



# Ethiopia: Beatings, Arrests and Detentions at Addis Ababa University HRLHA Urgent Action

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The Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa (HRLHA) would like to express its deep concern regarding the unknown situations of students of Addis Ababa/Fininne University, who were arrested and detained following the clash between two groups of students on the Arat kilo University Campus (College of Natural Science) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2013.



According to information obtained by HRLHA through its correspondents, more than 100 (one hundred) students, the big majority of whom are Oromos, have been taken into custody after being dealt with heavy-handedly by government security forces. HRLHA has also learnt that a lot of Oromo students have received from minor to major life-threatening injuries; and, as a result, a lot have been admitted to hospitals. There is also unconfirmed report that a student named **Gammachu** (last name not known yet) has already died from the severe injuries inflicted on him by the security agents. HRLHA has managed to get the names of the following students from among those who have been arrested and detained:

No	Name	Department & Year	Ethnic background
1	Abdisa Balachew Tafasa	Sivili Eng. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oromoo
2	Abbabaa Gaddafa Baayisa	Biology 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromoo
3	Gaaddisaa Taayisa Fufaa	Chemistry 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
4	Lamma Chala Dumessa	Biology 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
5	Dabalaa Idechaa Amsha	Geology 1st	Oromoo
6	Gaddisaa Abarra Abbabora	Geology 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromoo
7	Tadele Tarekegn Lemma	Geology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oromoo
8	Gari Tolina Wakjira	Geology 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromoo
9	Ahimad Mustafa Fida	Physics 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
10	Sanyi Daggafa Duresso	Maths 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromoo
11	Bekele Abdisa Amus	E/Engineering 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oromoo
12	Husen Ahimad Abbabaa	Biology 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
13	Abodulahi Eres Turi	Maths 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo

14	Yonas Dina Barkeessa	Chemistry 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
15	Jammara balayi Gudeta	Hearth Sceince 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromoo
16	Hirpha Tolera Irana	Physics 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
17	Malaku Girma Anjaggo	Biology 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
18	Lema Amana Dhina	Biology 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
19	Tayib Tesso Wayessa	Biology 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
20	Kafo Amida Abbusi	Biology 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
21	Isayas Itana Anshu	Science 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
22	Kanna Mokonin Galata	Comp.Science 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
23	Abdata Gudeta Lamu	H/Science 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oromoo
24	Ayana Birhanu Bayane	Geology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
25	Abebe Ayale Asaffaa	Geology 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromo
26	Iftayom Kumsa Mulata	Geology 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo
27	Olana Tamasgen Aga	E/Eng.ng 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oromoo
28	Nanboni Tamiru Diriba	Geology 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
29	Iyasuu Tamasgen Fatane	C/Eng.ng 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oromoo
30	Yoreson Yoregecha Chala	Accounting 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromoo
31	Anlayi Alemayehu Adimasu	Biology 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amhara
32	Igataa Gudina Aboma	C/Eng.ing	Oromo
33	Dibaba Birbesa Gutema	Earth Science 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo
34	Desalegn Akkasa Kalbessa	Earth Science 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromoo
35	Fikadu Warku Magarsa	Chemistry 3 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromoo
36	Abbay Garenewu Gawawe	Chemistry 3 <sup>nd</sup>	Amhara
37	Muluneh Gammachu Kamme	C/Eng.eng 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oromo
38	Yihenew Tasfaye Aseffa	Con.sience 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
39	Indalehu Balay Shita	Maths 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amhara
40	Belete Mosisa Kadida	Biology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oromo
41	Tajudin Abdulatif	Statics 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
42	Tadele Indashewu Hundesa	Earth Science 4 <sup>th</sup>	Oromoo
43	Sisay Fayera Warqina	Maths 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oromoo
44	Kelay Wandim Teway	Maths 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tigre
45	Abdata Taye Mulata	Biology 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromo
46	Birhan Mokonin Alemu	Maths 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amhara
47	Taressa Nagasa Nagara	Chemestry 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oromo
48	Ahunalam Mokonin Dinqa	Statics 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oromo
49	Tamasgen Marilign Tawayi	Chemestry 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amhara
50	Lalisa Biqila Dheressaa	Maths 1 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo
51	Misgnawu Aweke G/Hiwot	Statics 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amhara
52	Amsalu Abdata Kabbadaa	Geology 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromo
53	Mamahu Mulugeta Kefalehu	Physics 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amhara
54	Mohamad Jafar Ahimad	Geology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
55	Yohanis Arega Amanu	Statics 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kibba
56	Tafari Shababi Mokonin	Statics 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
57	Aman Bati Magarsa	Chemistry 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo
58	Mabiratu G/Mikael G/madin	Chemistry 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tigre
59	Camiro Abuti Anche	Geology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kanbata
60	Takala Gone Fage	Geology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kibba
61	Gaddisa Galisa Banee	Language 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo

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62	Gudina DasalegnAmante	Biology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oromo
63	Getaneh Azona Alamu	Nursing 1st	Amhara Oromoo
64	Guddee Wakkane Huraa	Maths 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amhara
65	Birhanu Taye Molla	Physics 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo
66	Gutema Mokonin Wakessa	Geology 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo
67	Kabataa Fetene		Oromoo
68	Getachew Galata Warku	Maths 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo
69	Ramadan Tayib Gada	Biology	Oromoo
70	Mesert Tafarra		Oromo
71	Yaiqob Gadaa Dabalee	Chemistry 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tigray
72	Tariku Bulcha Hayle	Baiology 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo
75	Danile Reba Wagga	Biology 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oromo
76	Abbabaa Tuuji Caalaa	Biology 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo
77	Abdata Abdissa Daga	Maths 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo
78	Dingata Lamu Jakaa	Maths 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo
79	Kaasaa Asrat	Biology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
80	Hadisha G/Mariyam		Tigre
81	Tseggawu Khasayi	Geology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tigre
82	Geta Make Cana	Biology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
83	Warku Amare	Biology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
84	Mulugeta Casale	Geology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
85	Amagn Adamu	Maths 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amhara
86	Dajane Walde	Biology 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tigre
87	Ligaba Aseffa	Biology 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
88	Dase Teshome	Physics 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amhara
89	Aschelahu	Chemistry 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
90	Dereje Bitawu	Chemistry 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
91	Getnet Ayanew	E/Eng.ng 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
92	Aregawu Monyinet	Chemistry 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amhara
93	Desta W/Gieorgis	Comp. Science	Tigre
94	Uman G/Ananiya	Biology 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tigre
95	Yonas Taham	Statics 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tigre
96	W/Kros Khilu	Geology 1st	Tigre
97	Dirribsa Caalaa	Geology 1st	Oromo
98	Ebbisa Barki	Chemistry 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oromo
99	Asimamahu Mangistu	Biology 1 <sup>st</sup>	Amhara

Different sources indicate that the clash between the two groups was triggered when some students of Tigre nationals posted posters containing derogatory messages that aimed at the Oromo people. It is recalled that the same incident took place exactly in the same manner a year ago at the

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Mizan-Teppi University in the south (*HRLHA Urgent Action, April 11, 2011, a fierce Crackdown against University in the South-Western Ethiopia*). The only difference is that the actions by the government forces in handling the current situation included students of other ethnic backgrounds including the Tigreans.

Although the interference of the government security forces was not far from expectations, the very harsh and violent actions that have resulted in life-threatening injuries and death are not acceptable by any standard. Given the violent way the students were dealt with, it is also very likely that they could be subjected to tortures.

So, HRLHA calls up on the Ethiopian government to unconditionally release the detained students; and allow necessary treatments for those who have been injured and/or wounded. We also call upon the Ethiopian government to investigate the clash and bring the culprits to justice so that they refrain from continued racist provocations that always aimed at the same nationality – the Oromos.