheikh Muse	Wardheer	MP	06.02.94

\*Detained and died while being tortured. Body never seen.

40	Abdullahi M. Ganey	Wardheer	V. Commissioner	08.02.94
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\*Shot dead in the town center at broad daylight in front of the people and refused burial for three days.

41	Mohamed Omar Tube	Qabridaharre	District Comm.	12.02.94
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\*Some of the Wardheer civilians who were massacred by EPRDF militia while attending a rally where ONLF chairman was speaking. The militias tried to capture the chairman but the people surrounded him. Then EPRDF opened fire and killed 81 and 17 severely wounded. ICRC visited the scene and provided medicine for the wounded who were hidden in the countryside.

42	Abdi Ismail Osman	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
43	Abdi Mohamed Anshur	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
44	Abdi Mohamed Salah	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
45	Abdi Muhumed Rooble	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
46	Abdi Shafi'i Aw-Hussein	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
47	Abdi-aziz Mohamed Jirow	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
48	Abdi-weli Hassan Ibr.	Wardheer	ONLF Danood head	22.02.94
49	Abdirizaq Dego-weyne	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
50	Abdullahi Sh. Mohamed S.	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
51	Abshir Aw-ali Dhuh	Wardheer	Qorile Mayor	22.02.94
52	Ahmed Dahir Rabbi	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
53	Ahmed Gaweto	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
54	Ahmed Ibrahim Nur (Dakal)	Wardheer	ONLF member	22.02.94
55	Ahmed Rabbi Addawe	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
56	Ali Ahmed Eray	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
57	Basargeh HusseinDheg	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
58	Bile Abdi Qamman	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
59	Bishar Ahmed Omar	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
60	Deeq Aw-Ahmed Salim	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94

61	Fajas Hussein Ali-Gaas	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
62	Farah Ali Sarman	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
63	Feysal Ahmed Farah	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
64	Ganey Omar M. Hussein	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
65	Hakim Hersi Abdille	Wardheer	Aado Mayor	22.02.94
66	Hamdi Adan	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
67	Hayi Mohamed AbdiDahir	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
68	His Ahmed Omar (Maganyol)	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
69	Ibrahim Dhabar Hassan	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
70	Mahaad Shukri Garweyne	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
71	Mohamed Abdi Dheere	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
72	Mohamed Hassan M. Omar	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
73	Mohamed Osman Isse	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
74	Mohamed Qani Abdi	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
75	Mohamed Warsame	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
76	Mohamed-Deeq Muh. Hassan	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
77	Muse Ahmed Yahye	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
78	Omar Hassan Garuf	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
79	Rabi'i Tahar S.Ali-Safi	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
80	Weli Abdi Sh. Adan	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
81	Yusuf Ga'an	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
82	Yusuf Haybe Abdi (Gurey)	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94

\*Being an activist of the Ogaden Women's democratic association she was well-known to the EPRDF and was found wounded in the killing field. Degmo was taken to militia camp and burned alive.

83	Degmo Ahmed Ali	Wardheer	OWDA activist	22.02.94
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\*Wardheer Massacre continuing: The following people were wounded and were saved by the townsfolk who took them to the bush.

84	Abdi Garad Baarleh	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
85	Abdi-Qani Yusuf Wal	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
86	Ali Qoorwad	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
87	Bashir Ago-weyne	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
88	Dhuh Ali Sahid	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
89	Hassan Aw-Dahir Ibrahim	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
90	Hassan Dahir	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
91	His Mohamud Harago	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
92	Khadar Sheikh Ahmed	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
93	Mohamed Abdi Kulu'	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
94	Mohamed Mohamud Harago	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
95	Mohamud sh. Ibrahim Dol	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94
96	Omar-Deri Jabane Khalif	Wardheer	Civilian	22.02.94

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\*Detained.

97	Ali Yare	Jigjiga	Regional MP	18.03.94
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\*Head of OWDA of D/buur, was detained, tortured to death for reciting a poem EPRDF did not like.

98	Ibado Abdulahi Gabya	Dhagahbuur	OWDA, Poet & Mother	20.03.94
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\*Detained, tortured to death and his brother was also killed at Dhagahbuur checkpoint

99	Abdi Sh. Muhumed Irad	Fiiq	Religiousman	20.03.94
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\*Detained and tortured to death.

100	Mohamed Omar Ali	Qalaafo	Civilian	10.04.94
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\*Detained and forced to resign.

101	Mohamed Ismail Abaade	Dhagahbuur	Deputy D.C.	20.04.94
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\*Detained and tortured.

102	Abdihakim Abdi Farah	Godley	ONLF member	20.04.94
103	Raasin Sh. Omar	Godley	ONLF member	20.04.94

\*Detained.

104	Mohamed Guuleed Guure	Shilaabo	Clan Elder	04.05.94
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\*Detained.

105	Abdi-mahdi Ahmed Deyl	Garbo	Civilian	05.05.94
106	Hassan Mohamed Aar	Garbo	Civilian	05.05.94

\*Detained and forced to resign. Accused of giving presentation to a Donor meeting about the diversion of Aid from the Ogaden.

107	Mohamud Ugaas Muhumed	Godley	Head planing dept.	07.05.94
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\*Eight people were collected from the Oalafo town center and then taken to the EPRDF camp and summarily executed without any apparent reason. A. A. Guureys was detained and tortured to death.

108	Abdi Ahmed Guureys	Qalafo	Civilian	08.05.94
109	Abdi Hassan Yare	Qalafo	Civilian	08.05.94
110	Abdi Hirsi Dubed	Qalafo	Civilian	08.05.94
111	Ahmed Yamaarug	Qalafo	Civilian	08.05.94
112	Guuleed Duwane Osman	Qalafo	Civilian	08.05.94
113	Hassan Agane Odowa	Qalafo	Civilian	08.05.94
114	Muhumed Abdi Qoorwa	Qalafo	Civilian	08.05.94
115	Muhumed Mohamed Abdi	Qalafo	Civilian	08.05.94
116	Salaad Abdi Haji	Qalafo	Nomad	08.05.94

\*The president and his deputy abducted to Addis Ababa after they refused to resign. Later they were released while in detention without the consent of the Ogaden Parliament.

117	Ahmed Ali Dahir	Godley	Deputy president	13.05.94
118	Hassan Jire Qalinle	Godley	President of Ogaden	13.05.94

\*These people were detained and Mr. Shukri was also forced to resign.

119	Abdi-Satar Sh. Mohamed	Godley	Flourmill Owner	14.05.94
120	Abdulahi Kilaas	Godley	Businessman	14.05.94
121	Gabun Kenediid	Godley	Trader	14.05.94
122	Hassan Mohamed Farah	Godley	Hotel Owner	14.05.94
123*	Shukri Yaasin	Godley	Mayor of Godey	14.05.94

\*Deputy chair of Godey office and 4 members of ONLF were touring Baarguun office, Godey subdistr. where EPRDF militia rounded them beating and detaining them at Godey militia camp.

124	Abdikarin Khayre Aden	Baarguun	ONLF member	15.05.94
125	Abdinur Mohamed Soyaan	Baarguun	ONLF Godey D.head	15.05.94
126	Hashim Mowlid Dubed	Baarguun	ONLF member	15.05.94
127	Hashim Sheikh Omar	Baarguun	ONLF member	15.05.94
128	Osman Abdi Hassan	Baarguun	ONLF member	15.05.94

\*Detained, tortured and not seen since.

129	Abdullahi Abdi Taflo	Jigjiga	ONLF CC	23.05.94
130	Abshir Abdi Suge	Jigjiga	MP	23.05.94

\*Detained and killed in custody.

131	Baarah Mohamed	Godey	Businessman	25.05.94
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\*The first was detained after speaking about the mistreatment of Nogob elected Officers; the other one was detained after refusing to be replaced by EPRDF nominee.

132	Abdalla Mo'allim Mohamed	Nogob	Businessman	25.05.94
133	Ali Abdalla Sh. Abdisamad	Nogob	Education Officer	25.05.94

\*Detained, forced to resign.

134	Mohamud fidhin (Afweyne)	Shaygoosh	District comm.	28.05.94
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\*Detained, tortured to death and his body never found.

135	Ugaas Mirad layli Sigale	Godey	District comm.	30.05.94
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\*Detained and later found disfigured in the shabelle river.

136	Mohamed Omar Gorod	Qalafo	MP	30.05.94
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\*Beheaded in the town center.

137	Mirad Gadhweyne	Godey	RRC employee	12.06.94
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\*Detained and tortured in order to reveal the names of the members in Garbo

138	Faadumo	Garbo	Daughter of Hodan	26.06.94
139	Hodan Dheere	Garbo	OWDA member	26.06.94

\*Detained and transferred to an unknown destination.

140	Abdi-Madobe Aw-Omar Hassan	Garbo	ReligiousElder	28.06.94
141	Mohamed Bisle	Garbo	Civilian	28.06.94
142	Mohamed Hayd	Garbo	Civilian	28.06.94
143	Sh. Abdi Takhal Adow	Garbo	ReligiousElder	28.06.94

\*Group in Qalaafo detained for their believes.

144	Abdi Ali Yusuf	Qalaafo	Civilian	15.07.94
145	Abdinaasir Rasaas	Qalaafo	Civilian	15.07.94
146	Hussein Saahid	Qalaafo	Civilian	15.07.94
147	Ibrahim Atoosh	Qalaafo	Civilian	15.07.94
148	Jaamuus Osman Ali	Qalaafo	Civilian	15.07.94



149	Mohamed Qaalib	Qalaafo	Civilian	15.07.94
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\*Detained for writing in the D/bur daily Sheeko & Shahid an article about the undemocratic practices of EPRDF unseen since detention and presumed dead.

150	Deeq Yusuf Kariye	Dhagahbuur	Journalist	24.07.94
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\*Replaced Mirad who was killed. He was killed in front of the people, refused to be buried and displayed in the town center for three days.

151	Mukhtar Adan Geddan	Gode	District Comm.	24.07.94
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\*Detained and transferred to Warder.

152	Bashir Sh. Adan Hussein	Danood	Police Commissioner	23.08.94
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\*This woman and her employee were shot dead in their small teashop by EPRDF militia.

153	Halimo Sayid Ab/kadir	Birqod	Teashop owner	25.08.94
154	Mohamed Olaad Adan	Birqod	Teashop Waiter	25.08.94

\*Clan Elder and his men were detained after they refused to accept EPRDF candidates from elsewhere to be nominated for Jigjiga MPs.

155	Abdullahi Abdisalaan	Jigjiga	Elder	30.08.94
156	Hassan Abdirahman	Jigjiga	Regional MP	30.08.94
157	Nim'aan Shiekh Hassan	Jigjiga	Regional MP	30.08.94
158	Sh. Abdullahi Siyah K.	Jigjiga	Elder	30.08.94
159	Sheikh Abdirahman H. Adan	Jigjiga	Elder.	30.08.94
160	Suldan Hersi Dool Hersi	Jigjiga	Clan Elder	30.08.94

\*Detained in order to accept EPRDF candidates from elsewhere.

161	Abdi Salaad	Qabribayah	Elder	30.08.94
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This is a list of nomadic community in Western Ogadenia who were massacred by OPDF militia a member of EPRDF coalition. This act was fulfilled in order to stall a conflict between Ogadenians and Oromos and exploits that contradiction.

162	Abdi Aabi Mataan	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94
163	Abdi Gaab Aw Ahmed	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94
164	Adan Ibrahim Galayah	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94
165	Ahmed Jaama' Mohamed	Qubi	Community Judge	10.09.94
166	Dahir Ali Ibrahim	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94

167	Farah Abdi Said	Qubi	Clan Elder (Nomad)	10.09.94
168	Ibraahim Adan	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94
169	Mo'allim Ibrahim Da'ud	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94
170	Mohamed Daa'uud	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94
171	Mohamed Dubed	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94
172	Mohamed Gaa'iyee	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94
173	Mohamed Mohamuud	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94
174	Mohamed Osman Jaama'	Qubi	Elder	10.09.94
175	Mohamuud Gaahnuug	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94
176	Sh. Mohamed Suleyman Amar	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94
177	Wayrah Sugule	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94
178	Yusuf Hassan Shube	Qubi	Nomad	10.09.94

\*Detained and tortured to death.

179	Abdirashiid Golongol Deyl	Qabridaharre	Civilian	12.09.94
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\*Tortured and dismembered. Buried in the Militia camp.

180	Abdi Aydiid	Qabridaharre	ONLF member	15.09.94
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\*Aamina was crippled after torture and the other detained while 9 months pregnant.

181	Amina Dhego-dheere	Wardheer	Old Lady	18.10.94
182	Ismahan Farah Bari	Wardheer	Housewife	18.10.94

\*The first three were detained after refusing to participate in EPRDF sponsored demonstration in "support" of the New Ethiopian Constitution. The fourth was detained and looted.

183	Abdi Bile Osman	Wardheer	Businessman	20.10.94
184	Bashiir Omar Budul	Wardheer	Civilian	20.10.94
185	Hassannur Aw-Yusuf Islan	Wardheer	Livestock trader	20.10.94
186	Mursal Mohamed Qobjawo	Wardheer	Farmer	20.10.94

\*Detained after refusing to participate in EPRDF sponsored demonstration in "support" of the New Ethiopian Constitution.

187	Seerar Omar Jeess	Dhagahbuur	Businessman	23.10.94
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\*All detained after refusing to participate in EPRDF sponsored demonstration in "support" of the New Ethiopian Constitution.

188	Hayi Mohamed Aabi Handule	Qabridaharre	Electrician	25.10.94
190	Mustafa Seerar Abdirahman	Qabridaharre	Businessman	25.10.94

\*These clan elders were detained and informed they will be held as hostages until their clan members desist from supporting ONLF.

191	Abdinur Hersi	Aado	Clan Elder	03.11.94
192	Mataan Biihi	Aado	Clan Elder	03.11.94
193	Mohamed Abdi Jabaar	Aado	Clan Elder	03.11.94
194	Sheehiye Ahmed	Aado	Clan Elder	03.11.94

\*An old religious hermit of 80 years, taken from his sanctuary and abducted to an unknown place by EPRDF militia.

195	Suufi Kaboole	Yu'ub	Religious Hermit	03.11.94
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\*Six ONLF members detained; Mowlid released, then killed in Fiiq on 12.11.1995. The businessman's premisses looted. H. Abdinur detained and never seen again.

196	Abdi Mohamed Farah	Dhagahbuur	ONLF member	20.04.95
197	Ali Deeq Ahmed	Dhagahbuur	ONLF member	20.04.95
198	Ali Mihamed Bedel	Dhagahbuur	ONLF member	20.04.95
199	Haji Abdinur Sh. Mumim	Dhagahbuur	Iman of Dh. Mosque	20.04.95
200	Mohamed Abdi Farah	Dhagahbuur	Businessman	20.04.9
201	Mohamed Abdi Mohamed	Dhagahbuur	ONLF member	20.04.95
202	Mowlid Omar Shide	Dhagahbuur	ONLF member	20.04.95
203	Sulub Abbas	Dhagahbuur	ONLF member	20.04.95

\*He was shot while watering his camels at a well near Dhagahbuur.

204	Omar Mohamed Taagwaa	Mindi'ir Camel	Herder	29.04.95
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\*Public Relations Officer OWDA and cashier detained and tortured.

205	Halimo Hassan (ATO)	Qabridaharre	OWDA Cashier	12.05.95
206	Rahmo Abdi Raasin	Qabridaharre	OWDA Activist	12.05.95

\*Detained and severely beaten.

207	Ardo Shiekh	Wardheer	OWDA Activist	12.05.95
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\*Dhuh was beheaded in front of his family, refused to be buried and left on display for three days. Mr. Mohamud was detained and Mr. Mukhtar shot dead on the outskirts of Dhagahbuur.

208	Dhuh Siyaad Hassan	Dhagahbuur	District attorney	20.08.95
209	Mohamud Moh. Hussein	Dhagahbuur	Agricultural Director	20.08.95

210	Mukhtar Abdi Godob	Dhagahbuur	Civilian	20.08.95
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\*Detained and later tortured to death in EPRDF militia camp. They were accused of supporting ONLF.

211	Ardo Mahad Mursal	Garbo	Sister of Markab	01.10.95
212	MarkabMahadMursal	Garbo	Nomad	01.10.95
213	Mohamed lise Kilin	Garbo	Nomad	01.10.95

\*Detained and thrashed.

214	Sahro Farah Anshuur	Godey	OWDA member	08.10.95
215	Seynab AW-Aden	Godey	OWDA member	08.10.95

\*A small Nomadic community in the bush surrounded by EPRDF Militia and indiscriminately massacred. Six died from gunshots and 4 were severely wounded including two children.

216	Abdi Kheyr Suge	Baarguun	5yearoldboy	10.10.95
217	Ali Madoobe	Baarguun	Nomad camel-herder	10.10.95
218	Asli Abdi Muhumed	Baarguun	9 year old girl	10.10.95
219	Faadumo Abdi Ali	Baarguun	Housewife	10.10.95
220	Farah Kheyr Kooley	Baarguun	Nomad camel-herder	10.10.95
221	Ibrahim Abdi Ali	Baarguun	Nomad Elder	10.10.95
222	Marian Inshar Moh.	Baarguun	Housewife	10.10.95
223	Mohamed Abdi Ali	Baarguun	Nomad camel-herder	10.10.95
224	Salah Abdi Ali	Baarguun	Nomad Elder	10.10.95
225	Suge Kheyr Kooley	Baarguun	Nomad camel-herder	10.10.95

\*Abdullahi and Deeq were detained and later tortured to death in EPRDF militia camp, being accused of supporting ONLF. Mohamed was detained and his whereabouts remain unknown.

226	Abdullahi Abdi Kare	Garbo	Livestock trader	03.11.95
227	Deeq Mohamed Muhumed	Garbo	Student	03.11.95
228	Mohamed Nur	Garbo	Civilian	03.11.95

\*Sheikh Mahdi, an old man who is the Head of a small religious community, detained for expressing his disapproval of EPRDF terror Campaign in public. The other two were also detained.

229	Ahmed Dahir	Wardheer	Civilian	05.11.95
230	Osman Fayah	Wardheer	Businessman	05.11.95
231*	Sheikh Mahdi	Wardheer	Religious Elder	05.11.95

\*This elder and fifteen others from his clan were detained after complaining about the Calub Gas project (in Jehdin near Shilabo) effect on environment and their traditional grazing Lands which is fenced up 50 sq. mls. More than 50 Nomads were shot during the last 6 years for trespassing the fence. IMF has now invested 75 million USD in the project.

232	Farah Daa'uud	Shilabo	Clan Elder	08.11.95
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\*Wife of ONLF Chairman, mother of 5 children, was detained and tortured, her house looted and destroyed. Her sister suffered the same fate. Further, the wife of an ONLF CC member was detained and tortured.

233	Geni Aafi Elmi	Godey	Housewife	09.11.95
234	Halimo Aafi Elmi	Godey	Housewife	09.11.95
235	Mariam Sulub Dubed	Godey	Housewife	09.11.95

\*Detained for singing a nationalistic song.

236	Sahra Sh. Hassan	Qabridaharre	Poet & Singer	09.11.95
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Detained and beaten up cruelly in public.

237	Mohamed Dahir Abdi Sahal	Qabridaharre	Child	12.11.95
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\*These seven elders above 50 years were held as hostage for members of their clan who defied EPRDF attempt to disarm them while watering their camels at village well.

238	Abdi Dahir Kahin	Qabridaharre	Elder	26.11.95
239	Ahmed Abdi Muhumed	Qabridaharre	Elder	26.11.95
240	Ali Haji Sool	Qabridaharre	Elder	26.11.95
241	Gaal-eri Hirsi Gurraase	Qabridaharre	Elder	26.11.95
242	Mohamed Aden Osman	Qabridaharre	Elder	26.11.95
243	Mohamed Beynah Dei-Iiqe	Qabridaharre	Elder	26.11.95
244	Omar Hashi Dahir	Qabridaharre	Elder	26.11.95

\*Killed. \*

245	Abdi-mahad Aw Ahmed	Hayabalay	Businessman	07.12.95
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\*EPRDF forces attacked their houses and looted it. At the same time Ahmed and his brother were taken as hostages to be held until their father reports to the forces. Their mother and nephew were severely beaten. Later the mother died from wounds.

246	Abdi Hassan Aw-iise	Dhagahbuur	13 year old schoolboy	0.12.95
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247	Abdulahi Guud Adde	Dhagahbuur	ONLF member	10.12.95
248	Abdullahi Abdisalaan	Dhagahbuur	Nephew	10.12.95
249	Ahmed Hassan Aw-iise	Dhagahbuur	12 year old schoolboy	10.12.95
250	Anab Abdinur Gaas	Dhagahbuur	Mother	10.12.95

\*Ugaas Mohamed, Chief of Qorrahei region, and 30 elders were detained as hostages to be shot if their clansmen do not refrain from supporting ONLF. Ali was detained. The other four were detained and tortured to death.

251	Abdulahi H. Haajir	Qabridaharre	Civilian	10.12.95
252	Abdulahi H. Harbi	Qabridaharre	Civilian	10.12.95
253	Ali Daroodr	Qabridaharre	Clan Elder	10.12.95
254	Bashir Sheikh Hassan	Qabridaharre	Civilian	10.12.95
255	Faadumo Xaashi	Qabridaharre	OWDA member	10.12.95
256*	Ugaas Mohamed Dulane	Qabridaharre	Chief clan Elder	10.12.95

\*Both women detained; the first was mishandled, the other had her property confiscated.

257	Nimo Mohamed Jama	Qorile	Businesswoman	10.12.95
258	Safiya Hussein Ahmed	Qorile	Housewife	10.12.95

\*These three businessmen were killed and their property looted. Ali had big families.

259	Abdirashid Bedel	Dhagahbuur	Businessman	15.12.95
260	Aseyr Mohamed Duale	Dhagahbuur	Businessman	15.12.95
261	Kayse Sheekh Ibrahim	Dhagahbuur	Businessman	15.12.95

\* Ahmed Saleye and other ONLF civilian members were massacred in a village near Qabridaharre.

262	Abdiwahaab Shine	Qabridaharre	ONLF member	18.12.95
263	Ahmed Omar Hersi	Qabridaharre	ONLF member	18.12.95
264*	Ahmed Saleye Abune	Qabridaharre	ONLF cc member	18.12.95
265	Mukhtar A. Mohamed	Qabridaharre	ONLF member	18.12.95

\*Detained. \*

266	Abdi Mahad	Waab	Clan Elder	24.12.95
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\*Detained. \*

267	Diiran Ahmed	Qabridaharre	Businesswoman	25.12.95
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\*Siyaag was killed when EPRDF forces indiscriminately opened fire at the market place. Four also wounded.

268	Fadumo Raage	Qorile	Shopkeeper	28.12.95
269	Hassan Abdi	Qorile	Civilian	28.12.95
270	Mohamed Ali Haji	Qorile	Civilian	28.12.95
271	Sayaaq Raage	Qorile	Shopkeeper	28.12.95

\*Detained and tortured. \*

272	Mohamed A. Dhutiye	Yu'ub	Elder	28.12.95
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\*Killed.\*

273	Ali Mohamed Farah	Garbo	Pastoralist	10.01.96
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\*Detained.

274	Muxubo Aw Ali	Shilabo	Businesswoman	10.01.96
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\*Killed.

275	Mohamed Ab/hi A/samd	Danood	Elder	13.01.96
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\*Detained.

276	Asha Geelqaad	Godey	Housewife	13.01.96
277	Dhubad Sulub (Qaxod)	Godey	Businessman	13.01.96
278	Seynab Aw-Ahmed	Godey	OWDA	13.01.96

\*Detained.

279	Abdulahi Y. Dool	Qabridaharre	Businessman	15.01.96
280	Ahmed Haadi Rabaax	Qabridaharre	Businessman	15.01.96
281	Anbaro Ahmed Musse	Qabridaharre	Businesswoman	15.01.96
282	Bisharo Wacdi Shaqlane	Qabridaharre	Businesswoman	15.01.96
283	Maryama Sh. Hussein	Qabridaharre	Businesswoman	15.01.96
284	Moallim Ilyaas	Qabridaharre	Businessman	15.01.96

\*Detained with two others in Jigjiga, one of them tortured to death. He and the other one are in a critical condition.

285	Abdullahi Weyrah Kariye	Jigjiga	Civil Servant	07.02.96
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\*Detained.

286	Abdiweli Mohamed	Godey	Labourer	15.02.96
287	Abdullahi Abdi Ba'aad	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
288	Abdulqadir Adde	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
289	Adar Farah	Godey	Businesswoman	15.02.96
290	Aftuug Ali	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
291	Bishar Mohamed	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
292	Duale Arte	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
293	Ga'madhiig Omar	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
294	Hussein Qasim	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
295	Miyir Sigale	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
296	Moallim Abdullahi	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
297	Mohamed Hudle	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
298	Mohamed Sirad	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
299	Sheikh Abdi Hagi	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
300	Sheikh Osman	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
301	Shugri Arte	Godey	Businessman	15.02.96
302	Udgoon	Godey	Businesswoman	15.02.96

\*Detained.

303	Sheikh Mohamed Idle	Wardheer	Businessman	15.02.96
304	Sheikh Muse	Wardheer	Businessman	15.02.96

\*A group of civilians among them a baby boy, three children aged between 4 to 12 years old and three adults were taken as hostages by EPRDF forces in Qalaafo after an ONLF attack on the town. Their whereabouts is unknown since then; they are all from one family except the last one.

305	Abdi Mohamoud Yusuf	Qalaafo	Clan Elder	25.02.96
306	Abdullahi Abdulkadir	Qalaafo	9 year old boy	25.02.96
307	Anab Shukri	Qalaafo	Housewife	25.02.96
308	Axmed Abdulkadir	Qalaafo	2 year old boy	25.02.96
309	Dalmar Abdulkadir	Qalaafo	4 year old girl	25.02.96
310	Ifrah Abdulkadir	Qalaafo	12 year old girl	25.02.96
311	Madar Shukri	Qalaafo	Trader	25.02.96

\*Abducted and was summarily executed with six others.

312	Ahmed-Aqil Mohamed	Wardheer	Civilian	05.04.96
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\*EPRDF forces stopped the vehicle these elders were traveling in and selected 8 members and summarily executed them. They were refused burial and exhibited on the road.



313	Hersi Farah Nur	Birqod	Elder	30.04.96
314	Shibin Haji	Birqod	Businessman	30.04.96

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