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The fate of six and ten years old kunama infants were designed by the Eritrean regime in a way its hatred towards Kunama ethnic group was clearly manifested.

The six years old Sollo Aggane by name is killed by security members of the PFDJ's regime. Both parents belong to the same Kunama nationality. He was accompanied by his elder brother to look after goats in the river bank of Soona, specifically in the Shiyata harbor (juncture) where the main and its tributary-the Mardebi rivers have met. The story goes like this. The elder brother was away from the six years old one in order to gather the scattered goats. The elder brother has taken more time and the youngest brother has worried to be alone. Heading the goats towards his elder brother, he missed the right direction and shifted towards the other side of the Soona (Gash) river –the way that leads to Tugulity-the site where Tigrinya speaking highland settlers are abundantly live. Along his way, he was encountered by alien man and has chased the boy as the trace was checked by Kunama elders. At the final spot, the trace of the boy has disappeared and after five solid days of search, the poor child was found killed and dead. His autopsy assures he was killed by some one. He was disappeared on 13-05-2007 and found dead on 18-05-2007. After five solid days of search, his body was found and brought to Shambakko town for further examination. His eye balls were pulled out. His one side jaw is totally crashed, his one arm and his leg too were found broken. His belly was mutilated and opened as if it was made surgery with a scalpel. The police officer has told the crowd carrying the corpse that the diseased boy has died due to dehydration. As to our findings, the police officer was bribed and was given about 65,000.00NKF. His colleague medical officer too has

refrained to utter the right as to his professional ethics. He bluffed as “I neither say he is killed nor died of dehydration.” Look how hatred derails professionalism or ethics. The goats (minus two) were found at the resident of the Tugulity chieftain named Kibrom. This is the course how the security apparatus of Isaias’s regime have killed the six years old boy. The martyred boy was buried on 19-05-2007.

The circumstance a ten years old girl was shot and wounded too is similar to the above stated incident. It was happened in Aykota a village of 20 kilometers from Barentu. A contingent of the Eritrean regime has rounded-up Kunama men and women who were carrying a ritual that transgress young girls from infantile to womanhood. It is an initiation ceremony equally serves for both sexes-the male and female Kunama. Those moron and deviated tools have pulled their triggers while all the gathered and participant masses were busied themselves in practicing the rituals. The soldiers were shooting to every direction with out discrimination. In the meantime, a ten years old daughter of Tolli Malandu, a resident of Aykota village was shot at her skull and wounded. The aim of the rounding-ups and shooting was nothing else but to discourage and intimidate the Kunamas to refrain from practicing any ceremony, ritual, and cultural aspects that binds them with the existence of the Kunama nationality. All ritual sites and grave yards like Tuuka, Koon, kedagul and Foode were made dens and market places. These were sacred and untouchable spots for the Kunama prior to the appearance of Isaias’s regime.

A twenty four years old self-relieved (retired) soldier was beaten and tortured to death on Tukka Market place. The story goes as follows. Baduwes Godo, a resident of Aymaba village has been enrolled as a soldier. He was fed-up with the military life, abandoned his post and used to live with family in his home village. Meanwhile, he went to the Tuuka market place (the sacred cultural site where all Kunama people enjoy and celebrate Shatta once in seven years) to visit and buy goods he was looking for. As usual, the regime has sent soldiers for round-up purpose and all the people gathered at the market place have dispersed and fled to the direction they think secured. He was caught and beaten to the extent of becoming unconscious. As he woke up, they resumed

their torch until his death. There poor and helpless Baduwes Godo has passed-away. This was happened on 25th May, 2007.

These are the systems the regime has used to spark inter ethnic conflicts. It is irresponsible and hateful behavior of the regime to hunt innocents in a cold blood. We are totally against human right violations. We are against any provocations that threat the lives of civilians. We are against atrocities and maltreatments that target civilians based on ethnic parochialism. Unlike to the insinuations of PFDJ's regime, our organization, the Democratic Movement for the Liberation of Eritrean Kunama in all its capacities is announcing and sending message to all Eritrean nationalities to develop patience and tolerance to avoid the evil plans of the looming regime. Our organization will not encourage any revengeful or retaliatory measures. If ever stand to retaliate or avenge, let's start by taking vivid and bold actions against the regime.

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