

## Info on Current #OromoProtests and the Background

### Immediate Background and Overview

Ethiopia a failing state: the case of the Oromo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNLFZ2MH-Ig>

What the Ethiopian government doesn't want the world to know

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mw6ejGNHS6w>

Overview: Oromo Protests and State Terrorism in Ethiopia

<http://finfinnetribune.com/Gadaa/2016/01/overview-oromo-protests-and-stategovernment-terrorism-in-ethiopia/>

Ezekiel Gebissa in Conversation with Rene LeFort –

<https://www.romiamedia.org/2016/01/12/ezekeil-gebissa-in-conversation-with-rene-lefort-on-political-crisis-in-ethiopia/>

### Links to Some Media Reports

France 24 – 29-03-16 -- Video: Anger among Ethiopia's Oromo minority boils over

[http://medias.france24.com/en/vod/2016/03/29/ANGL160329-1446-Live\\_CS.mp4](http://medias.france24.com/en/vod/2016/03/29/ANGL160329-1446-Live_CS.mp4)

Al Jazeera 26-03-16 – Oromo people demand equal rights –

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/03/ethiopia-oromo-people-demand-equal-rights-protests-160326061204927.html>

Al Jazeera 24-03-16 -- Oromo Protests Continue --

<http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2016/03/ethiopia-oromo-protests-continue-harsh-crackdown-160321082451685.html>

IBT 10-03-16 – We are still on the Street -- <http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/oromo-protesters-we-are-still-streets-because-we-want-self-rule-1548661>

IBT 23-03-16 – Gov't says Oromia has Self-Rule -- <http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/ethiopia-government-says-romia-has-self-rule-activists-vow-continue-protests-1550831>

Washington Post – [https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/ethiopias-silences-its-critics-with-a-deadly-crackdown-on-dissent/2016/01/08/bec72858-b4cb-11e5-a76a-0b5145e8679a\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/ethiopias-silences-its-critics-with-a-deadly-crackdown-on-dissent/2016/01/08/bec72858-b4cb-11e5-a76a-0b5145e8679a_story.html)

Washington Post -- [https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/ethiopia-is-facing-its-worst-ethnic-violence-in-years/2016/01/13/9dbf9448-b56f-11e5-8abc-d09392edc612\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/ethiopia-is-facing-its-worst-ethnic-violence-in-years/2016/01/13/9dbf9448-b56f-11e5-8abc-d09392edc612_story.html)

BBC – <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-35261314>

BBC -- <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-35297086>

Newsweek -- <http://www.newsweek.com/hailemariam-desalegn-oromia-protests-429859>

Newsweek -- <http://www.newsweek.com/oromo-protests-why-ethiopias-biggest-ethnic-group-demonstrating-430793>

AFP – <http://mgafrica.com/article/2016-02-25-fear-stalks-ethiopias-oromia-region-after-brutal-crackdown-the-protest-is-about-much-more-than-what-you-see>

The Guardian – Stop the Killing! <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2015/dec/18/ethiopia-oromia-farmland-development-fatal-clashes>

The Guardian – Violent clashes in Ethiopia <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/dec/11/ethiopia-protests-master-plan-addis-ababa-students>

DW -- <http://www.dw.com/en/oromo-protests-set-to-continue-in-ethiopia/a-18937401>

DW -- <http://www.dw.com/en/outcry-as-oromo-protests-in-ethiopia-turn-violent/a-18912721>

### **Video Chronicles of the protests and the carnage (Nov 2015 – Jan 2016)**

The Greatest United Action by Oromos – <http://finfinnetribune.com/Gadaa/2016/01/oromo-protests-the-greatest-united-action-by-oromos-since-the-16th-century-videos/>

### **Links to some Human Rights Watch reports**

Human rights Crisis in Ethiopia -- <https://www.hrw.org/news/2016/03/15/un-human-rights-council-general-debate-under-item-4>

No let up -- <https://www.hrw.org/news/2016/02/21/ethiopia-no-let-crackdown-protests>

Ethiopia's Invisible Crisis- <https://www.hrw.org/news/2016/01/22/ethiopias-invisible-crisis>

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2016/01/07/dispatches-arrest-respected-politician-escalating-crisis-ethiopia>

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2016/01/15/dispatches-government-backs-down-will-protests-end-ethiopia>

### **Links to some Amnesty International reports**

Ethiopia: anti-Terror Rhetoric -- <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2015/12/ethiopia-anti-terror-rhetoric-will-escalate-brutal-crackdown-against-oromo-protesters/>

Ethiopia: Civil society groups urge -- <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2016/01/ethiopia-civil-society-groups-urge-the-international-community-to-address-killing-of-oromo-protesters/>

Because I am Oromo -- <https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/afr25/006/2014/en/>

### **Links to the Human Rights League of the Horn of Africa Reports**

Breaking the Silence -- <http://www.humanrightsleague.org/?p=15706>

Oromia under Siege-- <http://www.humanrightsleague.org/?p=15690>

Oromo nation peaceful protest -- <http://www.humanrightsleague.org/?p=15722>

### **Links to Ethiopian Human Rights Project Reports**

Oromo Protests – 100 Days of Public Protest

<http://ehrp.org/oromoprotests-100-days-of-public-protest/>

Letter to UN Human Rights Council -- <http://ehrp.org/addressing-restrictions-on-freedom-of-assembly-and-civil-society-in-ethiopia-joint-letter-from-csos/>

### **Links to Oakland Institute Reports**

Oakland Institute: Ethiopia's Anti-Terrorism Law: A tool for Stifling Dissent

<http://www.oaklandinstitute.org/ethiopias-anti-terrorism-law-tool-stifle-dissent>

Engineering Ethnic conflict <http://www.oaklandinstitute.org/engineering-ethnic-conflict>

We say the land is not yours -- <http://www.oaklandinstitute.org/we-say-land-not-yours-breaking-silence-against-forced-displacement-ethiopia>

### **Links to Some International Responses**

EU Resolution on Ethiopia -- <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-%2f%2fEP%2f%2fTEXT%2bMOTION%2bP8-RC-2016-0082%2b0%2bDOC%2bXML%2bV0%2f%2fEN&language=EN>

UN Experts Urge Ethiopia to halt violent crackdown --

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=16977&LangID=E>

US -- State Department -- <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2015/12/250778.htm>

US – White House -- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/12/30/statement-national-security-council-spokesperson-ned-price-arrest>

US -- Senate Resolution – <https://oromoadvocacygroup.wordpress.com/2016/03/09/senate-resolution-supporting-respect-for-human-rights-and-encouraging-inclusive-governance-in-ethiopia/>

### **Links to Some petitions**

Free Bekele Gerba -- <https://www.change.org/p/demand-oromo-peace-activist-bekele-gerba-s-immediate-release-from-ethiopian-prison>

Stop the Massacre of Students and evicting Oromo farmers

<https://www.change.org/p/united-nations-human-rights-committee-human-rights-campaign-stop-massacre-of-oromo-people-and-suppression-of-human-rights-in-ethiopia>

<https://www.change.org/p/prime-minister-david-cameron-stop-the-killings-of-oromo-students-and-stop-evicting-omros-from-their-land>

[https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/B\\_Obama\\_and\\_D\\_Cameron\\_Help\\_us\\_to\\_stop\\_mass\\_eviction\\_and\\_killing\\_of\\_Oromos\\_in\\_Ethiopia/](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/B_Obama_and_D_Cameron_Help_us_to_stop_mass_eviction_and_killing_of_Oromos_in_Ethiopia/)

Stop Killing Oromo Women and Children –

[https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/The\\_governments\\_of\\_USA\\_UK\\_Germany\\_France\\_Italia\\_Canada\\_and\\_others\\_Stop\\_the\\_Ethiopian\\_government\\_using\\_the\\_financial\\_aid\\_/?copy](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/The_governments_of_USA_UK_Germany_France_Italia_Canada_and_others_Stop_the_Ethiopian_government_using_the_financial_aid_/?copy)

### **Public Forums and Sites of Solidarity**

March 17, Public Forum: <https://www.romiamedia.org/2016/03/17/omn-collaborative-public-forum-by-oromo-community-of-mn/>

Concordia University Students' Oromo Solidarity Project

<http://thelinknewspaper.ca/article/where-do-the-oromo-people-fit-into-the-story>

Oromo Australian youth: I Stand with Oromo Protestors

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8egXRhRETmI>

Indy Jay: I stand with the People!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXGFFgsm-Gs>

### **Background: Land Grab**

Land grab in Africa/Ethiopia -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tbTiDqOtw8>

Land grab in Oromia and the Displacement of Oromo People in Ethiopia

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C\\_oXUzFPyHc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_oXUzFPyHc)

Land Grab in Gambella -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmNdH-SxToc>

We say the Land is not Yours – <http://www.oaklandinstitute.org/we-say-land-not-yours-breaking-silence-against-forced-displacement-ethiopia>

Land grab, violence, villagization -- <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/apr/14/ethiopia-villagisation-violence-land-grab>

Land Grab – personal reflection -- <http://www.oxford.anglican.org/land-grabs-a-personal-reflection-on-gambella-western-ethiopia/>

Anuradha Mittal -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7YD1X7wDpg>

ESAT : Insight Oakland Institute Director Anuradha Mittal on land grab (Ethiopia)  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=mDqm6T0LIuY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=mDqm6T0LIuY)

The Multinational Corporations Stealing Huge Tracts of Ethiopian Farmland  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeQFCBFYlwY>

### **Background: Genocide**

US policy: Ethiopia a failed state -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikVl6auH83w>

Gambella Genocide -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PxqHVYq7D14>

Ogaden Silent Genocide – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HzlARmnwKCI>

Ogaden Genocide – Collective Punishment --  
[https://www.hrw.org/reports/2008/ethiopia0608/3.htm#\\_Toc200167122](https://www.hrw.org/reports/2008/ethiopia0608/3.htm#_Toc200167122)

Ogaden -- <http://www.globalresearch.ca/besieged-abused-ignored-ethiopian-annihilation-of-the-ogaden-people/5322617>

Tepi Massacre -- <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/2131177.stm>

Massacre in Mezenger -- <http://www.tesfanews.net/ethiopia-over-540-mostly-ethnic-amhara-killed-in-mezenger-zone/>