

A One Month Summary of Oromian Youth Movement (Qeerroo): July 22 – August 22, 2012

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The Oromian Youth Movement (Qeerroo) which was formed a little over a year ago is intensifying the struggle of the Oromo people for freedom, democracy and justice in a scale never seen before. However, the accomplishments of this youth group remained unnoticed by the national and international media. To this effect, I have tried to bring to light the reports of this young generation by translating their efforts to English, summarizing, and compiling over a long period of time, such as a year or just one month, for example February 9 through March 9, 2012 of this year.

This report covers another widely intensified movement of Qeerro over the month prior to the death of the Ethiopian dictator Meles Zenawi: July 22 through August 22, 2012. The report is directly taken from the archives of Qeerroo website.

August 20, 2012, Ayira Gulliso, West Wollega: TPLF Forces Killed Gamule Tasgara, and arrested several others.

In west Wollegga zone, several protesting Oromo youth were rounded up and arrested on August 20, 2012 and many of them were beaten severely in prison. Among those who suffered an unbearable torture, a young man named Gamule Tasgara lost his life in prison. Among Oromo youth who still remain in prison are:

1. Yadeta Teferi
2. Sena Teferi (a 12 year old student)
3. Lijalem Hambisa
4. Gaddisa Beka
5. Marga Qajela
6. Mariyam Dhaba (Female)

August 18, 2012, Limmu Galila, East Wollega: Two Woyane Investors Killed by OLA Special Force Unit

In East Wollega zone, Limmu Galila County [Woreda], two Woyane investors who expelled more than 300 Oromo farmers from their ancestral land without due process and without any compensation and built their own farm were killed by a Special Force Unit of the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA) on August 18, 2012. It is to be recalled that the OLA Special Force Unit has been taking punitive action on Woyane investors, and, consequently, many investors are leaving their farm business and leaving the area.

August 16, 2012, Gidda Guttin, East Wollegga: Two Woyane Agents Killed

Two Woyane agents who were sent to Gidda Guttin from Finfinne (names unknown) to retaliate the death of a Tegegn Gebre-Meskel, a manager of a known TPLF investor, who was killed in the area on August 14, and started harassing the local population were killed by

