



السلطنة العفرية

The Sultanate of Afar

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On behalf of the Afar people, we unequivocally condemn the heinous and indiscriminate drone attacks carried out by the Republic of Djibouti's security forces against innocent Afar civilians. Our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies go out to the Afar families who have endured unimaginable losses—the grieving parents who have lost their children, the families torn apart, and the innocent lives lost in this senseless massacre.

The Afar people are among the most neglected and marginalized in the world, forced to survive under extreme conditions of deprivation. The victims of this brutal drone strike were unarmed civilians—women, children, and the elderly—mercilessly targeted in a remote village where they were already struggling to survive. These Afar civilians lack access to clean drinking water, healthcare, education, and even basic sustenance. Those killed were already suffering from malnutrition and starvation, clinging to life before this heinous crime was committed against them.

For over four hours, the Republic of Djibouti's security forces launched multiple waves of drone strikes, systematically targeting and killing innocent civilians. We view this as a deliberate and calculated massacre against defenseless, indigenous Afars. The Djibouti government's claim that they were targeting "terrorists" is a desperate and transparent lie, designed to cover up their atrocities. In reality, they are using peaceful Afar civilians as target practice, testing their deadly weapons on one of the most defenseless and abandoned populations.

This is not the first time such crimes have been committed against the innocent Afar people. For decades, we have endured systematic persecution, state-sponsored violence, and deliberate neglect at the hands of the Djibouti government. These repeated crimes occur without accountability, and justice has been denied to the victims and their families for far too long.

We demand immediate international action. We call upon human rights organizations, international legal bodies, and the global community to investigate these crimes, visit the affected areas, and take urgent steps to stop the repeated atrocities committed against the nomadic Afar people. Those responsible for these crimes must be held accountable and prosecuted under international law. Furthermore, the families of the victims must receive rightful compensation, and urgent measures must be taken to protect the Afar people from further persecution.



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Among the innocent Afar civilians lost in this horrific attack were:

- Gamma Ali Orbiss
- Kako Ali Orbiss
- Mohamed Aydahis
- Ali Mohamed Kako
- Aisha Badul Ali and her three children, aged 10–13
- Mohamed Houmed Ali
- Daoud Louback Hamadou
- Gohar Ali Omar

The scale of this massacre is undeniable. We possess graphic evidence, including images of the victims and irrefutable proof of the atrocities committed. These harrowing images stand as undeniable testimony to the crimes perpetrated against the Afar people. We are prepared to provide this evidence to human rights organizations, investigative bodies, and international legal authorities to ensure that the truth is exposed and that justice is served.

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