



BLACK NOVEMBER

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**MARTYR LT. GENERAL
AMAN MICHAEL ANDOM**

1923 - NOVEMBER 23, 1974

Dejezmatch Solomon Abraha Hagos Mirach WoldeKidan

The Final Verdict

Part - 5

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On that day, known as Black November, the Ethiopian Transitional Government of Derg executed or killed 60 cabinet members, ministers, governors, senior military commanders and civil servants belonging to the deposed regime of Emperor Haile Selassie I.

Isayas Afewerki's uncle, Dejezmatch Solomon Abraha Hagos Mirach WoldeKidan, the Emperor's Enderasie (Viceroy) to Wollo province was one of the 54 executed officials. The Eritrean Lieutenant General Aman Michael Andom was one of the 6 officials who resisted arrest and subsequently killed in the shot out with Derg soldiers on Black November.

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At 10 - 11 PM, Friday, November 23, 1974, 54 high-ranking officials were executed in

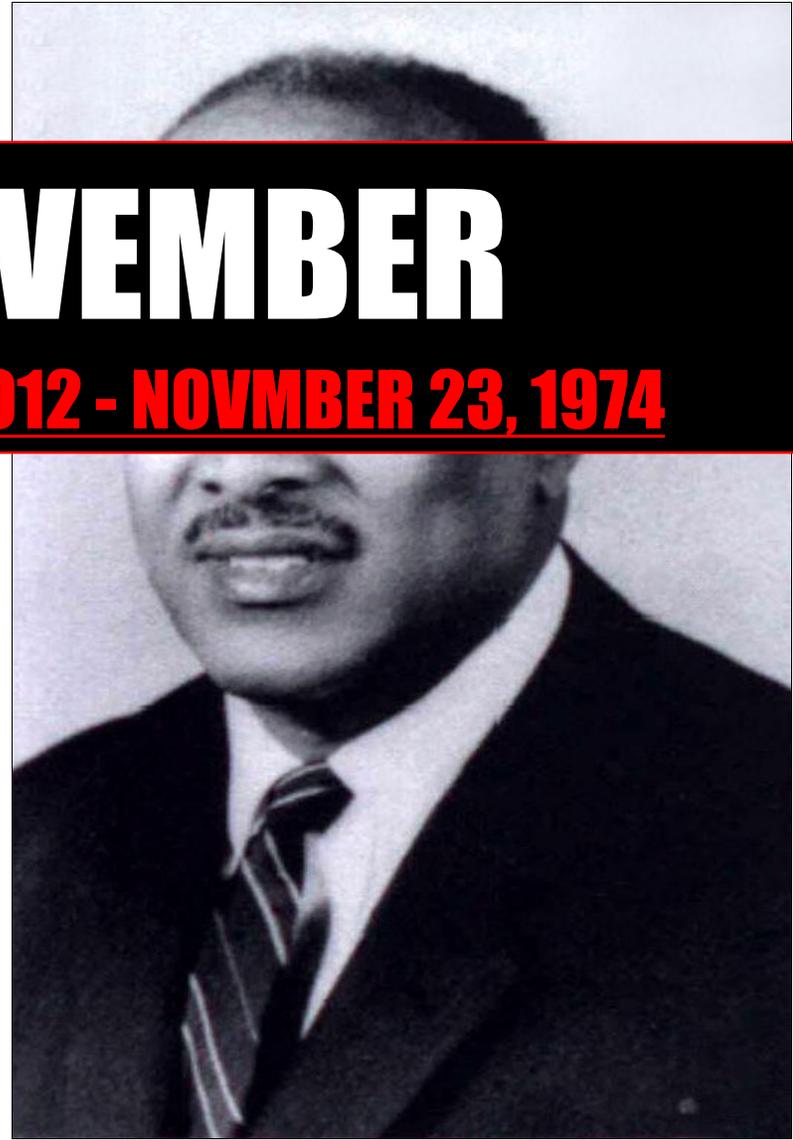
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DEJEZMATCH SOLOMON ABRAHA 1912 - NOVEMBER 23, 1974

Kerchele (ከርቸሌ) Prison or the infamous prison of Alem Bekagn (አለም በቃኘ) in Addis Ababa. Dejezmatch Solomon was one of the 54 officials executed in Kerchele.

Derg came to power on the first week of September 1974 after deposing the regime of Emperor Haile Selassie I, just two months prior Black September.

After executing the 54 officials, Derg kept their corpses in the execution room of Kerchele for a day until the corpse of Lt. General Aman



Michael Andom was transported from the killing site to Kerchele.

General Aman resigned from his post as Chairman of Derg because he opposed Derg's proposal to solve the Eritrean question with military power. He also opposed summary execution of the former officials during the debate on the fate of the former officials.

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ON BLACK NOVEMBER, Derg soldiers in Addis Ababa targeted six military personnel for arrest. The personnel resisted arrest by Derg and subsequently were killed in the shoot out with Derg soldiers. Lieutenant General Aman Michael Andom was one of them.

Prior Black November, General Aman, Chairman of Derg made official visit to Eritrea. He made public speeches in Asmara and Akordet. In the speech he made in Negist Saba Stadium in Asmara, he concluded his speech with bold slogans, “ ኢትዮጵያ ትኞደም ! . . . ኤርትራ ትኞደም ! ” (“Ethiopia Be First! . . . Eritrea Be First!”).

Aman resisted arrest by Derg and died heroically in the shoot out with Derg soldiers who attacked his home. After his martyrdom, the corpse of Aman was picked up from the site of the kill and ferried to Kerchele in order to be mixed with the other corpses.

After the corpse of General Aman arrived in Kerchele, the executioners mixed his corpse with the 54 corpses of the officials who were executed there. Then they dumped the 55 corpses into the mass grave dug inside the compound of Kerchele by the inmates.

MENGHISTU'S CHEMISTRY

Inside the compound of Kerchele Prison, Vice-chairman of Derg Colonel Menghistu Hailemariam carefully selected a site for a mass grave. He selected a site, which had a natural leakage of underground spring water. The site was perennially wet muddy ground due to the leakage of the underground spring water.

Menghistu's Procedure of Chemistry

1. A mass grave of 4 X 15 meters and 1 and 1/2 (one & half) deep meters would be dug on the selected wet muddy ground of Kerchele.
2. The corpses of the officials would be dumped into the mass grave.
3. Packets of 200 k/g of powdered lime (2 ኩንታል ከረጸታት ኖራ) would be dispersed over the corpses.
4. The mass grave would be sealed with the burial soil dug from it.
5. Chemical reaction of calcium carbonate (lime) and water would take place by itself inside the mass grave.

CHEMISTRY OF THE IDIOT

Menghistu's bizarre idea of coming into contact of powdered lime with the underground spring water was designed to initiate a chemical reaction of calcium carbonate and H₂O. The chemical reaction would dissolve all the bones of the dead. That way the bones of the dead would vanish forever without any trace. It proves how evil Menghistu was, as well how stupid he was to set out untested chemistry of combining lime, water and soil.

On February 1992, the government of EPRDF exhumed the remains of the executed officials from the Kerchele ground. After 17 years, contrary to the chemistry of the idiot, the skulls and bones of the dead were retrieved in fairly good condition from the muddy ground of Kerchele. The idiot Colonel had no clue, to dissolve bones one has to formulate the proper chemistry: 1. Raw limestone rocks 2. Water 3. Bones (without flesh) and 4. Open-air pit.

Enderasie Asrate Kassa, the Governor of Eritrea was among the 54 executed officials in Kerchele. Dejezmatch Haregot Abbai Habtezion, the native of Arbate Asmera (አርባዕተ አስመራ) who was mayor of Asmara as well businessman survived the Black November. However he met his fate 4 years and 7 months after Black November. On July 1979 Derg executed 10 more Emperor Haile Selassie's officials. Dejezmatch Haregot was one of them.

Photo 19 [ENDERASIE ASRATE KASSA](#)
Executed on Black November



Photo 20 [DEJEZMATCH HAREGOT ABBAI HABTEZION](#)
Executed 4 years after Black November



CENTRAL QUESTION

WOLLO CASE: WHY DEJ. SOLOMON ABRAHA TOOK LION'S SHARE?

In 1971, Emperor Haile Selassie I surprisingly appointed Tigrayan Dejezmatch Solomon Abraha Hagos Mirach WoldeKidan as Emperor's Enderasie (Viceroy) of the pretty coveted Wollo province, replacing his predecessor the Amhara native, Dejezmatch Mamo Seyoum, who was Enderasie of Wollo from 1964 - 1971.

When the Emperor appointed Dejezmatch Solomon to Wollo, Luul Dejezmatch Mengesha Seyoum was already the default Governor of Tigray, who inherited the province from his father Kahsay Mirach WoldeKidan (Emperor Yohannes IV).

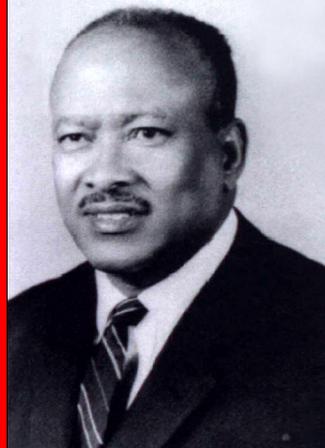
Dishing out simultaneously to two Tigrayans, a pair of bordering provinces which are prominent power bases might be considered too much sacrifices by the standards of the ordinary conservatives of Ethiopia. [Please see Image #21 \(Page 40\)](#)

The Unbearable Level of Antagonism

The Emperor fully recognized the unbearable level of antagonism, which existed between Amhara and Tigrayans. He also knew precisely the source of the terrible enmity, which existed between the two ethnicities.

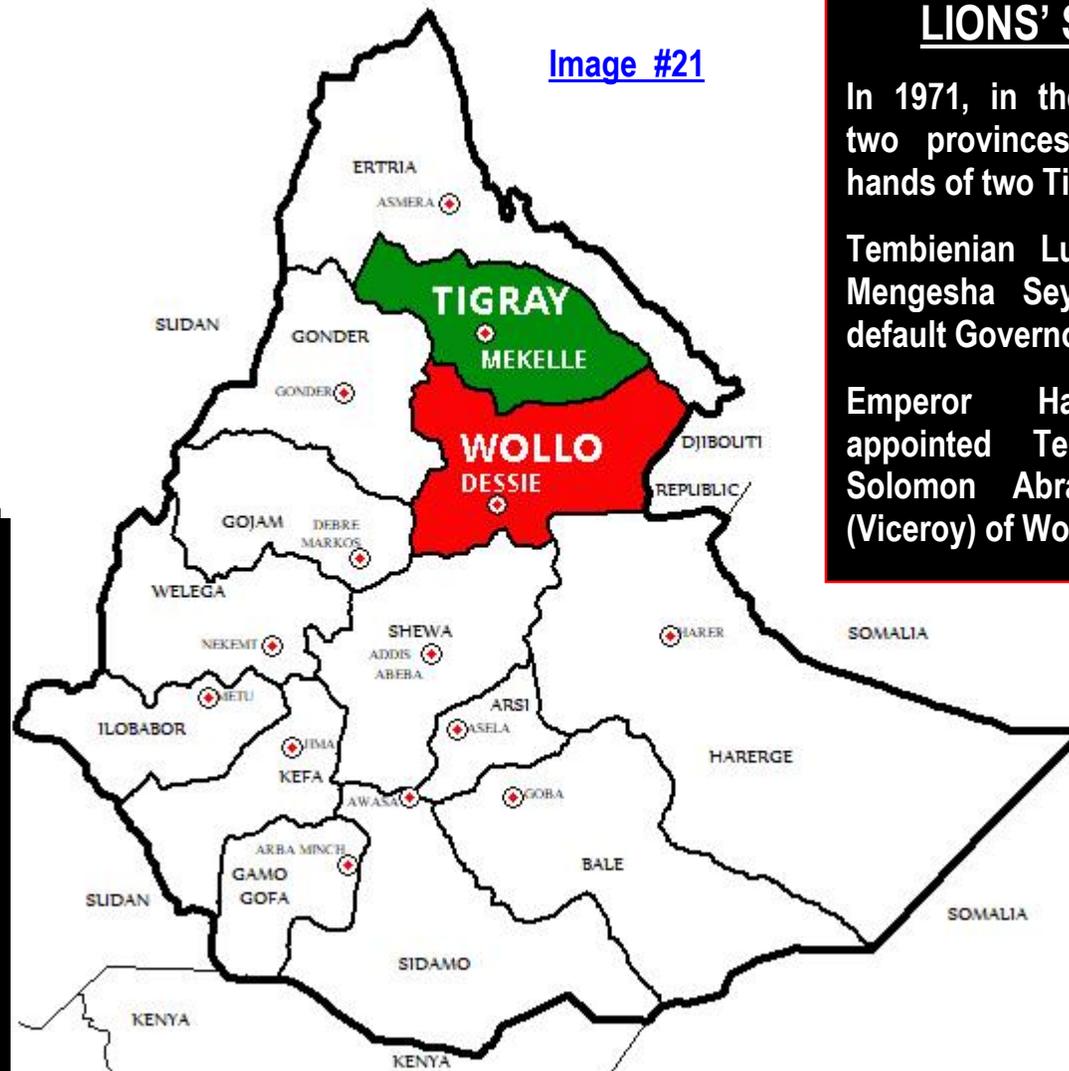


**Tembienian Luul Dej.
Mengesha Seyoum**



**Tembienian Dejezmatch
Solomon Abraha**

Image #21



LIONS' SHARES

In 1971, in the old Ethiopia, two provinces fell into the hands of two Tigrayans.

Tembienian Luul Dejezmatch Mengesha Seyoum was the default Governor of Tigray.

Emperor Haile Selassie appointed Tembienian Deje. Solomon Abraha Enderasie (Viceroy) of Wollo.

Source of Enmity Amhara Versus Tigrayans

- 1. 1868: Emperor Tewodros was killed as a result of the British assault at Fort Maqdella, which was the power seat of Tewodros. Tewodros was double-crossed by Tembenian Lord, Dej. Kahasya Mirach WoldeKidan (Emperor Yohannes IV) by aiding the British when they attacked Tewodros. This produced the prime seed of enmity of Amhara versus Tigrayans.**
- 2. 1889: Emperor Yohannes was killed and humiliated by Mahdi warriors of Sudan in the Battle of Metema. Immediately after Yohannes was killed, his legacy was double-crossed by Emperor Menelik II in collaboration with the sinister Italian colonialists. The betrayal of Menelik made the enmity of Amhara versus Tigrayans to grow to the extreme level.**

The Emperor fully realized the needed for ultimate compromise in order to fix the deep-rooted enmity which affected Tewodros, Yohannes and Menelik. The Emperor dealt his best approach toward the Tigrayans for the harm doings of the past emperors.

Compromise was the ultimate reason for the Emperor to sacrifice Wollo to the Tigrayan Dejezmatch Solomon Abarah in 1971. It was also the driving motive for him to allow the pair bordering provinces of Tigray and Wollo to simultaneously fall in the hands of Tigrayans. He believed sustainability of the empire could only be secured with commitments to Tigs.

The awe and shock we felt at the beginning of the Final Verdict by now have been resolved. Please see [The Final Verdict, Part - 2](#)



[#22 The Emperor presented his grand daughter Princess Aida Desta Damtew for marriage to Luul Dejazmatch Mengesha Seyoum.](#)

The wise Aba Tekl Haile (አባ ጠቅል ኃይሌ) also took extraordinary royal measure to fix permanently the old enmity Amhara versus Tigrayans. Aba Tekl presented his grand daughter, Princess Aida for marriage to the Mirachs (እንዳ ምራጭ) of Tembien. On January 30, 1949, Princess Aida was married to Luul Dejezmatch Mengesha Seyoum, the great grand son of Kahsay Mirach WoldeKidan (Emperor Yohannes IV).

Princess Aida's father was Ras Desta Damtew, Ethiopian noble and leader of “Arbegnoch” (አርበኞች) or militants who died heroically in 1936 while fighting Italian occupation. Her mother was Princess Tenagnework Haile Selassie, the oldest daughter of Emperor Haile.

The radical Aba Tekl was compromising a lot to secure the loyalty of the Mirachs either through blood to Luul Dejezmatch Mengesha Seyoum Kahasy Mirach WoldeKidan or through top appointment of Dejezmatch Solomon Abraha Hagos Mirach WoldeKidan.

FINAL RESTING PLACE

The remains of victims of Black September were placed in 7 caskets. The 7 caskets were entered into the Cemetery of Pure Altar (Pure Martyrs), in the Holy Trinity Ethiopian Orthodox Cathedral (መምበረ ጽባኦት፡ ቅድስት ስላሴ የኢትዮጵያ ተዋህዶ ካቴድራል) in Arat Kilo, Addis Ababa.

The remains of Dej. Haregot Abbai Habtezion was brought back to his native country in 1992. His casket was entered into Qedest Mariam Cemetery (ቅድስት ማርያም መካነ መቃብር) in Asmara, near his hometown in Arabte Asmara.

Kerchele (ከርቸሌ) Prison known as Alem Bekagn “End of the World” (አለም በቃኘ) or Central Prison, built in 1937 by Italians, the 1,000 capacity maximum prison was demolished in 2007 and was replaced by African Union complex.

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