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***CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY IN ETHIOPIA:
THE ADDIS ABABA MASSACRES
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Honourable Chairwomen, Mrs. Ana Gomes, Honourable Chairwomen of the Development Committee and the Human Rights Sub-committee and Members of the European Parliament, representatives of the European Commission and the Austrian Presidency of the Council, ladies and gentlemen. First of, I would like to thank the organizers for giving me this opportunity.

My name is Yared Hailemariam. I have worked for the last seven years for the Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO) as a human rights investigator. I am forced to live in exile following the massacre on November 1 and 2, 2005 in Addis Ababa, because my name was subsequently published on the government’s wanted list along with those of opposition leaders, dissidents and activists who are accused of treason and genocide. Yet, I was not even in the country at the time of the November protests, but attending a Human Rights Defenders Conference in Entebbe organized by Amnesty International with the cooperation of the East and Horn of Africa Human Rights Defenders Project and York University, Canada. Therefore, I had to stay abroad rather risk imprisonment or worse in Ethiopia but will continue my work independently as a human rights defender.

I testify as some one who does not belong any political party and is committed to impartial and independent human rights work.

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While attention is duly paid to recent and ongoing human rights abuses, these abuses fall within the pattern of systematic and widespread human rights violations committed over the past 14 years. In the course of my seven year career with EHRCO, I have received almost on a daily basis, numerous complaints and heard testimonies concerning human rights violations of all sorts. Such violations included extra-judicial killings, torture, beatings, enforced disappearances, rape, and arbitrary detention for months or even years without a day in court.

The Ethiopian Human Rights Council (EHRCO) is the first and only organization in Ethiopia has always been under immense pressure from the government since its establishment. The pressure, however, has intensified since June 2005. Six Ethiopian Human Rights Council staff members and members of the regional committees, including myself, were detained for several weeks following the Addis Ababa massacre by the government. Two of the Ethiopian Human Rights Council’s senior investigators who were highly committed to the protection and promotion of human rights, Wondemagegn Gashu and Chernet Tadesse, were also forced to go into exile.

Four human rights defenders, including the well known defender Professor Mesfin Woldemariam, former chair and founder of EHRCO, are charged in the ongoing treason and genocide trial. Such cases clearly show to the world that human rights defenders in Ethiopia are at high risk and face various kinds of repression, intimidation and harassment, including now charges carrying possible death sentences. In fact, although I can’t speak for EHRCO anymore, I can say that the organization is virtually paralyzed and consequently, Ethiopians are left without any organization they can tell their stories to or that can investigate and bring to light the brutal day-to-day reality of serious human right violations.

My testimony today focuses on the political killings by the security forces, in three incidents in the past year - the June and November post-election demonstrations, where I have new evidence to present indicating the scale of killings was much greater than what the government admitted and confirming our fears that bodies had been secretly removed from hospital morgue and buried in a mass grave; and a separate hardly-reported killing of dozens of detainees in Kaliti prison on 2 November at the same time as the street demonstration and killings but not including arrested demonstrators. I have volumes of documentation on the atrocities comprising figures and pictures but can only present few examples within the time constraints of presentation. In doing so, I would like you, Honorable Chair and ladies and gentleman, to bear in mind that what you will be watching, are not just figures and images, but fellow human beings, with names, addresses, loved ones dreams and life-plans.

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The Kaliti prison incident occurred when a policeman began an argument with a prisoner. Soon the policeman started physically assaulting him in front of other prisoners. The prisoner tried to defend himself, but other prison guards joined the assault and knocked him out. This led to a noisy protest from the other prisoners, some of whom reportedly began throwing rocks at the guards. At this point, the guards came out in full force with their automatic guns, fired shots and forced the prisoners into their cells, and some of my sources say they locked the doors from outside to prevent escape and they fired upon the prisoners inside.

The wall of the prison cell is made of corrugated iron sheet and it was riddled with bullets which even strayed to other buildings. Prisoners were huddled together and tried to use any cover, blanket, mattress, even bodies of their prison mates, anything to shield them from the fiery bullets that were raining upon them from outside and piercing their bodies like knives but very few escaped. Thus on that black day, prisoners awaiting their court verdict and some already convicted, were executed in this way like dogs, and some of their bodies were left unpicked even for a couple of days. The police later announced that seven prisoners were killed while trying to break from jail. But the fact was that at least 60 prisoners were killed. You will find the attached list of 60 killed prisoners. About 26 prisoners who received injuries were taken to the Police Hospital for treatment under tight security, and some of these died later. Many of the bodies from the prison were taken to the Menelik Hospital and not many of their families knew about what happened to their loved ones.

If this atrocity remains hidden, it will encourage the authorities to continue with their crimes and there will be nothing to prevent them from doing the same to the political prisoners now in Kality.

Human rights situation in Ethiopia: After the May 2005 elections

The Ethiopian human rights situations deteriorated significantly since the evening of May 15th 2005. In the evening of the election day Prime Minister Meles Zenawi told the Ethiopian people that he has decided to bring all the military, security and police forces under his direct command and that were from then on solely accountable to him. In addition, he declared that any public meetings and demonstrations were banned and not allowed for a period of one month.

That decision of the ruling party and the announcement of the fraudulent provisional results of the election have led the country to a political crackdown and turmoil. The opposition parties accused the ruling party and government of rigging the election.

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Opposition supporters started a protest against the announced result in a peaceful manner. However, the government started its widespread and systematic attacks directly targeting members and supporters of the opposition parties. It was reported by different local and international human rights organizations that the security forces committed human rights violations like acts of murder, torture, enforced disappearance of people, persecution against identifiable individuals and groups on political grounds.

Some of the major incidents which happened then were:

- On June 5, 2005 at midnight the campus security guards, accompanied by government security agents, entered student dormitories at Addis Ababa University Sidist Kilo campus and attempted to arrest some students who they suspected of being members and supporters of the Coalition for Unity and Democracy (CUD). The students reacted to the attempted arrest, gathered at Sidist Kilo campus and passed the whole night expressing their disapproval.
- On June 6, 2005 students continued the protest with a hunger strike in connection to the election irregularities. Regarding the results of the election, the students demanded that the problems be solved "by legal means" and demanded "respect for the vote of the people". Students from Arat Kilo, Amist Kilo and Sidist Kilo campuses gathered at Sidist Kilo campus. While they were peacefully protesting, members of the Federal Police invaded the campus at 11:00 a.m., beat the students, arrested them and took them to Sendafa Police Training Center. In addition to the Addis Ababa University students, some Kotebe Teachers' College students were also arrested and taken to Sendafa Police training Center. Although some of the students were released after a few days, 190 students were detained at least for one month at Sendafa military camp.
- Following the protest staged by the Addis Ababa University students, there were clashes between students of higher educational institutions and the security forces in different towns in the country. These clashes took place between June 6, 2005 and June 8, 2005.
- On 6th to 8th of June 2005, at least 62 people were killed, hundreds were injured, more than 4000 were arrested and detained at Ziway Prison and other thousands were detained in various regional states prisons and military camps. I was one of the detainees at Ziway Prison.
- November 1st to 4th, 2005 witnessed bloodshed in Addis Ababa. Federal Police and military force armed with heavy machine guns and sniper rifles shot indiscriminately and killed at least 70 innocent civilians who were protesting peacefully. At least 200 were wounded and more than ten thousand detained including leaders and members of CUD. Most of the victims were shot in the chest

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and head causing them to die in the streets of Mercato and some other parts of the capital. The number of people who were hospitalized because of injury and those that were treated at home because they could not afford the medical cost is more than 120. Many of the detainees were badly beaten. They were also prevented from being visited by their families.

- Families who went to hospitals to recover the bodies of their relatives were told that they had to sign a document saying that the opposition party was responsible for the killing.
- On November 2, 2005 mass killings of prisoners happened at Kaliti Prison in Addis Ababa and at least 60 prisoners were killed while they were in their cell with some of them still asleep. However police had reported to the public that only seven prisoners were killed while attempting to escape. I later will present to you the list of 60 killed prisoners with more detailed information.
- Following the CUD call for non-violent demonstration at the 31st December 2005, Police arrested and canceled the licenses of several taxi drivers in the capital Addis Ababa who had been taking part in a demonstration called by the main opposition party.

There were further daily student protests and clashes with police in January and February 2006, when a number of students were shot, wounded, beaten and tortured.

Conclusion

The details of those innocent civilians indiscriminately killed and the attached photographs of their dead bodies have shown that many of them were shot in their chest and head causing them to die. These killings were committed by heavily armed military force with heavy machine guns and sniper rifles. The character of the killings clearly indicate that the intention of the government was not to stop the riots but suggest that it wanted to take revenge on residents of Addis Ababa for not giving them their vote for not voting in its favor.

All the evidences: photographs, detailed information's about the killings, testimonies of eye witnesses and other evidences about the incidents indicate that these acts of killings were committed by the government intentionally. Circumstances of the incidents indicated that government officials - particularly the direct commander of the security force PM. Meles Zenawi - had purposely allowed conditions that were causing mass deaths to continue.

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How does the European Parliament perceive the purposive killings and the reprisal shootings of innocent civilians by the Ethiopian authorities? How do you perceive the mass killing of 60 prisoners at Kaliti prison while some of them were sleeping? How do you perceive the fact of people being tortured to death in Ziway, Shewarobit, Dedesa, Sendafa, Tateq and other detention camps? How do you perceive the intentional starvation of thousands of political prisoners who are in detentions camps? How can the international community turn a blind eye to these deaths and crimes against humanity? I really need an answer for those questions. These are not only mine but also the questions of the over 70 millions Ethiopians.

As far as my little knowledge of the Western World is concerned, it is especially the European community that stands and is committed to principles that serve all humanity. Therefore I would like to make a call upon all individuals, governments, human rights organizations and donors who are committed to the promotion and protection of human rights all over the world to make their voices heard against those who committed crime against humanity in Ethiopia.

Recommendation

I call upon the European Parliament and members states of the European Union;

- ❑ To condemn the continued detention of political prisoners including leaders of the opposition party Coalition for Unity and Democracy (CUD), journalists and human rights activists and demand for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners in the country.**
- To take all necessary measures including banning of all your direct budget funds except humanitarian aid as the United Kingdom has done before to ensure that the Ethiopian government stops all acts of violence.**
- To establish an impartial and independent international enquiry that investigates the killings of 190 civilians and 7 police officers in the June and November 2005 incidents.**

Thank you very much again,

I owe this testimony to God, my country and people and I will tell the stories of those killed and other victims to the world until justice is done. I trust you will help us with that.

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Annex

Persons killed by Security Forces in June and November 2005

Summery of the tables: The below tables has taken the list of 192 killed persons by security forces in June and November 2005 incidents in Addis Ababa.

- 62 list of killed persons in June 2005.
- 70 list of killed persons in November 2005 on the demonstration.
- 60 list of killed prisoners on 2nd November 2005 at Kaliti Prison by security force.

Table 1: Particulars of persons killed in June 2005

NO	Name	Age	Sex	Date of Killing	Place	Particulars
1	Shibre Delelegn	23	F	June 6, 2005	Kotebe Sub-city	Shot in the throat and passed away instantly
2	Yesuf Abdela	23	M	June 6, 2005	Kolfe-Keraniyo Sub-city	A second year student at Kotebe Teachers' College and shot in the back with two bullets.
3	Hadra Shikurana	20	M	June 8, 2005	Woreda 3	Shot in the forehead and passed away instantly.
4	Nebiy Alemayehu	16	M	June 8, 2005	Kolfe-Keraniyo Sub-city	10 th grade student and shot in his chest while he was going home from school.
5	Yonas Asseffa	24	M	June 8, 2005	Merkato	Shot in his right ear.
6	Dawit Fekadu	18	M	June 8, 2005	Addis Ketema	Shot in his chest and passed away instantly.
7	Melisachew Demissie	16	M	June 8, 2005	Addis ketema	6 th grade student and shot with two bullets in his forehead while he was on his way to school to take his examination.

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8	Wessen Assefa	28	M	June 8, 2005	Kuchra Sefer	A trader, shot in his chest.
9	Zulufa Surur	50	F	June 8, 2005	Woreda 2	A mother of seven and shot in the left side of her back while she was standing at the door of her house.
10	Fekadu Negash	22	M	June 8, 2005	Addis Ketema Sub-city	Shot on his chest near to his residence.
11	Abraham Yilma	16	M	June 8, 2005	Addis Ketema Sub-city	A brother of Fekadu (no. 10). Upon hearing that his brother was shot by the security forces, Abraham ran to the place where his brother was shot. When he arrived at the scene he stopped to lift up his dying brother. At that moment he was also shot under his left breast and thus the two brothers passed away.
12	Biniyam Dembel	19	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot and passed away on June 10, 2005.
13	Negussie Wabedo Mohammed Hassen	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A	After being shot in their foreheads the two persons passed away and their bodies were taken and placed in the morgue of St. Paul Hospital. Because their addresses were not known, only their names were attached to their bodies.
14	Beliyu Dufa	20	M	June 8, 2005	Addis Ketema Sub-city	Shot in his chest.
16	Redela Kombado	26	M	June 8, 2005	Addis Ketema Sub-city	He was an assistant to a taxi driver and shot in his chest.
17	Milion Kebede	30	M	June 8, 2005	Addis Ketema Sub-city	He was a cashier with Anbessa city bus. While he was on his way to work he was shot.
18	Getnet Ayalew	24	M	June 8, 2005	Addis Ketema Sub-city	He was shot on his right thigh. While his friend was helping him to reach a secure place, the soldier realizing that he was still alive shot him again, this time on his abdomen. Terrified by the situation his friend ran away and escaped. Genet’s families came to help him but the soldier took aim and threatened to

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						shoot if they came near his wounded body. Consequently, they could not help him and he bled for about half an hour. Finally, a Red Cross ambulance lifted him and took him to Zewditu Hospital. He passed away while he was under medical treatment in the hospital.
19	Wassihun Kebede	22	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	He was shot in the head by security forces and passed away.
20	Dereje Damena	24	M	June 8, 2005	Addis Ketema Sub-city	He was shot in his forehead behind Addis Ketema School. His family found his body in the morgue of Menilik Hospital on the morrow. They recognized him by his clothes.
21	Esubalew Ashenafi	-	M	June 8, 2005	Woreda 3	He was shot and killed at a place close to his residence.
22	Addisu Belachew	23	M	June 8, 2005	Woreda 3	He was a businessman and father of 3 children. He was shot in the eye and passed away.
23	Legesse Tulu	64	M	June 8, 2005	Addis Ketema Sub-city	He was a carpenter and father of 5. He was shot on the side part of his body while he was looking for his son.
24	Jafar Seid	28	M	June 8, 2005	Addis Ketema Sub-city	He was shot in his forehead and passed away.
25	Ashenafi Derese	22	M	June 8, 2005	Woreda 3	He was shot and killed near his residence.
26	Girma Alemu	38	M	June 8, 2005	Lideta Sub-city	He was shot in his chest and passed away. The wife of the deceased, who is pregnant and without income, is exposed to pressing economic problems.
27	Meki Negash	-	M	June 8, 2005	Addis Ketema Sub-city	He was shot and killed while he was heading to the mosque at Sebategna Agip to attend Islamic education. As his friends were able to take his body immediately it was not taken to hospital.
28	Destu (Her father's)	28	F	June 8, 2005	A.A	She was shot in her chest and admitted to Zewditu

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	name is not known)					Hospital but passed away while in the operation theatre.
29	Beliyu Bayu	20	M	June 8, 2005	Merkato	He was shot in the left side of his body.
30	Endalkachew Megersa	18	M	June 8, 2005	Woreda 6	He was shot in his forehead.
31	Demeke Kassa	24	M	June 8, 2005	Gojam Berenda	He was shot in his forehead.
32	Anwar Kiyar Surur	20	M	June 8, 2005	Addis Ketema Sub-city	He was shot in his forehead.
33	Kasim Ali	23	M	June 8, 2005	Kolfe Keraniyo Sub-city	He was shot in his forehead.
34	Berhanu Aynie	20-25	M	June 8, 2005	Woreda 3	He was shot by Government security forces in front of Addis Ketema School and passed away.
35	Imamu Ali	21	M	June 8, 2005	Kolfe Keraniyo Sub-city	He was shot and killed.
36	Ermias Fekadu	20	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	He was shot and killed.
37	Aliyu Yusuf	20	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	He was shot and killed.
38	Tesfaye Delgeba	19	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	He was shot and killed.
39	Habtamu Amensisa	30	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	He was shot and killed.
40	Gezahegn Mengesha	15	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	He was shot and killed.
41	Asnakech Asseffa	35	F	June 8, 2005	A.A.	She was shot and killed.
42	Rebuma Eshete	34	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	He was shot and killed
43	Samson Negash	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Tikur Anbessa hospital. (Police record number 13097)
44	Fekadu Haile	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was found at Tikur Anbessa

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						hospital. (Police record number is 13907)
45	Fekadu Hailu	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	He was shot and killed. His body was taken and placed at the morgue of Tikur Anbessa hospital. (Police record number 13903)
46	Mubarek	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (police record number 00426)
47	Beyene Nuru Bizu	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (Police record number 00437)
48	Abebe Antenehi	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (Police record number 00441)
49	Unidentified	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Torr Hailoch Hospital (military hospital). (Police record number 00447)
50	Unidentified	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (Police record number 57351)
51	Unidentified	-	F	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and her body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (Police record number 00429)
52	Unidentified	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (Police record number 00438)
53	Unidentified	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (Police record number 00425).
54	Unidentified	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (Police record number

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						00432).
55	Unidentified	-	F	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and her body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (Police record number 00428).
56	Unidentified	-	M	June 9, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Tor Hailoch Hospital. (Police record number 00450)
57	Unidentified	-	F	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and her body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (Police record number 00431)
58	Unidentified	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (Police record number 00430)
59	Unidentified	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (Police record number 00436)
60	Mitiku Wendima	-	M	June 8, 2005	A.A.	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital. (Police record number 00427)
61	Tesfaye Adane Garo	-	M	June 10, 2005	Oromia region, Arisi	Shot dead and his body was taken and placed at the morgue of Tikur Anbessa Hospital.
62	Tadele Kambado Awel	-	M	June 20, 2005	A.A.	He was shot and killed. His body was taken and placed at the morgue of Tikur Anbessa Hospital.

- List of killed from no. 1-42 was reported by EHRCO.
- List of killed from no. 42-61 was taken from the police list.

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Table 2: Particulars of persons killed in November 2005

NO	Name	Age	Sex	Date of Killing	Place	Particulars
1	Mubarek Mebratu	-	M	01/11/05	A.A	Shot dead.
2	Meteek Zeleke	24	M	>>	>>	7 th grade student and shot dead.
3	Kibret Edelu	45	M	>>	>>	Shot dead.
4	Mekoya Mebratu	-	M	>>	>>	Shot dead.
5	Alemayehu Zewde	25	M	2/11/05	>>	Shot dead.
6	Fekadu Amele Delgae	32	M	>>	>>	Shot dead.
7	Mesaye Adiss	30	M	>>	>>	Shot dead.
8	Beailu Tesfay	22	M	>>	>>	Student. Shot dead.
9	Siraj Nure	18	M	>>	>>	Student. Shot dead.
10	Abebech Bekele	57	F	>>	>>	Shot dead.
11	Etenesh Yimam	52	F	>>	>>	Shot dead near her home when she protested at arrest of her husband, a CUD member.
12	Giksa Tolla Setegne	18	F	>>	>>	6 th grade student. Shot dead.
13	Kebneshe Melke	50	F	>>	>>	A mother of 5 children. Shot dead
14	Abyaneh Sissay	-	M	>>	>>	Shot dead.
15	Tsegahun W/Michal	-	M	3/11/05	>>	College student. Shot dead
16	Yassin Nuredin	10	M	>>	>>	Shot dead near his home while playing football.
17	Kebede Bedada	20	M	9/11/05	>>	College student. Shot dead
18	Tadele Shere	28	M	17/11/05	>>	Daily laborer. Shot dead
19	Jaqema Bedane	20	M	9/11/05	Ambo	Student. Shot dead
20	Hassen Dulla	70	M	3/11/05	Arba Minch	Shot dead
21	Hussen Hassen	30	M	>>	>>	Hassen’s son. Shot dead
22	Elfesh Tekele	35	F	>>	>>	Shot dead.

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23	Belaye Dejene	15	M	>>	>>	>>
24	Teshome Addis	71	M	4/11/05	Bahir Dar	>>
25	Bademaw Mogese	20	M	>>	>>	>>
26	Dessalgne Kende	20	M	>>	>>	>>
27	Yesuf Mohammed	20	M	>>	>>	>>
28	Mulu Muche	-	F	>>	>>	>>
29	Zemedhun Agedw	18	M	>>	>>	Student. Shot dead
30	Tewodros Zewde	17	M	7/11/05	Nekemt	Shot dead. Shot dead
31	Sintayehu Estifanos	14	M	2/11/05	Addis Ababa	Student. Shot dead
32	Tewodros Kebede	25	M	2/11/05	Addis Ababa	Student. Shot dead
33	Ambaw Legesse	60	M	3/11/05	Kaliti	Laborer. Shot dead
34	Zelalem Ketsela	31	M	2/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead.
35	Degene Yilma Gebre	-	M	01/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at the morgue of Police Hospital.
36	Melaku Mekonnen Kebede	-	M	01/11/05	Addis Ababa	Sanba Nekersa Hospital.
37	Unidentified	-	M	01/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Africa Privet Higher Clinic, Teklehaimanot Branch. (Police record number 359180)
38	Mebratu Wubshet Zewide	-	M	01/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Africa Privet Higher Clinic, Teklehaimanot Branch.
39	Mitiku Zeleqe	-	M	01/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Africa Privet Higher Clinic, Teklehaimanot Branch.
40	Unidentified	-	M	01/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Tikur Anbessa Hospital. (Police record number 359180)

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41	Yohannes Hailu	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body was found at Nifas Silk Lafto Sub-city Kebele 12/13.
42	Walye Hussen Melese	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Yeka Sub-city public health center.
43	Unidentified	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Yeka Sub-city public health center. (Police record number 21520)
44	Haile Girma	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Zewuditu Hospital.
45	Sintayehu Wubet Melese	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead near at Amanueil Dilachin School.
46	Unidentified	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Minilik Hospital.
47	Fikremariam Kumbi	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Zewuditu Hospital.
48	Kassa Beyene Rora	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead at Kolfe Qeraniwo Sub-city near to Jilalo Muslim Council.
49	Ayalewu Mamo	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Tikur Anbessa Hospital.
50	Mulualem	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Tikur Anbessa Hospital.
51	Getu Shewangizawu Merete	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital.
52	Unidentified	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Dagmawi Minilik Hospital. (police record number 21526).
53	Henok Qetsela	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital.

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54	Alemayehu Afa Zewude	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead at Aqaqi Kebele 01.
55	Unidentified	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead at Kolfe Qeraniyo Sub-city. (Police record number 21760)
56	Unidentified	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead at Kolfe Qeraniyo Sub-city. (Police record number 21761)
57	Tieizazu Welde Mekuriya	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital.
58	Unidentified	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital. (Police record number 21763)
59	Tewodros Gebrewold	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital.
60	Fikadu Made	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital.
61	Shewarega Bekele	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital.
62	Mesfin Gebrewold	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital.
63	Bisrat Tessfaye	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital.
64	Shemsu Kelid	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital.
65	Eyob Gebremdihin	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital.
66	Unidentified	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital. (Police record number 13087)
67	Unidentified	-	M	02/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Police Hospital. (Police record number 13088)

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68	Abaynehi Sara	-	M	05/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead and his body taken and placed at Tikur Anbessa Hospital.
69	Admassu Tegegne Ababe	-	M	04/11/05	Addis Ababa	Shot dead at Aqaqi Kaliti Sub-city
70	Habtamu Zegeye	-	M	20/12/05	Addis Ababa	Shot on 2 nd November 2005 and he passed away on 20 th December 2005 at Tikur Anbessa Hospital.

- List of killed from no. 1-34 was reported by EHRCO.
- List of killed from no. 35-70 was taken from the police list.

Table 3. Mass killing at Kaliti Prison on November 2, 2005

No.	Victim's name	Address	Offence charged with	Status of case
1.	Tteyib Shemsu Mohammed		Instigating armed insurrection	None
2.	Sali Kebede		None	None
3.	Sefiw Endrias Tafesse	Woreda 08, Kebele 02, H/no. 183(b); Gulele	Rape	Adjourned/Pending
4.	Zegeye Tenkolu Belay		Robbery	>>
5.	Biyadgligne Tamene		>>	>>
6.	Gebre Mesfin Dagne		>>	>>
7.	Bekele Abraham Taye	W11, K09, H/no. 1321	Hooliganism	>>
8.	Abesha Guta Mola		>>	>>

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9.	Kurfa Melka Telila		Making threats	Convicted
10.	Begashaw Terefe Gudeta		Brawl	Adjourned/pending
11.	Abdulwehab Ahmedin		Robbery	None
12.	Tesfaye Abiy Mulugeta		Instigating armed insurrection	Adjourned/pending
13.	Adane Bireda		Murder	>>
14.	Yirdaw Kersema		>>	>>
15.	Balcha Alemu Regassa	W03, K47, H/no. 301	Robbery	>>
16.	Abush Belew Wodajo		>>	>>
17.	Waleligne Tamire Belay	W22, K07, new house, behind Tobacco Monopoly	Rape	>>
18.	Cherinet Haile Tolla		Robbery	Convicted
19.	Temam Shemsu Gole	W24, K11, H/no. 1327	>>	Adjourned/pending
20.	Gebeyehu Bekele Alene		>>	>>
21.	Daniel Taye Leku		>>	>>
22.	Mohammed Tuji Kene	W13, K12, new house, near candle factory	>>	>>
23.	Abdu Nejjib Nur		>>	>>
24.	Yemataw Serbelo		Rape	>>
25.	Fikru Natna’el Sewneh		Making threats	>>
26.	Munir Kelil Adem		Hooliganism	>>

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27.	Haimanot Bedlu Teshome		Infringement	Convicted
28.	Tesfaye Kibrom Tekne	W24, K12, house near Qeranio	Robbery	Adjourned/pending
29.	Workneh Teferra Hunde		>>	>>
30.	Sisay Mitiku Hunegne		Fraud	>>
31.	Muluneh Aynalem Mamo		>>	>>
32.	Taddese Rufe Yeneneh		Making threats	>>
33.	Anteneh Beyecha Qebeta		Instigating armed insurrection	>>
34.	Zerihun Meresa		Damage to property	Convicted
35.	Wogayehu Zerihun Argaw		Robbery	Adjourned/pending
36.	Bekelkay Tamiru		>>	>>
37.	Yeraswork Anteneh		Fraud	>>
38.	Bazew Berhanu	W23, K13, new house	Engaging in homosexual act	>>
39.	Solomon Iyob Guta		Rape	>>
40.	Asayu Mitiku Arage		Making threats	>>
41.	Game Hailu Zeye		Brawl	>>
42.	Maru Enawgaw Dinbere		Rape	>>
43.	Ejigu Minale	W20, K04, H/no. 935	Murder attempt	>>
44.	Hailu Bosne Habib		Providing sanctuary	Convicted
45.	Tilahun Meseret		>>	>>
46.	Negusse Belayneh Tolla		Robbery	Adjourned/pending

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47.	Ashenafi Abebaw		>>	>>
48.	Feleke Dinke		>>	>>
49.	Jenbere Dinkineh Bilew	Kotebe Liyou Keftegna	Brawl	>>
50.	Tolesa Worku Debebe		Robbery	>>
51.	Mekasha Belayneh Tamiru		Hooliganism	>>
52.	Yifru Aderaw	W18, Qoshe Michael, Bole	>>	>>
53.	Fantahun Dagne		>>	>>
54.	Tibebe Wakene Tufa		Instigating armed insurrection	>>
55.	Solomon Gebre Amlak		Hooliganism	>>
56.	Banjaw Chuchu Kassahun		Robbery	>>
57.	Demeke Abeje		Murder attempt	>>
58.	Endale Ewnetu Mengiste		None	None
59.	Alemayehu Garba*	Addis Ababa University student	Related to the Oromo students demonstration in 2004	None
60.	Morkota Edosa*	>>	>>	>>

* Amnesty International reported on it's UA 22/06: Detention without charge/ fear of torture or ill-treatment that in an incident which may have been related to the demonstrations, two Oromo detainees arrested in 2004, Alemayehu Garba (an Addis Ababa University student who is disabled and one of the subjects of UA 180/04) and Morkota Edosa, were reportedly shot dead by police or prison officers in Kaliti prison in Addis Ababa on 9 December.



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May 15, 2006

The June 2005 Massacre

- There is the list of 62 killed innocent civilians;
 - Government reported that 26 were killed
 - EHRCO reported that 42 were killed;
 - International HRO (AI) reported that 36 were killed
- More than 100 were wounded;
- At least 5,000 were detained for a week without a court warrant and remain in detention without a day in court;
- Hundreds were abducted and for some their whereabouts are still not known;
- Hundreds were beaten and tortured.

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The November 2005 Massacre

- There is the list of 70 killed innocent civilians;
 - Government reported that 35 were killed;
 - EHRCO reported that 34 were killed;
 - International HRO (AI) reported that 42 were killed.
- At least 200 were shot and wounded;
- At least 10,000 were detained for a month without a court warrant and released without a day in court;
- Thousands are still in various detention camps like Shewarobit, Ziway, Tateq, Sendafa, Kality, Dedesa and other places;
- Tens of thousands were abducted and for some of them their whereabouts are still not known;
- Hundreds were beaten and tortured.

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Mass Killing of Prisoners on November 2005

- There is the list of 60 killed prisoners at Kaliti Prison on November 2nd 2005. These prisoners were shot dead by police force.
- Government has reported that seven (7) prisoners were killed while they were trying to escape.

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Pictures of those murdered in November 2005

- They show the truth about power better than words can explain;
- They show that the killers used heavy weapons and snipers;
- They show that the killers were targeting the head and chests of the victims;
- They show that the killings were intentional;
- They show the degree of cruelty of these acts of murder;
- They show the tyrannical rule currently exercised in Ethiopia.

Therefore I have selected a number of photos to demonstrate and show you the pain and suffering of those murdered by the Ethiopian government's military and police officers.

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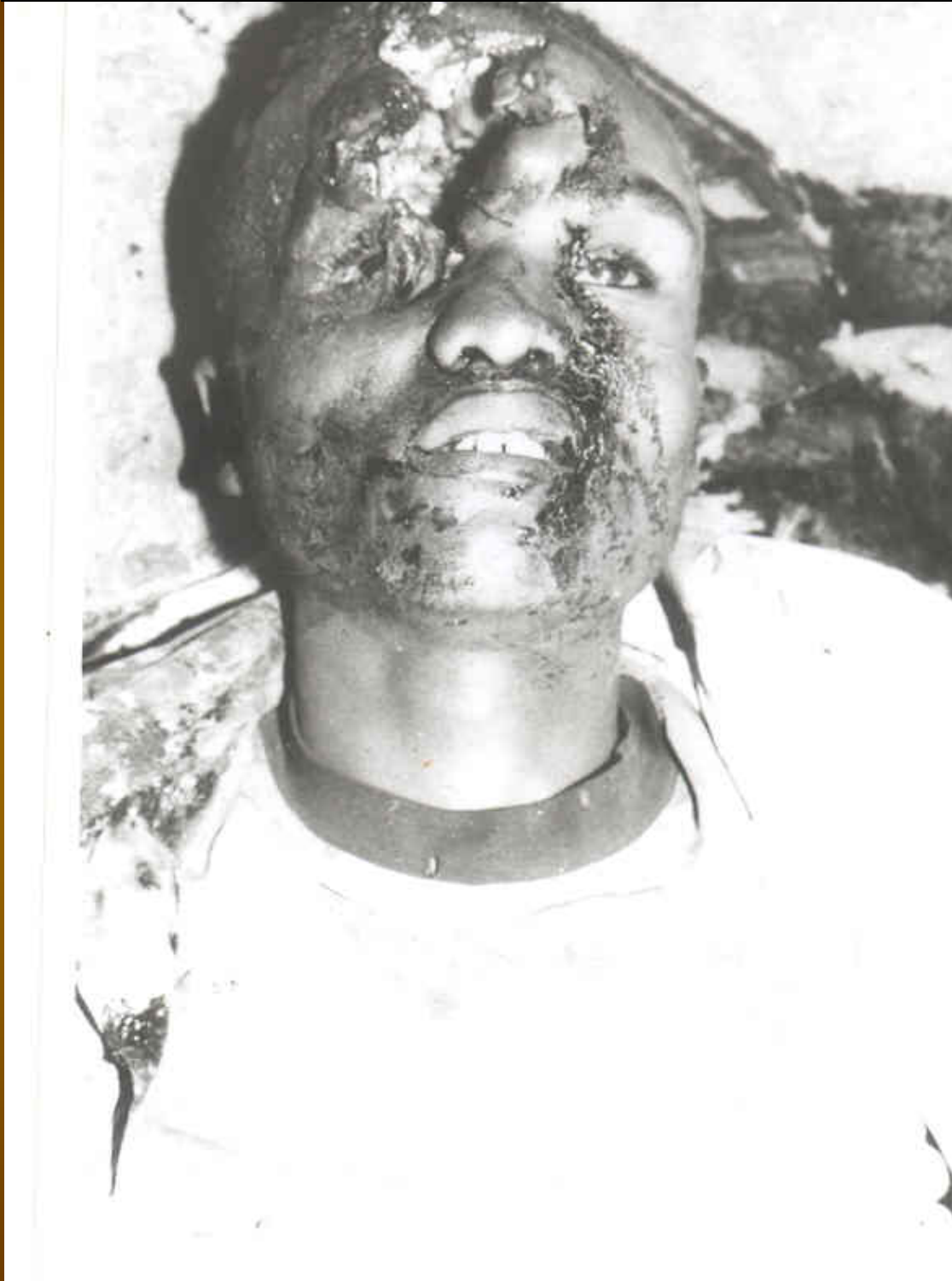
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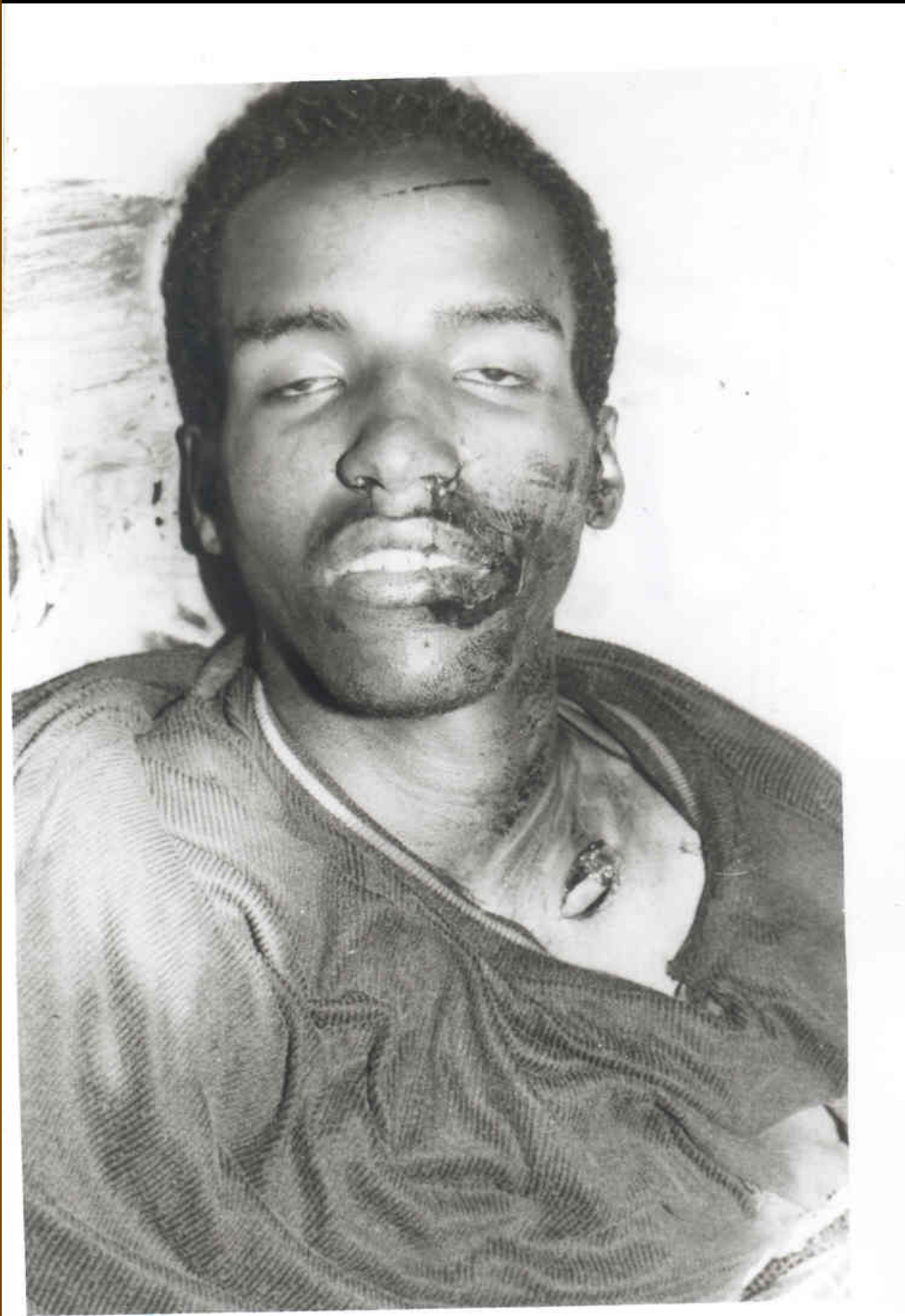


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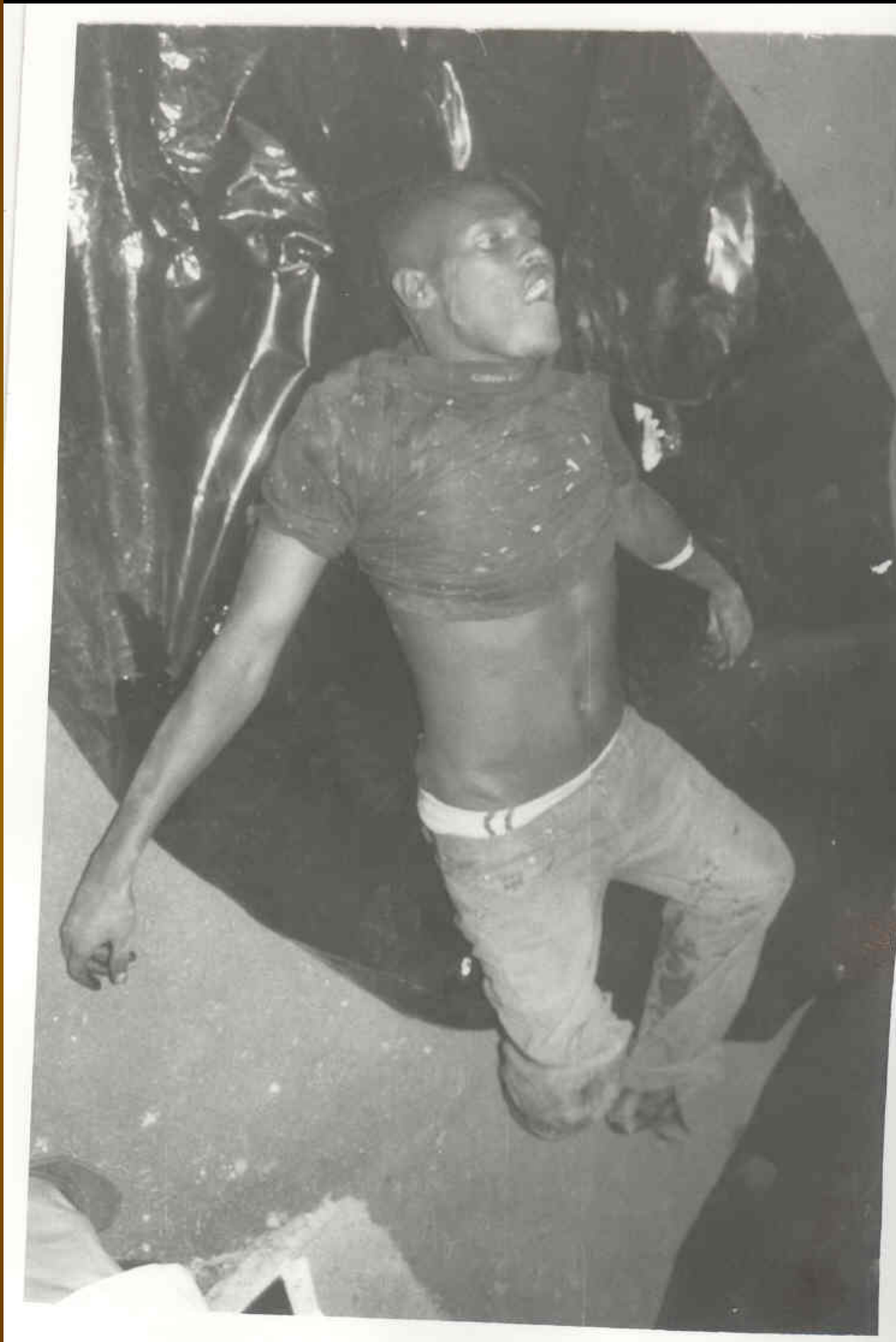
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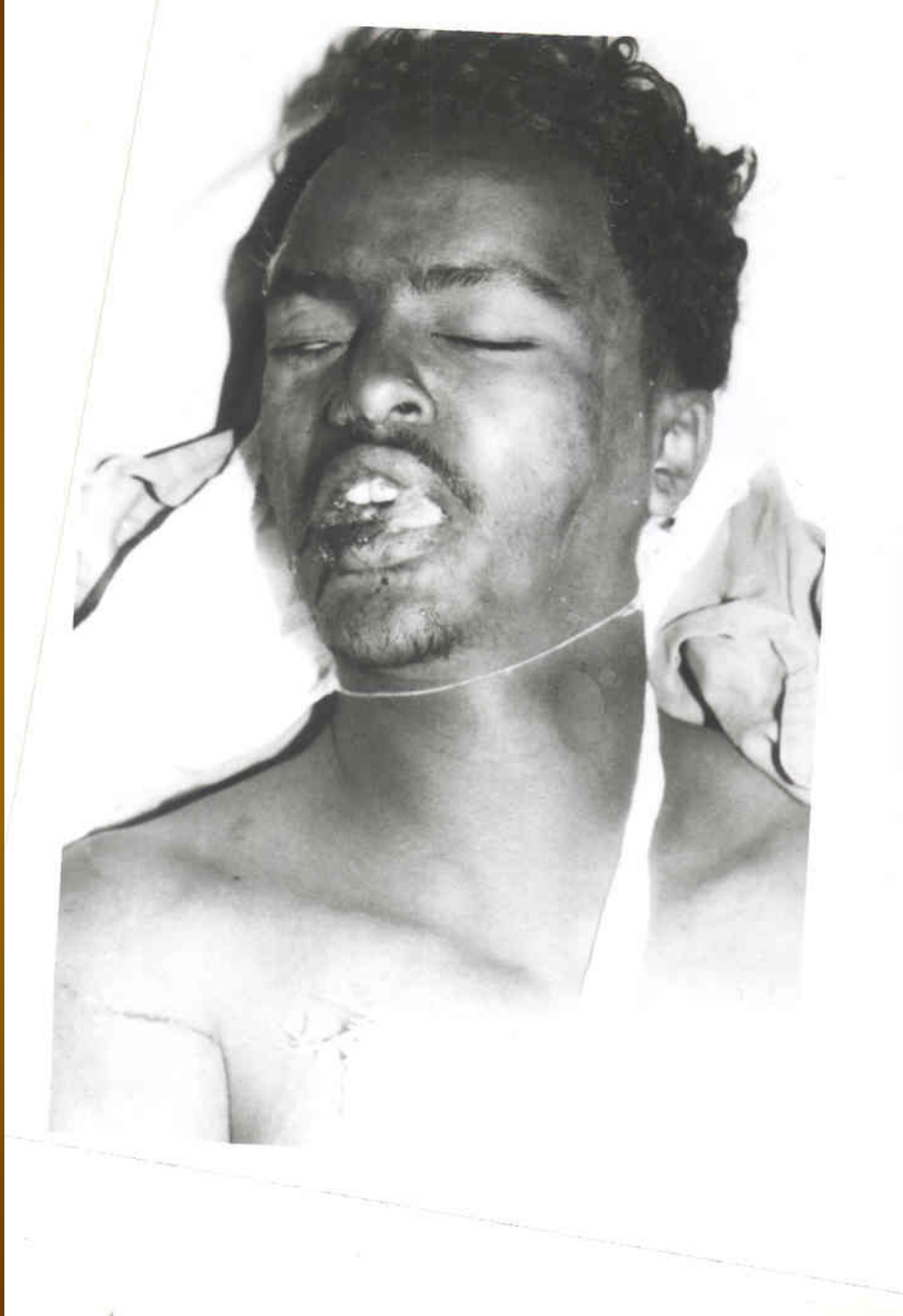
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Remarks

- These pictures are not just numbers and images. That were fellow human beings, with dreams, loved ones and life plans.
- All these photographs were taken by the Federal and Addis Ababa Police Commissions' Evidence Collection and Documentation Department.
- I would like to use this opportunity to thank those government officials who made a great contribution to this testimony and who proved dedication and deep concern for the protection of human rights by providing these confidential documents which were hidden by the Ethiopian security force. I would also like to commend these officers for their readiness to be physical witnesses on the killings including the mass killing of prisoners at Kaliti Prison.
- These government officers are also willing to testify that the Ethiopian government had hidden some of the bodies of those who were killed at its two hospitals in Addis Ababa (Police Hospital and Torr Hailoch Hospital), and finally buried most of the deceased together in the same place without the knowledge of their families or relatives.

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Recommendations

I call upon the European Parliament and members states of the European Union;

- To condemn the continued detention of political prisoners including leaders of the opposition party Coalition for Unity and Democracy (CUD), journalists and human rights activists and demand for their the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners in the country.
- To take all necessary measures including banning of all your direct budget funds except humanitarian aid as the United Kingdom has done before to ensure that the Ethiopian government stops all acts of violence.
- To establish an impartial and independent international enquiry that investigates the killings of 190 civilians and 7 police officers in the June and November 2005 incidents.

I owe this testimony to God, my county and people and I will tell the stories of those killed and other victims to the world until justice is done. I thrust you will help us with that.

Thank you very much again.

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