

The Red Terror Victims in 1971(1979) at Hossaena in Kembata and Hadiya Awuraja ,Southern Showa ,Ethiopia

The “Red Terror” team organized at Hossaena in Kembata and Hadiya zone in Southern Ethiopia had killed 36 EPRP members in 1971(1979) in two cycles. The order was given by the dictatorial regime of Derg ,especially, by Legesse Asfawu and his master , Mengistu Hailemariam, the main leader of the red terror, who leaves now, in Zimababwe , to the team led by Sergeant Petros Gebre , the administrator of the zone and the alternative member of the Ethiopian Workers Party (led by Mengistu Hailemariam). The EPRP opposed the brutal and dictatorial regime of Mengistu Hailemariam, stood and called for free speech, assembly, association, writing, people’s government, land to tenure , rule of law, multi-party system, rights of nations and nationalities, an end to unjust wars , military junta (derg) go to its barracks, etc. Then after, the military junta retaliated to the peaceful struggle of EPRP by wagging the “Red Terror “ on the organization and killed over 500, 000 members and supporters of EPRP . The Hossaena Red Terror team, by the command of Sergeant Petros Gebre, decided to wage Red Terror at Hossaena and planned to get the list of individuals who were jailed being suspected of EPRP members at Hossaena prison in 1969 Ethiopian Calendar (Feb. 15,1969E.C – Pagume 5, 1969E.C) for close to 7 months. Petros Gebre, who became the administrator of the zone in 1971; in April 1971, he assigned different groups from Hossaena to different parts of Ethiopia to bring the free individuals to Hossaena for other jailing. After arresting, torturing, and doing all types of intimidations on the prisoners ; on July 2, 1979 and August 28, 1979, the Red Terror team of Hossaena had killed 36 EPRP members by shooting and put the bodies of all the victims in one grave to silence the activities of the organization in the zone. Due to in-human behavior of the killers, bodies of the victims were not properly covered, the people from the area have witnessed that the bodies have been eaten by hyenas. The lists of the victims:

1st cycle killing on July 2, 1979 (June 25, 1971 Ethiopian Calendar)

<i>Serial number</i>	<i>Victim’s first and middle names</i>	<i>Victims or profession</i>	<i>Year killed</i>	<i>Method of killing</i>	<i>Place killed</i>
1	Abebawu Betseday	Student	1979	Shooting(በአፋጭታ ተኩስ በጥይት)	Ajora(አጃራ)
2	Aschanaki Abtewu	High School Teacher	1979	Shooting	Ajora
3	Asrate Alemu	Student	1979	Shooting	Ajora
4	Astatke Feleke	Student	1979	shooting	
5	Bereket Yoseph	High School Teacher	1979	Shooting	Ajora

6	<i>Fantahum Mezemr</i>	<i>Accountant</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Ajora</i>
7	<i>Matiwos Tumoro</i>	<i>Elementary School Teacher</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Ajora</i>
8	<i>Mekenen Zewude</i>	<i>Teacher</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Ajora</i>
9	<i>Minda Gebremichael</i>	<i>Student at Adiis Abeba University</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Ajora</i>
10	<i>Nega Tsedeka</i>	<i>student</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Ajora</i>
11	<i>Sintayehu Mekonnen</i>	<i>Teacher and Teacher's Association chairman</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Ajora</i>
12	<i>Tilahun Gondolo</i>	<i>Student at Addis Abeba University</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Ajora</i>
13	<i>Yoseph Gebeyehu</i>	<i>High School Teacher</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Ajora</i>
14	<i>Yohannes Ergicho</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Ajora</i>
15	<i>Wolde Ersamo</i>	<i>Elementary School Teacher</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Ajora</i>

2nd cycle Killing on August 28, 1979 (August 21, 1971 Ethiopian Calendar)

<i>Serial number</i>	<i>Victim's first and middle names</i>	<i>Job or profession</i>	<i>Year killed</i>	<i>Method of killing</i>	<i>Place killed</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Abate Reta</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting(በእሩምታ ተኩሰ በጥይት)</i>	<i>Checha (ጨጫ)</i>
<i>2.</i>	<i>Abayneh Nigussie</i>	<i>student</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Adane Gebre</i>	<i>Student</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Admasu Kesme</i>	<i>High School Student</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Admasu Wondimu</i>	<i>High School Student</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>Admasu Zewude</i>	<i>High School Student</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Aklilu Feleke</i>	<i>High School Student</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>Amde</i>	<i>High School</i>	<i>1979</i>	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>

	<i>Admasu</i>	<i>Student</i>			
9	<i>Asnake Kassa</i>	<i>High School Student</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
10	<i>Assefa Bekele</i>	<i>Physician</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
11	<i>Ayahelign Breda</i>	<i>High School Student</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
12	<i>Demeke Bogale</i>	<i>Student</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
13	<i>Fikre Legesse</i>	<i>Teachers Training Institute</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
14	<i>Kassu Emiru</i>	<i>High School student</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
15	<i>Lulu Demissie</i>	<i>High School Student</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
16	<i>Mekenne Adene</i>	<i>Elementary School Teacher</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
17	<i>Mengistu Negussie</i>	<i>High School Student</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
18	<i>Moges Girma</i>	<i>Electrician</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
19	<i>Taddesse Teshome</i>	<i>High School Student</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
20	<i>Teshome Negash</i>	<i>High School Student</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>
21	<i>Tsegaye Hailemariam</i>	<i>Elementary School Teacher</i>	1979	<i>Shooting</i>	<i>Checha</i>

Girma Bekele , from Addis Abeba University , Mathematics Department 4th year student was a real activist, who closely worked hard with zone's high school students to mobilize peasants against the feudal system during the summer time , was an EPRP member who has been the victim of derg's Red Terror . He had been arrested, tortured, intimidated and killed by the butchers of the Derg ,the notorious investigation team in the palace in 1979.

The other activist, Birgeza Nasir, who had organizational line with some members of EPRP at Hossaena was killed in Addis Abeba by the red terror intensified by the Derg to kill one generation that stood to bring justice, freedom and equality in Ethiopia.