

## HOME NEWS REPORT

### Mass killing, kill to starve and starve to cleanse! A reality witnessed in mining sites of Eritrean Kunama land

The Eritrean regime is taking all the advantages to kneel down its citizens whom it considered as rebellious. It was on the **01 April, 2010**, all the mining sites like Kosolda, Tambara and Dase of Gash Barka, were surrounded by military contingents from 35<sup>th</sup> regiments. At early in the morning (6:00 Am) of the said day, suddenly, a round up (giffa) was carried at the sites enumerated simultaneously. Those armed elements were shooting indiscriminatory and have killed and wounded several innocent men and women who were sparing their lives through traditional way of gold sifting. To see sites by sites,

**KOSOLDA:** - is a site located in sub zone of Shambakko where not less than five thousands nationals from various corners of Eritrea have gathered to earn their lives through gold sifting. At the shot out and right on the spot four nationals were killed. To spare their souls, some nationals had slipped in to tunnels, but invain, because those military men were patrolling for two solid days. When failed to come out from the holes, they called up on microphones and warned them to come if not they will bury them inside. Still they remained there and elders from the neighboring were summoned and told them to advise to come out. Finally, gathered straws and garments, soaked in kerosene, set with fire and thrown to the tunnels. In addition to that, brought not less than 30 water tanker drovers and poured the water in to the tunnels. Those lucky ones had escaped while the weak and unfortunate ones were killed by the suffocation. Still, as many as 20 people were killed where the corpse of many people remained unburied.

On 11/04/2010 nine (9) persons were pulled out from the holes,

On 12/04/2010 eight(8) persons were brought, and on 13/04/2010 the corpse of three(3) citizens, totally, dead body of 20 nationals were found. Finally and at the round off, nationals full of 70 vehicles were loaded and taken in to Quaalay. Among these, six members of Kunama nationalities from Karkasha village were taken,

1. Attul Cara,
2. Yakob Awetay,
3. Ammora Bammad,
4. Tutun Abdalla,
5. Muse Memme and
6. Tommaso Daday.

From Taykanaba the following nationals were taken

1. Yessen Tute

2. Haylu Shomay,
3. Anku Talla,

From the village of Mardami

1. Adaggo Hamid,
2. Afabet
3. Dabar Tolli,

From the village of Tutakuri

1. Aggane Gamasho, ex soldier of the regime too was forced to join with the victims of the round off.

**TAMBARA (AREA of Nara nationality):-** on the same date (**April,01,2010**), a severe round up campaign was carried at Tambara. These research-based round offs were implemented on 6:00 am, meaning early in the morning. In this locality too, blood of innocent people from the Nara nationalities was pilled. Initially two brothers the first in the tunnel, the other out side and who was receiving the silt to sift the gold were targeted. The young brother was killed by the first bullet while his elder was hurried from the hole. Eying his brother being shot, he stabbed and killed one soldier and snatched the rifle and killed four soldiers in addition. Then and finally the elder one is also killed but the situation did not halt by the death of these nationals. The gun fire was spread and 40 from the Nara nationalities killed. Ten soldiers too were also killed. There were also wounded nationals surrounded by the soldiers till the second day. On 03/04/2010, elders from the Nara nationalities have come to Barentu to file their resentments but they were totally ignored by the regime and came back home.

**DASE:-** This is the third locality invaded by the members of the 35<sup>th</sup> regiment(kifleserawit) on **April,01,2010**. At a spot called Dase Norata, where traditional gold sifting had taken place, the same measure was applied and many nationals were killed and imprisoned. That round up process has taken place till 04-04-2010. Among those nationals who were trying to avoid that round up by hiding in the tunnels dug for gold silt were kept inside and killed through suffocation. Here too, three Eritreans of different ethnic backgrounds were killed. Three members from the Kunama nationality were also choked by the pollution and were taken to the Barentu hospital. Nationals full of four trucks and a patrol were taken to unknown place. Here,

1. 15 Kunamas were taken from Aburna,
2. 25 kunamas were taken from Ugaro, and
3. 07 Kunamas were taken from Fode.

Some of the names taken from Aburna were,

1. Shakama Torta----Taykanaba
2. Tunga Shaddin\_\_\_\_Taykanaba

3. Kerta Bakit\_\_\_\_\_Taykanaba
4. Abbu Kerta\_\_\_\_\_Taykanaba
5. Kottu Shaddin\_\_\_\_\_Taykanaba
6. Ali Mantay\_\_\_\_\_Taykanaba
7. Sale Ali\_\_\_\_\_Uganna
8. Adum Ali\_\_\_\_\_Uganna
9. Komados Bate\_\_\_\_\_Uganna
10. Damad Lokki\_\_\_\_\_Uganna
11. Kokan Alamin\_\_\_\_\_Uganna
12. Andati Anday\_\_\_\_\_Uganna
13. Ambasa Abdalla\_\_\_\_\_Uganna
14. Abrayim Dannik\_\_\_\_\_Uganna
15. Ule\_\_\_\_\_Doko. This is what the PFDJ regime has done up on its nationals. The purposive plan of the round up is for nothing but to kill harrass and cleanse both Kunama and Nara nationalities from their ancestral land. And that's why said as mass killing,kill to

**NB: April,01,2010 is a birth day of the Democratic Movement for the Liberation of the Eritrean Kunama(DMLEK).**