

Amhara Genocide: Ethnic Violence in Ethiopia



Hayria, 11, remembers the day her village was attacked. “When I first heard gunshots, I didn’t think it was anything serious. But the sounds kept getting closer,” she says. Concerned for their safety, the family fled their home in Dangur woreda, a district in the Benishangul-Gumuz region in northwest Ethiopia, and spent the night at Hayria’s grandmother’s house. The gunfire continued through the night. “I was terrified. I couldn’t stop crying.” “I’m not sure where my friends are. I don’t know what happened to them.” Credit: UNICEF, March 2021

The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church (EOTC-DECAC) also published a testimony of another displaced child who escaped a massacre. Fatuma, 10, said, "I used to live in Arecho Wollega with my parents. I went to wash some clothes when the soldiers came. My parents were at home. They were captured with our neighbors. They put 12 people in one house and set fire to them. My parents were burned alive; I saw that and ran to my grandmother's house. We fled together. My brother was also caught. They shot him 6 times; they left thinking he was dead. He survived after being amputated. I get angry and cry sometimes. Especially when my grandmother cries because she can't give us food, I feel so sad and cry."



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