

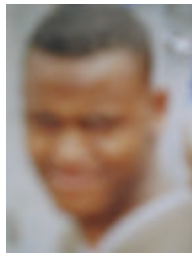




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**Table 2. Details of persons hit by bullet.**

No.	Full Name	Age	Sex	Address	Occupation	Injury Sustained
1	Jemal Elias	18	M	Dire dawa,kebele 22	Student	On his back
2	Fama Meredin	14	M	Dire dawa,kebele 22	Student	On the right foot
3	Solomon Kebede	24	M	Dire dawa,kebele 17	Merchant	On his mouth
4	Sherif Abdijebir	16	M	Hurso	Day laborer	On the right arm
5	Mohammed Yusuf	40	M	Dire dawa,kebele 21	Merchant	On the right arm
6	Abdi Mohammed	20	M	Dire dawa,kebele 21	Merchant	On the left knee
7	Ahmed Ibrahim	26	M	Dire dawa,kebele 22	Merchant	On the head
8	Nuria Sherif	45	F	Dire dawa,kebele 20	Merchant	On her neck
9	Sintayehu Fikre	19	M	Dire dawa,kebele 05	Asst.driver	On the right knee
10	Sisay Tessema	23	M	Dire dawa,kebele 22	Merchant	On the left knee
11	Deneke Lemma	28	M	Dire dawa,kebele 22	Merchant	On the left thigh
12	Alemnesh Sefer	28	F	Dire dawa,kebele 22	Merchant	On her neck
13	Aliya Burka	24	M	Dire dawa,kebele 19	Day laborer	On the right thigh
14	Tewodros Getachew	30	M	Dire dawa,kebele 15	Merchant	On the right arm
15	Guhad Abdurahman	22	M	Dire dawa,kebele 22	Pastoralist	On the head
16	Abebe Teka	18	M	Dire dawa,kebele 22	Shoeshine boy	On the right foot
17	Ahmed Sherif	19	M	Dire dawa,kebele 22	Merchant	On his back
18	Nuredin Ahmed	21	M	Dire dawa,kebele 18	Day laborer	On the right hand
19	Jabir Ahmed	32	M	Dire dawa,kebele 21	Day laborer	On the right foot

**Table 3. Property taken away by police**

No	Name of Property Owner	Occupation	Address	Property Taken Away	
				Type	Value
1	Muzemil Kiyar	Merchant	Dire dawa, kebele 13	Clothes	10,000 birr
2	Hashim Mohammed	Merchant	Dire dawa, kebele 22	Clothes	5,000 birr
3	Abdo Rahmato	Merchant	Dire dawa, kebele 22	Clothes	8,000 birr
4	Yasin Abdi	Merchant	Dire dawa, kebele 21	Clothes	7,000 birr

A horse used for pulling a cart worth about 850 birr that belonged to a man by the name Abinet Kebede was shot and killed. Damage was also caused to three government vehicles and one ambulance of the Red Cross by stones thrown from the crowd.

## Conclusion

The customs police should have followed the legal procedure of search rather than breaking into the shops and trying to take the properties of the owners in their absence and through the use of force. By failing to do this, they transgressed the laws of the country and caused damage to the life, body and property of civilians. Moreover, other legal ways of calming down the crowd should have been followed rather than firing indiscriminately and killing and wounding innocent civilians.

Thus, EHRCO urges the government to investigate the matter and bring to justice those responsible to the loss of human lives, physical injuries sustained and damage caused to property.

EHRCO also calls on the government to pay commensurate compensation to the families of the deceased and to those who sustained physical and material damages and to refrain from such destructive actions and resort, in the future, to peaceful ways of resolving disputes.

Finally EHRCO calls on citizens, national and international human rights groups, government envoys and representatives of international organizations to exert pressure on the Ethiopian government to investigate the matter and bring those responsible to justice; by writing to the government bodies and officials listed below and by using every other possible means.

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