## Database: the Ethiopian public universities during the Tigray war

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#### Abstract

In this database, we attempt to document the widespread involvement of Ethiopian public universities in the war in Tigray. In general, Ethiopian universities have provided financial and material support to the Ethiopian army and allied forces, practiced discrimination of their students and staff members of Tigrayan origin, including harassment and limitation of academic freedom. Infringements against human rights by the Ethiopian Ministry of Science and Higher Education are also included.

Keywords: Ethiopia; Public universities; Human rights; Tigray war; Academic freedom; University diplomacy; University development cooperation

#### Context

This dataset aims at holding a comprehensive overview of infringements against human rights and academic freedom at Ethiopian public universities during the Tigray war (2020-ongoing).

At the beginning of November 2020, an armed conflict emerged in Tigray, Ethiopia's northernmost region, in the aftermath of a destructive locust plague and in the context of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In the conflict, the Ethiopian National Defence Force (ENDF) and its allies – formal and informal military factions of the adjacent Amhara region, the Eritrean Defence Force – oppose the troops of the Tigray Regional Government. In an official communiqué on 29 November 2020, the Government of Ethiopia stated that the military operation in Tigray was completed, and Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed appointed an "Interim Government of Tigray". However, as from that moment, the armed conflict has continued at large scale for more than a year now, with the TDF capturing Mekelle on 28 June 2021 and setting up a counter-offensive.

Reports systematically document massacres (Vanden Bempt et al., 2021), widespread sexual violence, the destruction of civilian infrastructure, mass looting, or imprisonment of people of Tigrayan origin in concentration camps (Conley et al., 2021; Tewelde, 2021).

The Ethiopian Government is denying access to humanitarian actors, worsening the man-made famine conditions (Gesesew et al., 2021; Weldemichel, 2021; Nyssen et al., 2021), the current situation is considered a siege by many. As a result of the conflict, many Tigrayans are in dire need of humanitarian aid, food as well as medical supplies and health care services. Starting from July 2021, the blockade of the entire Tigray Region and other areas controlled by the Tigray forces is nearly total, leading to the worst famine since a decade, worldwide. Full details are provided in "Tigray: Atlas of the Humanitarian Situation" (Annys et al. 2021).

We have been alarmed by numerous informal reports of Ethiopian universities actively involving in warfare support, worse, carrying out human rights infringements by themselves, such as contribution to imprisonment of their own staff of Tigrayan origin in concentration camps, organisation of hate campaigns, active/passive contribution to/participation in mob lynching of professors, cancelling of diplomas, termination of salaries etc. The issue has been touched upon by media in major university cooperation countries like Norway (Zachrisen, 2021) or Belgium (Dessein, 2021), yet no fully fledged inventory of human rights infringements by Ethiopian universities during the Tigray war exists.

The aim in this work is to document and map as much information as possible about infringements against human rights and academic freedom at Ethiopian universities during the Tigray war. It may serve as baseline documentation for qualitative analysis by human rights researchers, university diplomacy, and decision makers on international university cooperation.

#### Limitations

Killing of university staff in warfare, and damage to campuses by shelling are not included in this database, which focuses strictly on the involvement of academic authorities, and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education (MOSHE)

The human rights abuses are widespread at Ethiopian Universities, and academic freedom is also restricted, according to (relatives of) Tigrayan staff in various Ethiopian institutions. Obviously, in absence of formal communication about this by university authorities, Tables 1 and 2 are very incomplete.

This is work in progress; new versions of the database will be published when further evidence becomes available. Thank you for signalling further human rights abuses, when they become uncovered.

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Table 1. List of Ethiopian public universities, with acronyms and region<sup>1</sup>, as well as known major infringements against academic freedom and cover-up of human rights abuses

Region	University <sup>2</sup>	Acr.	Fact	Date	Source
OR	Adama Science & Technology	ASTU			
	University				
AA	Addis Ababa Science and	AASTU			
	Technology University				
AA	Addis Ababa University	AAU	Threatened to revoke academic degrees based on political		Media <sup>3</sup> ; see also
			opinion; the university is also a safe place for genocidal		Table 4
			hate preachers Taye Bogale and Dagnachew Assefa		
TI	Adigrat University*	ADU			
TI	Aksum University*	AKU			
OR	Ambo University	AU	The university is a safe place for genocidal hate preacher		See Table 4
			Seyoum Teshome		
SN	Arba Minch University	AMU			
OR	Arsi University	ARSIUN			
BG	Assosa University	ASU			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Regions: AA Addis Ababa; AF Afar; AM Amhara; BG Benishangul Gumuz; DD Dire Dawa; GA Gambela; OR Oromiya; SO Somali; SN Southern Nations; TI Tigray <sup>2</sup> The physical location of some universities is not controlled by the Ethiopian and allied armed forces, according to the 15 December 2021 conflict map (https://twitter.com/dhadelli/status/1471456001169756163/photo/1). These universities are indicated with \*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Addis Standard, 26 November 2021: Addis Abeba university warns to take measures against graduate academics supporting tplf; measures may include revocation of academic degrees. <u>https://addisstandard.com/news-addis-abeba-university-warns-to-take-measures-against-graduate-academics-supporting-tplf-measures-may-include-revocation-of-academic-degrees/</u>. See also in Addis Ababa University's official Facebook page <a href="https://archive.md/Bf5Xd">https://addisstandard.com/news-addis-abeba-university-warns-to-take-measures-against-graduate-academics-supporting-tplf-measures-may-include-revocation-of-academic-degrees/</a>. See also in Addis Ababa University's official Facebook page <a href="https://archive.md/Bf5Xd">https://archive.md/Bf5Xd</a>

Region	University <sup>2</sup>	Acr.	Fact	Date	Source
AM	Bahir Dar University	BDU	Harassment of international collaborators who ask for an end to the Tigray war; University officials went in a support visit to the security forces that occupy Western Tigray <sup>4</sup>	8 Oct 2021	Internal document <sup>5</sup> ; Media <sup>6</sup>
OR	Bule Hora University*	BHU			
SN	Bonga University	Bonga U			
AM	Debre Berhan University	DBU	University officials went in a support visit to the security forces that occupy Western Tigray <sup>7</sup>	8 Oct 2021	Media <sup>8</sup>
AM	Debark University	DKU	University officials went in a support visit to the security forces that occupy Western Tigray <sup>9</sup>	8 Oct 2021	Media <sup>10</sup>
AM	Debre Markos University	DMU	University officials went in a support visit to the security forces that occupy Western Tigray <sup>11</sup>	8 Oct 2021; 17/11/2021	Media <sup>12</sup> ; University's Facebook page

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This visit occurred in the same period when alarm was sounded in international media about the human rights situation in Western Tigray, particularly Humera which the officials visited as can be seen on the photos in the article. In Humera there are concentration camps, and people killed and thrown in the Tekeze river. The report of the visit did not mention or allude that the officials used the opportunity to investigate the human rights situation in Humera.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Internal document at the hands of the authors.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Facebook page Amhara Media Corporation, 9 October 2021. የጦንግሥት ዩኒቨርሲቲ የሥራ ኃላፊዎች በግንባር ተ7ኝተው የጸጥታ ኃይሉን አበረታቱ። [government orders university management should go to war fronts to encourage security forces] <u>https://www.facebook.com/AmharaMediaCorporation/posts/1651446265030361</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.md/tbFzt</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> For the context: see note regarding the same activity at BDU

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Facebook page Amhara Media Corporation, 9 October 2021. የጫንግሥት ዩኒቨርሲቲ የሥራ ኃላፊዎች በግንባር ተ7ኝተው የጸጥታ ኃይሉን አበረታቱ። <u>https://www.facebook.com/AmharaMediaCorporation/posts/1651446265030361</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.md/tbFzt</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> For the context: see note regarding the same activity at BDU

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Facebook page Amhara Media Corporation, 9 October 2021. የጫንግሥት ዩኒቨርሲቲ የሥራ ኃላፊዎች በግንባር ተባኝተው የጸጥታ ኃይሉን አበረታቱ። <u>https://www.facebook.com/AmharaMediaCorporation/posts/1651446265030361</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.md/tbFzt</u>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Facebook page Amhara Media Corporation, 9 October 2021. የጫንግሥት ዩኒቨርሲቲ የሥራ ኃላፊዎች በግንባር ተገኝተው የጸጥታ ኃይሉን አበረታቱ። <u>https://www.facebook.com/AmharaMediaCorporation/posts/1651446265030361</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.md/tbFzt</u>

Region	University <sup>2</sup>	Acr.	Fact	Date	Source
AM	Debre Tabor University	DTU	University officials went in a support visit to the security forces that occupy Western Tigray <sup>13</sup>	8 Oct 2021	Media <sup>14</sup>
SN	Dilla University	DU			
DD	Dire Dawa University	DDU			
AA	Ethiopian Civil Service University	ECSU			
OR	Haramaya University	HRU			
GA	Gambela University	GMU			
SN	Hawassa University	HWU			
SO	Jigjiga University	110	The university is a safe place for genocidal hate preacher Muktarovich Ousmanova		See Table 4
OR	Jimma University	JU			
OR	Madawalabu University	MWU			
TI	Mekelle University*	MU			
AM	Mekdela Amba University	MAU			
OR	Mettu University	MeU			
SN	Mizan-Tepi University	MTU			
OR	Oromia State University	OSU			
TI	Raya University*	RAYU			
AF	Semera University	SU			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> For the context: see note regarding the same activity at BDU

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Facebook page Amhara Media Corporation, 9 October 2021. የጮንግሥት ዩኒቨርሲቲ የሥራ ኃላፊዎች በግንባር ተገኝተው የጸጥታ ኃይሉን አበረታቱ። https://www.facebook.com/AmharaMediaCorporation/posts/1651446265030361, archived at https://archive.md/tbFzt

Region	University <sup>2</sup>	Acr.	Fact	Date	Source
AM	University of Gondar	UoG	Revocation of Eleni Gabremadhin's Honorary Doctorate	30 Nov 2021; 8	Media <sup>16</sup> ; Media <sup>17</sup>
			because of involvement for peace in Ethiopia; University	Oct 2021	
			officials went in a support visit to the security forces that		
			occupy Western Tigray <sup>15</sup>		
			BBC reported that UoG experts supervised a campaign of	7 May 2022	BBC
			disposal of evidence of massacres in Western Tigray <sup>18</sup> in		
			April 2022. UoG denied, asked retraction of the article and		
			sanctioning of the journalist. BBC maintained the article		
			and published a summary of the UoG reaction <sup>19</sup> .		
SN	Wachemo University	WCU			
SN	Wolaita Sodo University	WSU			
SN	Werabe University	WRU			
AM	Woldia University*	WDU	University officials went in a support visit to the security	8 Oct 2021	Media <sup>21</sup>
			forces that occupy Western Tigray <sup>20</sup>		
SN	Wolkite University	WKU			
OR	Wollega University	WOU			
AM	Wollo University	WU	University officials went in a support visit to the security	8 Oct 2021	Media <sup>23</sup>
			forces that occupy Western Tigray <sup>22</sup>		

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 15}$  For the context: see note regarding the same activity at BDU

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Ethiopian Monitor, 1 December 2021: Gondar University Revokes Eleni Gabremahin's Honorary Doctorates - <u>https://ethiopianmonitor.com/2021/12/01/gondar-university-revokes-eleni-gabremahins-honorary-doctorates/</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.md/8M6yD</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Facebook page Amhara Media Corporation, 9 October 2021. የጫንግሥት ዩኒቨርሲቲ የሥራ ኃላፊዎች በግንባር ተገኝተው የጸጥታ ኃይሉን አበረታቱ። <u>https://www.facebook.com/AmharaMediaCorporation/posts/1651446265030361</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.md/tbFzt</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> BBC, 7 May 2022: Ethiopia war: Evidence of mass killing being burned – witnesses. <u>https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-61335530</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> BBC, 10 May 2022: Ethiopia's Gondar University denies aiding grave destruction in west Tigray. <u>https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-61387303</u> <sup>20</sup> For the context: see note regarding the same activity at BDU

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Facebook page Amhara Media Corporation, 9 October 2021. የጫንግሥት ዩኒቨርሲቲ የሥራ ኃላፊዎች በግንባር ተንኝተው የጸጥታ ኃይሉን አበረታቱ። https://www.facebook.com/AmharaMediaCorporation/posts/1651446265030361, archived at https://archive.md/tbFzt

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Facebook page Amhara Media Corporation, 9 October 2021. የጫንግሥት ዩኒቨርሲቲ የሥራ ኃላፊዎች በግንባር ተ**1**ኝተው የጸጥታ ኃይሉን አበረታቱ። https://www.facebook.com/AmharaMediaCorporation/posts/1651446265030361, archived at https://archive.md/tbFzt

**Table 2. Known human rights abuses based on ethnicity.** \* evidence that it occurred; \*\* university passively involved (absence of concern or whitewashing); \*\*\* university actively involved

Acr.	Staff killed	Student s killed	Staff fired	In pris	on or ntration camp	Notes	Source(s)
				Staff	Student(s)		
ASTU							
AASTU							
AAU				**		At least 2 professors arrested	Media <sup>24,25,26,27</sup>
ADU							
AKU							
AU							
AMU				**		22 Tigrayan academics detained and sent to	Internal
						concentration camps	document <sup>28</sup>
ARSIUN							
ASU							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> news24 hours 19 November 2021 Leading constitutional law professor detained in Ethiopia <u>https://www.news24.com/news24/africa/news/leading-constitutional-law-professor-detained-in-ethiopia-20211123</u>

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https://globenewsnet.com/news/addis-ababa-university-senior-law-professors-among-latest-victims-of-tigrayan-mass-arrests/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape 19 November 2021. Dullah Omar Institute concerned about arrest of Addis Ababa University's Prof Assefa Fiseha. <u>https://dullahomarinstitute.org.za/news/dullah-omar-institute-concerned-about-arrest-of-addis-ababa-universitys-prof-assefa-fiseha</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> The authors received a list of 22 Arba Minch University academic and administrative staff who have been detained at two concentration camps. Names list and specific locations of concentration camps are kept confidential for their safety.

Acr.	Staff	Student	Staff	In pris	on or	Notes	Source(s)
	killed	s killed	fired	conce	ntration camp		
				Staff	Student(s)		
BDU	**		***	**		Several lecturers in concentration camp; Prof. Meareg killed, before the killing, a page affiliated with the university <sup>29</sup> accused_him of committing crimes and preparation to flee to the USA, university did not present condolences; staff fired and expelled from residence	Press <sup>30</sup> , social media, private evidence <sup>31</sup> , blog <sup>32,33</sup>
BHU							
DBU							
DMU		***				On May 24, 2019, Seare Abraha, a third year Economics student was stoned to death. At first, university management took no measures against students participating in the mob. In June, Amhara police arrested several DMU students suspected of killing Seare.	Journalist Zecharias Zelalem on Twitter <sup>34</sup> , US Department of State <sup>35</sup>
DTU				**		Seven academics currently detained in Gurara Youth Center (concentration camp)	Internal document <sup>36</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> BDU Staff Facebook page, 9 October 2021: <u>https://www.facebook.com/BDU.STAFFs/posts/1043647506468648</u>. Sources at BDU mention that the university management was contacted by journalists investigating Prof. Meareg's murder; subsequently the Facebook page was taken down on 24 March 2022 – the post concerning Prof Meareg has been archived at <u>https://archive.ph/A3ac6</u>

<sup>31</sup> At hands of the authors

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> De Standaard (Belgium), Thursday, 4 November 2021 - <u>https://www.standaard.be/cnt/dmf20211103\_97890710</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Jan Nyssen, 13 November 2021: BDU vice president timidly admits that Prof. Meareg Amare has been murdered -

https://emnetnegash.wordpress.com/2021/11/13/bdu-vice-president-timidly-admits-that-prof-meareg-amare-has-been-murdered/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Obituary Professor Meareg Amare (1959-2021) - <u>https://emnetnegash.wordpress.com/2021/11/09/obituary-professor-meareg-amare-1959-2021/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> "Seare Abraha, a third year Economics student at the University of Debremarkos, was stoned to death yesterday by a mob who targeted him for his Tigrayan roots. The brutal murder has shocked the nation. No arrests have been made." by Zekarias Zelalem 28 May 2019. Zecharias Zelalem on Twitter: https://t.co/2qVDfDwmQ0" / Twitter (archive.md)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> US Department of State "2019 Country Report on Human Rights Practices: Ethiopia".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> The authors received a list of some University academics who are currently detained or have been taken to unknown locations. We could not include the source document here for the safety of detainees and the sources.

Acr.	Staff	Student	•		Notes	Source(s)
	killed	s killed				
			Staff	Student(s)		
DU						
DDU						
ECSU						
HRU			*		4 lecturers and 3 support staff members were detained and have been released after several months. Overall, HRU is described as a relative safe place for staff and students of Tigrayan origin; Tigrayan lecturers taken into custody were set free after intervention of the management	Internal documents <sup>37</sup>
HWU						
IJΠ						
JU						
MWU						
MU						
MeU						
MTU						
OSU						
RAYU						
SU						
UoG						
WCU						
WSU						
WRU						
WDU						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> The authors received a list of some University academics who were detained or had been taken to unknown locations, as well as detailed reporting on the internal functioning of HRU. We could not include the source documents here for the safety of the sources.

Acr.	Staff killed			ff In prison or d concentration camp		Notes	Source(s)
				Staff	Student(s)		
WKU				**		One academic detained and whereabouts unknown	Internal document <sup>38</sup>
WOU							
WU	***					2 WU professors were killed by <i>fano</i> mob on 22/10/2021, to which some WU staff participated. Earlier on, lists of WU staff of Tigrayan origin had been circulated.	Tghat <sup>39</sup> , social media, blog <sup>40</sup>

Note: the ethnic group targeted are Tigrayans, in all cases known.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> The authors received a list of some University academics who are currently detained or have been taken to unknown locations. We could not include the source document here for the safety of detainees and the sources.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Victims 2935 and 2936 on Tghat's victim list

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Jan Nyssen, Humanitarian situation in Tigray (31 August 2021) - <u>https://emnetnegash.wordpress.com/2021/08/31/humanitarian-situation-in-tigray-31-august-2021/</u>

Acr.	Financial support to army (ETB)	Organisation of military training	Material support to army or militias	Date	Source
ASTU	16,473,019.40			01 Tahsas 2014	Media <sup>41</sup>
AASTU	30,000,000; staff donated one month salary to the army				Media <sup>42</sup> , university's Facebook page <sup>43</sup>
AAU	60,000,000 (Fig. 2)		Sent 100 medical staff to the war fronts; donation of equipment	08.09.2021	Media <sup>44</sup> ; university's Facebook page <sup>45</sup>
ADU					
AKU					
AU	Yes				Media <sup>46</sup>
AMU	10,000,000 + 13M (one month salary of all staff)			25/11/2021	University website <sup>47</sup> and Facebook page <sup>48</sup>
ARSIUN	30,000,000 (from students budget and staff salaries)				Media <sup>49</sup>

Table 3. Direct support to warfare, as reported by media and the universities' PR services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Ethiopian Press Agency, 14 December 2021. የተለያዩ ዩኒቨርሲቲዎችና የትግራይ ብልጽግና ጽ/ቤት ለሀገር ጦከላከያ ሰራዊት ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረ*ጉ*. <u>https://archive.md/uATkU</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> Ethiopian Press Agency, 14 December 2021. የተለያዩ ዩኒቨርሲቲዎችና የትግራይ ብልጽግና ጽ/ቤት ለሀገር ጦከላከያ ሰራዊት ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረጉ. <u>https://archive.md/uATkU</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> Facebook, AASTU, 12 August 2021. የአዲስ አበባ ሳይንስና ቴክኖሎጂ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ሰራተኞች የአንድ ወር ደሞወዛቸውን ለሃንር ሞከላከያ ሰራዊት በሞስጠት አለኝታነታቸውን ንለፁ። https://www.facebook.com/aastu.edu.et/posts/568990604462995, archived at: https://archive.ph/PaVKO

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> Amhara Media Corporation, 27 November 2021. አዲስ አበባ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ለሀገር ሙከላከያ ሠራዊት ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረን።

https://www.facebook.com/AmharaMediaCorporation/posts/1688281174680203, archived at: https://archive.ph/QlkzG

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> Addis Ababa University 08 September 2021 የአዲስ አበባ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ለከሞከላከያ ሰራዊት 60 ሚሊዮን ብር ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረ7.

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\_fbid=4379954145422706&id=496255483792611, archived at: https://archive.ph/skFKK

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Ethiopian Press Agency, 14 December 2021. የተለያዩ ዩኒቨርሲቲዎችና የትግራይ ብልጽግና ጽ/ቤት ለሀንር ጦከላከያ ሰራዊት ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረጉ. <u>https://archive.md/uATkU</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> Arba Minch University website: አርባ ምንጭ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ለሀንር ጦከላከያ ሠራዊትና ለተፈናቀሉ ወንኖች ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረን.

https://www.amu.edu.et/2144-amu-give-defence, archived at https://archive.ph/wu7CL

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Facebook AMU, 25 November 2021. <u>https://www.facebook.com/ArbaMinchUniversityCCD/posts/4821170494594199</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.ph/icvjW</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Addis Media Network, 3 December 2021: የአርሲና ሃዋሳ የኒቨርስቲ ለሞከላከያ ድ*ጋ*ፍ አዲስ ሚዲያ ኔትወርክ ህዳር 24/2014 ዓ.ም.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=7mNUovHeoGs, archived at: https://archive.ph/srREg

Acr.	Financial support to army	Organisation of military	Material support to army or	Date	Source
	(ETB)	training	militias		
ASU	3,250,000				University website <sup>50</sup>
					and Facebook page <sup>51</sup>
BDU	Staff 'donated' 30-100% of their salary to Amhara Special Forces and militia	Sport academy (stadium) converted into military training facility for staff (Fig. 1)	Preparation of food for armed forces; donation of food; donated Agri College's cattle to the army	9/12/2021	University's Facebook page <sup>52, 53,</sup> 54, 55, 56, 57
BHU					
BongaU	15,000,000		Donation of 30 oxen to the army	8/11/2021	University Facebook page <sup>58</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Assosa University website: አሶሳ ዩኒቨርስቲ ለሀንር ሞከላከያ ሚኒስቴር የ3.25 ሚሊዮን ብር ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረን። <u>https://asu.edu.et/post.php?id=33</u>, archived at: <u>https://archive.md/rN8JE</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Facebook ASU, 16 November 2021. <u>https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story\_fbid=4632264880186410&id=234983083247967&m\_entstream\_source=timeline\_</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.md/RBIpJ</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> Facebook page of Bahirdar University, 9 December 2021 የስንቅ ዝግጅት ስራ በባሕር ዳር ዩኒቨርሲቲ ተጠናክሮ ቀጥሏል. <u>https://archive.md/ke1eF</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> Facebook page of Bahirdar University, 13 November 2021. <u>https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\_fbid=1049814705782058&id=194458761317661</u>, archived at https://archive.ph/A38G2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Facebook page of Bahirdar University, 13 November 2021. https://ms-my.facebook.com/bduethiopia/posts/5269658849716245/ Original post was deleted - በባሕር ዳር ዩኒቨርሲቲ የ2ኛው ዙር የጦሰረታዊ ውትድርና ሰልጣኞች ተመረቁ:: Bahir Dar University has graduated its administrative and academic staffs who have been attending basic military training courses for the second time. The ceremony was opened by Dr. Firew, the president of the university. Cached version could be archived. https://archive.ph/Es5kn#selection-121.26-125.0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Facebook page of Bahirdar University, 1 May 2021: በባሕር ዳር ዩኒቨርሲቲ የዘንዘልማ ግቢ ሰራተኞች ለአማራ ልዩ ሀይል እና ሚሊሻ አባላት ከደሞዛቸው በማዋጣት ድጋፍ አደረን. https://www.facebook.com/737682042913971/posts/4651911548157648/ archived at https://archive.ph/sWhgy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Facebook page of Bahirdar University, 20 September 2021: የወታደራዊ ሰልጣኞች ምረቃ <u>https://www.facebook.com/737682042913971/posts/5093662590649206</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.ph/L9ok1</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Facebook page of Bahirdar University, 5 August 2021: የ40 ሰን*ጋ* ርክክብ <u>https://www.facebook.com/737682042913971/posts/4943693295646137/</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.ph/Kcx7g</u>

Acr.	Financial support to army (ETB)	Organisation of military training	Material support to army or militias	Date	Source
DBU			Preparation of food for armed forces and fano	13/12/2021	Media <sup>59</sup> ; university's Facebook page <sup>60</sup>
DKU	Staff 'donated' one month salary to Amhara Special Forces and militia		Donation and preparation of food for armed forces; donation of beds and mattresses	9/12/2021	University Facebook page <sup>61,62</sup>
DMU	Staff 'donated' one month salary to armed forces	Yes, for staff and students	Preparation of food for and shipping of shoes to the armed forces	13/11/202163	University's Facebook page <sup>64</sup> , Social media, blog <sup>65</sup> , media <sup>66</sup>
DTU		180 staff took military training and the	Provision of food to the armed forces		Media <sup>67</sup> ; university's Facebook page <sup>68</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Fana BC, 18 November 2021: የደብረብርሃን ዩኒቨርሲቲ ማህበረሰብ አባላት ስንቅ እያዘጋጁ ነው <u>https://www.facebook.com/fanabroadcasting/posts/4627024320721604</u>, archived at: <u>https://archive.ph/66bGq</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Facebook page of Debre Berhan University ደብረ ብርሃን ዩኒቨርሲቲ ለጥምር ጦር ሀይሎች ስንቅ ዝግጅት ድ*ጋ*ፍ እያደረን ይንኛል 13 December 2021. <u>https://archive.md/oO6Gk</u> <sup>61</sup> Facebook DKU, 9 December 2021. የደባርቅ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ሰራተኞች ያዘ*ጋ*ጁትን የደረቅ ስንቅ ሰቆጣ ግንባር ለሚንኘው የሰራዊት አባላት አደረሱ።

https://www.facebook.com/Debarkuniversityandcollegeofficial/posts/3039123023072365, archived at https://archive.md/gy06C

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Facebook DKU, 23 September 2021. ደባርቅ ዩኒቨርሲቲ በህልውና ዘጦቻው ከፍተኛ አስተዋፅኦ እያደረ*1* ይ*1*ኛል ፡፡

https://www.facebook.com/Debarkuniversityandcollegeofficial/posts/2980327632285238, archived at: https://archive.ph/aZR7W

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Official Facebook page of Debre Markos University, 17 November 2021. የደብረ ማርቆስ ዩኒቨርሲቲ በወሎ ግንባር እየተፋለጮ ለሚ1ኝው ሰራዊት የስንቅ ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረ7 <u>https://archive.md/01yCl</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Facebook page of Debre Markos University, 6 December 2021: የአንድ ቀን ቁርሴን ለዘማቼ ጫማ በሚል ህልውና ዘማቻ ሁለ-ንብ ድዖፎች እንደቀጡሉ ናቸው <u>https://www.facebook.com/dmu.edu/posts/2956597261260600</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.ph/rGuIQ</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Jan Nyssen, Humanitarian situation in Tigray (31 August 2021) - <u>https://emnetnegash.wordpress.com/2021/08/31/humanitarian-situation-in-tigray-31-august-2021/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> Addis Standard 16 August 2021. Ethiopia: Debre Markos University faculty and staff begin basic military training.

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\_fbid=4244647355583227&id=177352718979398 archived at https://archive.ph/yUMOv

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Amara Media Center, 10 October 2021. ደብረ ታቦር ዩኒቨርሲቲ ላለፋት ሶስት ወራት ጦሠረታዊ የውትድርና ስልጤና ሲወስዱ የቆዩ ጦምሀራንና ሰራተኞችን በይፋ አስጦረቀ። <u>https://www.facebook.com/AmaraMediaCenter/posts/6164795236928378</u>, archived at: <u>https://archive.ph/lh5CH</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Facebook page of Debre Tabor University, 25 November 2021: ደብረ ታቦር ዩኒቨርሲቲ ለሀንር ሙከላከያ ሰራዊት እና ለአማራ ህዝባዊ ኃይል በእብናት ግንባር በሙንኘት የስንቅ ድጋፍ አደረን። <u>https://www.facebook.com/www.dtu.edu.et/posts/1613593848987637</u> , archived at: <u>https://archive.ph/fzZZp</u>

Acr.	Financial support to army (ETB)	Organisation of military training	Material support to army or militias	Date	Source
		president organised a graduation ceremony			
DU	30,000,000		Sent university medical staff to the war fronts	< 16/11/2021 29/11/2921	Media <sup>69</sup> ; photo <sup>70</sup> University Facebook page <sup>71</sup>
DDU	1,500,000		Provided items worth 650,000 to ENDF	6/12/2021	University's Facebook page <sup>72 73</sup>
ECSU					
HRU	15,000,0000			10/12/2021	Media <sup>74</sup>
HWU	45,000,000	Militarisation of academic spaces <sup>75</sup>			Media and photo <sup>76</sup>
IJΠ	1,000,000		150 goats to ENDF	19.11.2020	University's facebook page <sup>77</sup>

<sup>69</sup> Walta Info, 15 November: የዲላ እና የዋቻሞ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ለአንር ጦከላከያ ሰራዊት ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረን <u>https://www.facebook.com/waltainfo/posts/4846667768747299</u>, archived at: <u>https://archive.ph/2YNbC</u>

<sup>70</sup> Photo posted on Twitter: <u>https://twitter.com/Axumite 1/status/1460620041267908614</u>, archived at: <u>https://archive.md/1K5xb</u>

<sup>71</sup> Facebook page of Dilla University 29 November 2021 የሀንር ጥሪ በሙቀበል የዲላ ዩኒቨርሲቲ የጤና ባለሙያዎች ወደ ግንባር ለመዝሙት ሽኝት ተደረንላቸው:: https://www.facebook.com/DDUniv/posts/6586806414726888 archived at https://archive.md/zAsi8

<sup>72</sup> Facebook page of Dire Dawa University, 6 December 2021: የድሬደዋ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ሞምህራንንና የአስተዳደር ሠራተኞ ሃንር ያቀረበችውን ጥሪ ተቀብለው ወደ ግንባር ሞዝጦትን ጨምሮ ደንፍ ለማድረግ ዝግጁ ሞሆናቸው ተንለፀ። <u>https://www.facebook.com/DDUniv/posts/6567019843372212</u>, archived at: <u>https://archive.ph/ACTpf</u>

<sup>73</sup> Facebook page of Dire Dawa University 10 December 2021 **የ**ድሬዳዋ ዩኒቨርሲቲ በጦርነቱ ንዳት ለደረሰባቸው የሰራዊት አባላት የምግብና የፅዳት ቁሳቁሶች ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረን። https://www.facebook.com/DDUniv/posts/6586806414726888 archived at https://archive.md/S1IAw

<sup>74</sup> Ethiopian Press Agency, 14 December 2021. የተለያዩ ዩኒቨርሲቲዎችና የትግራይ ብልጽግና ጽ/ቤት ለሀንር ጦከላከያ ሰራዊት ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረ*ጉ*. <u>https://archive.md/uATkU</u>

<sup>75</sup> Hawassa University 7 September 2021 የሀዋሳ ዩኒቨርሲቲ የቴክኖሎጂ ኢንስቲትዩትተማሪዎች!

https://www.facebook.com/Hawassa.University/posts/4296155930481729 archived at https://archive.md/2mq6s

<sup>76</sup>Hawassa University donated ETB 45,000,000 to ENDF. #ሀዋሳ\_ዩኒቨርሲቲ\_ዘጮቻ\_ለህብረ\_ብሔራዊ\_አንድነትን\_በጮደ7ፍ\_የንንዘብ\_የአልባሳትና\_የምግብ\_ድ*ጋ*ፍ\_አደረን Official Facebook page of HWU, 4 December 2021. <u>https://archive.md/Bf5Xd</u>

<sup>77</sup> Jigjiga University 19 November 2020 Jigjiga University's donation of 1 million ETB and 150 goats to the national defence force.

https://www.facebook.com/jigjigauniversity/posts/3856286317750077 archived at https://archive.ph/kyIMX

Acr.	Financial support to army (ETB)	Organisation of military training	Material support to army or militias	Date	Source
JU	35,000,000			4 Tahassas 2014	Media and photo <sup>78</sup>
MWU					
MU					No evidence <sup>79</sup>
MAU	Staff donated one month of salary to the army		Preparation of food for armed forces; donation of 10 oxen	13/9/2021	University Facebook page <sup>80</sup>
MeU	21,000,000 (11M from staff salaries; 10M from university budget)		Preparation of food for the army		University's Facebook page <sup>81,82</sup> ; Media <sup>83</sup>
MTU	20,000,000		Preparation of food for the army		Media <sup>84</sup> ; university's Facebook page <sup>85</sup>
OSU					
RAYU					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Fana BC, 13 December 2021: ጅማ እና አዲስ አበባ ሳይንስና ቴክኖሎጂ ዩኒቨርሲቲዎች ለሞከላከያ ሰራዊት ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረን [Jimma University and Addis Ababa University of Science and Technology support the Defense Forces] - https://www.fanabc.com/ጅማ-ዩኒቨርሲቲ-35-ሚሊየን-ብር-ለሀንር-ሙከላ, archived at https://archive.md/4jHHG

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Despite social media claims (<u>https://twitter.com/MulukenAlem/status/1470594367669039108</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.md/i9oKd</u>), we could not find any evidence that Mekelle University has given financial support to the TPLF party.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> Facebook MAU, 13 September 2021. የመቅደላ አምባ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ልዑካን ቡድን ወሎ ማንባር በሙንኝት ለሙከላከያ ሰራዊቱ ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረን።

https://www.facebook.com/Mekdela.Amba.University/posts/1822948241236961, archived at https://archive.ph/fOQzI

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> Facebook page of Mettu University, 3 December 2021: Yuunivarsiitiin Mattuu Gooticha RIB'tiif Qarshii Miliyoona 21 kennuuf murteesse. https://www.facebook.com/mettuniversity/posts/1374360422984083, archived at https://archive.ph/btgav

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> Facebook page of Mettu University, 17 December 2021: ሀዝብና ውጭ ግንኙነት ዳይሬክቶሬት.

https://www.facebook.com/mettuniversity/posts/1383584918728300, archived at https://archive.ph/XrGGp

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> Ethiopian Press Agency, 14 December 2021. የተለያዩ ዩኒቨርሲቲዎችና የትግራይ ብልጽግና ጽ/ቤት ለሀገር ጦከላከያ ሰራዊት ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረጉ. <u>https://archive.md/uATkU</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> Walta Info, 4 December 2021. የቱሪዝም ሚኒስቴር እና የሚዛን ቴፒ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ለሞከላከያ ሰራዊት ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረን

https://www.facebook.com/waltainfo/posts/4908780052536070, archived at: https://archive.ph/JKb2h

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup> Facebook page of Mizan Tepi University, 4 December 2021: ሚዛን-ቴፒ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ለሀንር ጦከላከያ ሰራዊታችን የ20 ሚሊዮን ብር ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረን ።ህዳር 25/2017 ሚዛን-ቴፒ ዩኒቨርሲቲ

<sup>&</sup>quot; https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\_fbid=1208380926320682&id=362390684253048 , archived at https://archive.ph/mB2KG

Acr.	Financial support to army (ETB)	Organisation of military training	Material support to army or militias	Date	Source
SU	3,000,000		Various goods, worth 0.3 M		University's Twitter
			birr		account <sup>86</sup>
UoG	50,000,000	Basic military training	Preparation of food for the	31/08/2021;	University's
		given to university staff	armed forces; provided	07/12/2021	Facebook
			logistical support to armed		page <sup>87,88,89,90,91</sup>
			forces in Mai Tsebri front		
WCU	30,000,000		Food and cattle sent to the		Media <sup>92</sup> ; university's
			army		Facebook page <sup>93</sup>
WSU	39,000,000		Material support to the army		University's
			worth 6.5M ETB		Facebook page <sup>94</sup>
WRU	1,000,000				Media <sup>95</sup>
WDU					

<sup>86</sup> Twitter account of Semera University, 25 August 2021: የሠጣራ ዩኒቨርስቲ ለሞከላከያ ሰራዊት፣ለክልል ልዩ ሃይል እና በክልል ለተፈናቀሉ ዜጎች ከ 3 ሚሊዮን ብር… <u>https://twitter.com/samarauniethio/status/1430580815918997504</u>, archived at:

<sup>87</sup>Facebook page of University of Gondar የጎንደር ዩኒቨርሲቲ ሰራተኞች "በህልውና ዘጮቻ" ጊዜ ለ"ሰብዓዊ ድ*ጋ*ፍ" የሚውል ከ50ሚሊዬን ብር በላይ ለማበርከት ቃል 7ብተዋል <u>https://www.facebook.com/TheUniversityofGondar/posts/1561091827570987</u> archived at <u>https://archive.md/SUhH8</u>

<sup>88</sup> Facebook page of University of Gondar 7 December 2021 የጎንደር ዩኒቨርሲቲ ሰራተኞች ለሰራዊቱ ስንቅ በማዘ*ጋ*ጀት የማያቋርጥ ደጀንነታቸውን እያሳዩ ይገኛሉ https://www.facebook.com/TheUniversityofGondar/posts/1630670210613148 archived at https://archive.md/z6B2y

<sup>89</sup> Facebook page of University of Gondar 6 December 2021 የጎንደር ዩኒቨርሲቲ ሰራተኞች ለሰራዊቱ ስንቅ በማዘጋጀት የተለሙደ ደጀንነታቸውን እያሳዩ ነው https://www.facebook.com/TheUniversityofGondar/posts/1629553647391471 archived at https://archive.md/ycXc8

<sup>91</sup> Facebook page of University of Gondar 1 December 2021 ጎንደር ዩኒቨርሲቲ ለማይጦምሪ ግንባር የተለያዩ ግብአቶች ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረ7. <u>https://www.facebook.com/TheUniversityofGondar/posts/1626340864379416</u> archived at <u>https://archive.md/CQ0mj</u>

<sup>92</sup> Walta Info, 15 November: የዲላ እና የዋቻሞ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ለአንር ጦከላከያ ሰራዊት ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረን <u>https://www.facebook.com/waltainfo/posts/4846667768747299</u>, archived at: <u>https://archive.ph/2YNbC</u>

<sup>93</sup> Facebook page of Wachemo University, 16 November 2021: የዋቸሞ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ለጀግናው የሀንር ጦከላከያ ሠራዊት ከ30 ሚሊዮን ብር በላይ ድጋፍ አደረን። https://www.facebook.com/WachemoUniversity2008/posts/4584984911540414, archived at <u>https://archive.ph/7jGu7</u>

<sup>94</sup> Facebook page of Wolaita Sodo University, 20 November 2021: Wolaita Sodo University donates over 45.5 million Birr in cash and kind to the F.D.R.E Defense Forces (November 20, 2021). <u>https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\_fbid=898506634197273&id=246568056057804</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.ph/BWcda</u>

<sup>95</sup> Walta TV, 28 November: የወራቤ ዩንቨርስቲ ለሞከላኪያ ድጋፍ <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=1yUWKoT8zhE</u>, archived at: https://archive.ph/2959K

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WKU					
WOU					
WU		Academic and admin staff of Wollo University, Kombolcha Institute of Technology, receive military training	Allocated one of its campuses to serve as an army medical service centre	09/09/2021 17/10/2021	University's Facebook page <sup>96</sup> University's Facebook page <sup>97</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> Wollo University በኮምቦልቻ አስተዳደር ጸጥታ ዘርፍ ጽ/ቤት እውቅና የኮምቦልቻ ቴክኖሎጂ ኢንስቲትዩት ሰራተኞች ሞሰረታዊ ውትድርና ስልጠና ወስደው ተሞረቁ። 9 September 2021. <u>Wollo University – Posts | Facebook (archive.md)</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> Wollo University ወሎ ዩኒቨርሲቲ በጢጣ ያለውን ግቢ ለህክምና አንልግሎት እንድውል ፈቀደ። 17 October 2021. <u>Wollo University – Posts | Facebook (archive.md)</u>

# Table 4. Infringements by the Ethiopian Ministry of Science and Higher Education (MOSHE) and widespread targeting of Tigrayans over numerous Ethiopian universities

- The bank accounts of the four universities in the Tigray Region (MU, RAYU, AKU, ADU) have been closed and their budget was not released. Staff salaries are not paid since June 2021, no more food for the students<sup>98,99</sup>.
- Ministry of Science and Higher Education tolerates Ethiopian universities becoming safe places for genocidal hatespeechers such as Seyoum Teshome<sup>100</sup> (Ambo University), Muktarovich Ousmanova (Jigjiga University), Taye Bogale<sup>101</sup>, Dagnachew Assefa<sup>102</sup> (Addis Ababa University)
- Tigrayan students who graduated or finished academic year from various universities in the country had to leave their campuses despite the clear signals that they were going to face real danger after leaving, as they could not travel home to Tigray<sup>103</sup>. Many ended up being detained and presented as prisoners of war. Others tried to stay under the radar in Addis Ababa. Ms. Genet Berhanu, founder and head of 'Tinsaé aid organisation', who was

<sup>101</sup>Facebook post of Taye Bogale Arega, 2 November 2021, አዲስ አበባ እና አዳማ ፀጉረ\_ልውጦችን ብቻ ሳይሆን፤ ፀጉረ\_ተመሳሳይ እስስቶችን ለማፅዳት የጀመራችሁት ተግባር ያኮራል። ያዝ ለቀቅ \_ ወለም ዘለም የለም!. Taye Bogale calls on everyone to cleanse the "others", which in this context refers to ethnic Tigrayans who all allegedly support the enemy. https://www.facebook.com/tayebogale.arega/posts/1751321315078054 archived at https://archive.md/sNhRZ

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>98</sup> Nyssen, J., Negash, E., Deckers, J., 2021. Status of the Tigray universities (Ethiopia) after nine months of war. <u>https://www.researchgate.net/publication/349750000</u>
 <sup>99</sup> University World News, 15 August 2021. University students still trapped in Tigray crisis, parents continue protests.

https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20210814090042185, archived at: https://archive.ph/llqp9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>100</sup> Among others, Seyoum Teshome, Ambo University professor, calls on the government and its allies to exterminate Tigrayan youth mercilessly. <u>https://twitter.com/KisanetLalim/status/1410256897760968706</u> archived at <u>https://archive.md/mvTSA</u> or "this journalist should be shot on the head just like they did to Ambassador Siyum Mesfin et al." (<u>https://twitter.com/henokgabisa/status/1411070181141581824</u>, archived at <u>https://archive.ph/GL4Zf</u>). Professor Seyoum Teshome was also preaching for 1.5 hour on Yeneta YouTube channel against the then Mekelle University president, Prof. Fetien and the international petition for ceasefire and humanitarian aid to Tigray. They are vehemently accused of treason. This video is no longer available because the YouTube account associated with this video has been terminated, in relation to hate speech commonly pronounced there. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a00KSOxMoAl&list=TLPQMDQxMjlwMjAlu9ZxywnABQ&index=2</u> An English summary of the broadcast is at the hands of the authors. The story is that the MU president wrote an email to Belgium about the plight of the Tigrayan people, and asked the Belgian colleagues to start a petition. And Belgium was chosen specifically to be the centre of the petition since the EU headquarters are located in Belgium. Names of initiators are then exposed (starting 1:18:00) and commented. The essence is that the petition is used to further blame the MU president. Facts: Prof. Fetien wrote an email after her university was bombed; by then the international appeal was already a week old.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup>Aljazeera, 14 July 2021, Fear pervades as Tigrayans rounded up after battlefield reversals. "Dagnachew Assefa hinted at the registration and possible expulsion of Tigrayans, comparing it to events surrounding the 1998-2000 Ethiopia-Eritrea border war" <u>https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/7/14/fear-pervades-as-tigrayans-rounded-up-after-battlefield-reversals</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> University World News, 15 August 2021. University students still trapped in Tigray crisis, parents continue protests. <u>https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20210814090042185</u>, archived at: <u>https://archive.ph/llqp9</u>

raising funds to support these fresh graduates after reaching Addis Ababa was detained in August 2021, jointly with some graduated students who were trying to obtain support<sup>104</sup>.

- Staff members of the four universities in Tigray who travelled to Ababa Ababa looking for a safe place or others who remained there incidentally are facing detention in police stations, others in concentration camps and many others in hiding <sup>105</sup>. MOSHE remains complicit or at least never denounced human right abuses on those professors who are essentially targeted based on their ethnic origin.
- By mid 2022, staff of the Tigrayan universities were still without salaries, because MOSHE has not released the budgets. University professors were
  dependent on food aid like almost all citizens of Tigray; there was no telephone, internet, trade or transportation. Students of Tigrayan origin across
  Ethiopia had often been put in prison camps for lengthy months. Airstrikes on university campuses were anticipated<sup>106</sup>.
- When Mekelle University's Ayder campus was hit by an airstrike on 13 September 2022, MOSHE remained silent<sup>107</sup>.
- On 21 September 22, the Ethiopian Ministry of Education proudly announced<sup>108</sup> that the ministry, its sectors and Ethiopia's public universities had donated 211 million Birr "to the victorious Ethiopian Defense Forces." Economist Patrick Heinisch of Helaba Bank (Germany) : "A very sensitive topic. The European Union is not directly funding Ethiopian government budgets due to the war. The question is to what extent the EU is indirectly freeing up resources in Ethiopian ministries for military purposes. EU funds projects in health and education totalling €81.5 million"<sup>109</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> Voice of America - Tigrinya, 17 August 2021. ላዕለዋይ ኣባል መሪሕንት ሳልሳይ ወያን ብርክት ዝበሉ ክስታት ተሙስሪቱዎ. <u>https://tigrigna.voanews.com/a/a-sinior-members-of-opposition-party-of-salsay-weyane-hailu-kebede-is-accused-of-varous-charges-said-his-lawyer/6006088.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> The authors have names of professors/colleagues in concentration camps, police stations, and in hiding. Names are kept confidential for their safety.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> University World News, 1 September 2022. Anxiety in university city as conflict returns to Tigray.

https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20220831143524694

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>107</sup> University World News, 16 September 2022. Amid peace push, rebels say university hit in an airstrike. <u>https://www.universityworldnews.com/post.php?story=20220916145431273</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>108</sup> <u>https://tweetstamp.org/1572554841440022528</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>109</sup> <u>https://twitter.com/PatrickHeinisc1/status/1573209016880209922</u>

### Illustrations



Fig. 1. BDU president opens the graduation ceremony of the second basic military training course for its administrative and academic staff. The original post on the university's Facebook page has been deleted, but the archive has been conserved<sup>110</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>110</sup> Facebook page of Bahirdar University, 13 November 2021. https://ms-my.facebook.com/bduethiopia/posts/5269658849716245/ Original post was deleted - በባሕር ዳር ዩኒቨርሲቲ የ2ኛው ዙር የጦሰረታዊ ውትድርና ሰልጣኞች ተጦረቁ:: Bahir Dar University has graduated its administrative and academic staffs who have been attending basic military training courses for the second time. The ceremony was opened by Dr. Firew, the president of the university. Cached version could be archived. https://archive.ph/Es5kn#selection-121.26-125.0

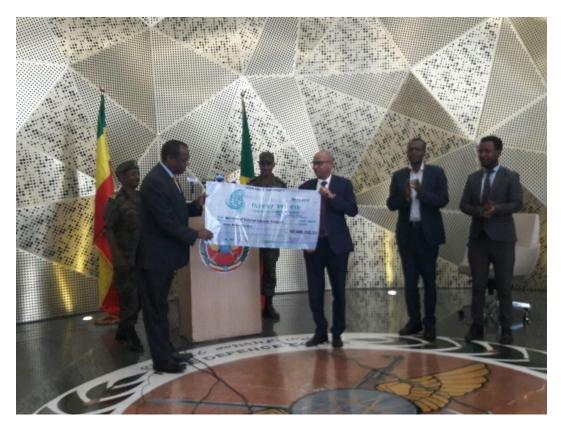


Fig. 2. Addis Ababa University president Prof. Tassew Woldehanna hands over a check of 60 million ETB to the Ethiopian army<sup>111</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>111</sup> Addis Ababa University 08 September 2021 የአዲስ አበባ ዩኒቨርሲቲ ለከሞከላከያ ሰራዊት 60 ሚሊዮን ብር ድ*ጋ*ፍ አደረ7. https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story\_fbid=4379954145422706&id=496255483792611, archived at: https://archive.ph/skFKK



**Fig. 3.** Officials of Gondar, Bahir Dar (BDU), Debre Markos, Debre Birhan, Debre Tabor, Wollo, Woldiya and Debarq Universities on the Tekeze bridge in Humera<sup>112</sup>. They were on an organised visit to the armed forces in the occupied Western Tigray. The same officials have never visited their own university colleagues who are in concentration camps in Amhara Region. There is also no evidence that in Humera, they inquired about the dire human rights infringements in that town.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>112</sup> Facebook page Amhara Media Corporation, 9 October 2021. የመንግሥት ዩኒቨርሲቲ የሥራ ኃላፊዎች በግንባር ተ7ኝተው የጸጥታ ኃይሉን አበረታቱ። https://www.facebook.com/AmharaMediaCorporation/posts/1651446265030361, archived at https://archive.md/tbFzt