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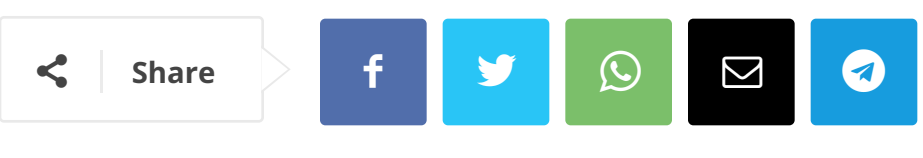
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Dozens killed due to violence in Dilla, vicinity

By Yonas Abiye October 15, 2016



Regional government downplays ethnic links

In what appears to be an addition to instability of the country, another tragic violence has emerged from the relatively calmer Southern Regional State. Deadly clashes erupted in Dilla town, which later expanded to neighboring areas including Yirga Chefe town.

The clash, which first broke out on Friday October 7 turned deadly the following day. According to residents of Dilla, the clashes erupted following a court decision over ownership right on a disputed plot of land located in the market area in the center of town; an information that was later confirmed by the regional government.

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The head of the region's Communications Bureau, Hikma Keireidin, told *The Reporter* that the disputed plot of land was earlier awarded to businesspeople to develop the existing business area to a modernmarket place. However, a coffee union composed of coffee growers in Dilla and surrounding areas claimed that the plot was theirs.

Because of the dispute, the case was being handled by a court, which later awarded the plot to the businesspeople.

Following the court's final verdict, the coffee union members started protesting Friday and later on Saturday the protest turned fatal. Sources said that dozens of lives were lost and over 100 houses and business went up in flames.

Other sources indicated that the number of deaths surged up to 63 while the regional government told *The Reporter* that the total death toll is 23.

Earlier this week the Deputy Police Commissioner of Southern Regional State, Ahmedladine Jemmal, told *The Reporter* that it was difficult for him to disclose both human causalities and damages to properties, adding that the regional government has already deployed a task force to investigate and determine the extent of the causalities.

The Communications Bureau head said that the clashes were not ethnically motivated; however, other sources claimed the inhabitants, the Gedeo community, had targeted people from other ethnic groups who have been operating businesses in Dilla town for years.

"This violent clash has nothing to do with ethnicity. It purely emerged out of refusing the decision of he court," she told *The Reporter* over a telephone line

The Reporter has also learnt that the clashes were beyond the control of local police until members of the national defense force arrived on Saturday afternoon. Apart from the arrival of the defense force, heavy rains, which began pouring down shortly after the clashes erupted, contributed to calming the situation, according to eyewitnesses.

In addition, the Communications Bureau said that the clashes were not confined to Dilla as it stretched south heading to Yirga Chefe town.

According to *The Reporter's* informant as well as Hikma, there have also been acts of looting in which several business organizations and individuals were targeted.

Dilla, 363 km south of Addis Ababa, is a seat of the Gedeo Zone with population of more than 800,000. The dominant ethnic group is the Gedeo followed by Gurji, Sidama, Gurage, Silte, Oromo and Amhara communities.

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