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7. Identity, ownership rights and borders

- Restoring Amhara's heritage and identity, including properties, cultural landmarks, and place names, that were unjustly taken and/or changed by hostile groups, and without justification in terms of history, settlement, or identity.
- Reclaiming historic Amhara lands such as Welkait, Raya, Shewa, Metekel, Bizamo, and others that were historically inhabited by Amhara ancestors, and from which they faced ethnic cleansing and genocide.
- Reinstating the original names and ownership of locations altered through coercion and occupation, acknowledging the rights of the indigenous Amhara people.

8. Cultural, religious, heritage & linguistic rights

- Ensuring the preservation of, and respect for rights of self-expression with Amhara cultural and historical heritage.
- Upholding the autonomy and traditions of religious institutions.
- Preventing and reversing the erasure, demolition, or damage to heritage sites, ensuring their ongoing protection, and rehabilitation of those illegally dismantled.
- Affirming the right of Amhara children to freely use their native language and script, inherited from their ancestors, without limitations.
- Halting the imposition of other languages and narratives, against their will.
- Promoting and recognizing the positive historical contributions of the Amhara through education, widespread signage and awareness efforts.

9. Radical system change, justice, & self-governance

- The Amhara, alongside other disenfranchised Ethiopian communities, have non-violently voiced their demands via protests, petitions, and other peaceful methods. Yet, the Amhara have been met with the regime's savage force and genocidal war. As a result, the Amhara see no option but to defend themselves and strive for regime change.
- In the aftermath of such a transformative change, a national dialogue taking into consideration the prevailing political views in Ethiopia, political-social interactions, Amhara's demands, equitable power distribution, and forming a transitional government.
- The establishment of a governance model that allocates equitable power, ensures justice, and recognizes the equality of all citizens. This model should safeguard the enduring interests of the Amhara people. Should achieving this balance fail, a separation that honors the basic demands of the Amhara People will be pursued.



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BASIC DEMANDS OF THE AMHARA PEOPLE

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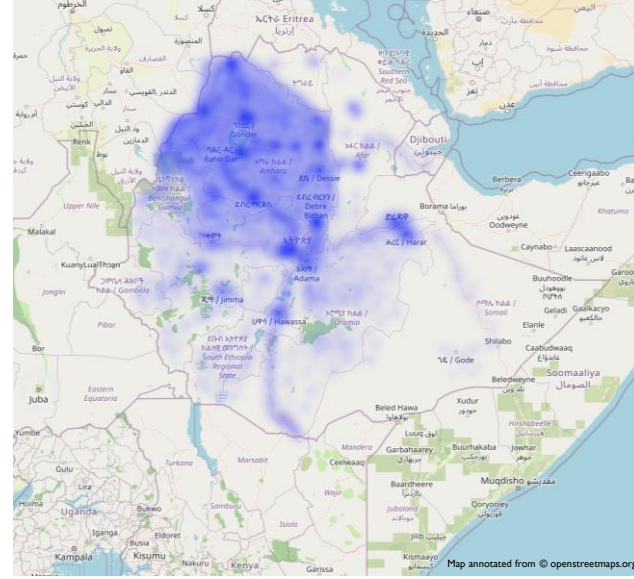
The demands (not in a strict order of importance)

1. Elimination of existential threats

➤ Elimination of the existential threats to ensure the survival of the Amhara people in a secure and enduring way.

2. Delivery of justice and restoration of peace

- Holding accountable those organizations and their leaders, including TPLF, OLF (and its various offshoots), Prosperity Party, among others, that have committed genocide against the Amhara people. This includes those at various levels of leadership, those who drafted documents advocating for ethnic cleansing, as well as those who planned, incited, or coordinated such acts, ensuring they face justice.
- Recognition and documentation of the contributions of organizations and individuals to Amhara genocide as part of their legacy of past crimes, outlawing their symbols, establishing memorials for the victims, and education about Amhara genocide in schools.
- Immediate cessation of the killings, disappearances, and persecution of Amharas, ensuring their safe movement, and compensation of those who have lost family members, livelihoods and/or assets.
- Immediate release of Amharas detained, in official and undisclosed locations nationwide, solely for their ethnic identity and/or political views, with full compensation; compensation for those wrongfully imprisoned and mistreated Amharas in the past; and swift legal action against those involved in such mass incarcerations.
- Quick revelation of the fate of disappeared Amharas, their release if alive, or an independent inquiry with family involvement, compensation for their families, legal action against the culprits, a formal apology from the State, and measures to prevent future occurrences.
- Prompt, voluntary, and safe return or resettlement of Amharas displaced by targeted evictions, with compensation for lost family members and properties.
- An end to discrimination in public services, including courts, educational institutions, hospitals, and checkpoints throughout the country, based on ethnicity.
- Compensation for Amhara and non-Amhara Ethiopians targeted for sharing religion, language, culture with-, or for providing support and protection for Amharas, and prosecution of the perpetrators.
- Immediate cease of the illegal and brutal military campaigns against the Amhara people, removal of the Army from the region, holding those responsible to account, and compensating for lost lives, destroyed property/ infrastructure, and missed development opportunities.



The Amhara People of Ethiopia

- The Amhara people are an ethnic group primarily inhabiting the central highlands of Ethiopia. They make up arguably the largest ethnic group in the country, and at least constituting a significant portion of Ethiopia's population. Historically, the Amhara have played a prominent role in Ethiopian politics, culture, and society.
- The Amhara people are known for their rich cultural heritage, including their language, Amharic, which serves as Ethiopia's official language. They have a long history of Christianity and Islam, with the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahdo Church being the dominant.
- Traditionally, the Amhara have been predominantly agrarian, engaging in farming activities such as cultivating crops like teff, barley, and wheat in the highland regions. Additionally, they have a strong tradition of craftsmanship, producing intricate handicrafts and textiles.
- Socially, the Amhara have a hierarchical society with a strong emphasis on family and community ties. Respect for elders and adherence to traditional customs are highly valued within their culture.
- Despite their historical prominence, the Amhara people have lately faced systematic marginalization, disenfranchisement, exclusion, discrimination and genocide - hence the need to compile these demands.

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- End restrictions on Amhara movement to and from Addis Ababa City, where the Amhara are the majority; halt the demolition of Amhara-owned properties, compensate displaced individuals, fairly represent Amharas at the Kebele, Sub-City and City-wide levels in all municipal administrations, and thoroughly investigate and prosecute those behind these brutal criminal acts.
- 3. Constitutional reform & political representation
 - Amend the constitution, alongside other regulations and practices that discriminate against and/or disadvantage the Amhara - through a legitimate process with the full participation of trustworthy Amhara representatives.
 - Equal treatment of all citizens of the nation, with full political rights, including the rights to elect and be elected throughout the country.
- 4. Conduction of a reliable census
 - A trustworthy population census be held to accurately determine the number of Amharas in the whole of Ethiopia, aggregated at appropriate levels of jurisdiction.
 - Compensation for the budgetary shortfall resulting from the deliberate undercounting and misrepresentation of Amhara census data, along with additional compensation for the lost growth and development opportunities.
- 5. Fair access to development resources
 - Equitable distribution of development resources, taking into account factors such as true population size, tax contributions to the government, and productivity.
 - Equitable access to agricultural technologies that enhance productivity, given the region's status as a major agricultural producer.
 - Allocation of tourism revenues fairly, ensuring that the proceeds from tourism are used in a manner that benefits the community, and also safeguard the wellbeing of historic artefacts, historic sites, and natural resources.
 - Protection of Amhara investors and safeguard the assets of farmers and merchants.
 - Ensure the Amhara people have fair access to land and air transport, utilities (electricity and water), healthcare, education, and other essential services for development, and provide compensation for lost opportunity due to unfair distribution of services.
- 6. Denounce anti-Amhara narratives
 - Eliminate anti-Amhara narratives from curricula, and public and media discourses.
 - Outlaw use of fabricated anti-Amhara narratives for political campaigns or gains.
 - Hold accountable those whose dissemination of anti-Amhara narratives has incited violence, loss of life, property damage, and/or impeded social progress, ensuring victims or their families receive compensation.
 - Outlaw and eradicate symbols of anti-Amhara narratives.

