



War updates from Amhara Region, Ethiopia – December 8th to 14th, 2025

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Overview

For the week of December 8th to 14th, 2025, fighting between the *Amhara Fano self-defense force* (Fano) and *Prosperity Party regime joint forces* (regime forces) has continued in various parts of Amhara Region in Ethiopia.¹²

- This week battle events and rights violations were recorded in more than 39 woreda/city administrations across 11 zonal administrations in Amhara Region.

These zones included the Wag-Hemra, North Wollo, South Wollo, North Shewa,

¹Regime forces are primarily comprised of the *Ethiopian National Defense Force* (ENDF) often with backing from regional riot dispersal, militia and police.

²The Fano are organized under sub-regional commands based on geographic location which are comprised of divisions. The major sub-regional commands operate under a consolidated structure known as the *Amhara Fano National Force* (AFNF) which includes the Amhara Fano in Wollo (Bete-Amhara) [AFW] or East Amhara Qetena (Menelik Command; MC), Amhara Fano Unity in Gonder (AFUG) or North Amhara Qetena (Belay Command; BC), Amhara Fano in Gojjam (AFG) or West Amhara Qetena (Tewodrose Command; TC), Amhara Fano in Shewa (AFS) or South Amhara Qetena (Asaminew Command; AC). The remaining sub-regional commands operate under the *Amhara Fano People's Organization* (AFPO) which are mainly comprised of the Amhara Fano Shewa Province Command (AFSPC), the Amhara Fano Gonder Province Command (AFGPC), the Amhara Fano Wollo (Bete-Amhara) Province Command [AFWC] and the Amhara Fano Gojjam Province Command (AFGJPC).

East Gojjam, West Gojjam, Awi, South Gonder, Central Gonder, West Gonder and North Gonder Zones. Developments were also recorded in East Wollega Zone of Oromia Region.

- Civilian casualties were recorded in 7 woreda/city administrations across 4 zonal administrations in Amhara Region. These included Korem, Kobo, Bugna, Aneded, Shebel-Berenta, Gonder-Zuriya and Wegera Woredas in North Wollo, East Gojjam, South Gonder and Central Gonder Zones. In Korem city of Wag-Hemra Zone, *Tigray People's Liberation Front* (TPLF) forces carried out a deadly attack on a mother and child. In addition, deadly attacks on civilians were carried out by *Oromia Region Special Forces* (OSF) in East Wollega Zone in Oromia Region.
- Arrests were recorded in Raya-Alamata, Shebel-Berenta and Wegera Woredas of North Wollo, East Gojjam and Central Gonder Zones of Amhara Region. In Raya-Alamata Woreda, arrests were carried out by TPLF forces which targeted civilians serving at churches affiliated with the *Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church* (EOTC). Abductions were recorded in Kobo city in North Wollo Zone of Amhara Region.
- This week regime forces carried out a drone attack which struck a primary school in Gishe-Rabel Woreda of North Shewa Zone in Amhara Region resulting in civilian casualties.

Northeastern Amhara (Wollo Bete-Amhara Subregion)

- On December 13th, defections of regime forces to Fano were reported. Six regime soldiers defected and joined the Kalakorma Division (operating under the AFNF-MC). According to reports, six Kalashnikov rifles, seven F1 handgrenades, and about 1,160 rounds of Kalashnikov ammunition and other supplies were among

the weapons and equipment that the defecting soldiers reportedly turned in when they joined the division.

Wag-Hemra Zone

Korem City

- On the night of December 8th, TPLF forces killed a woman in Sebihala Kebele.
 - According to sources, the victim, Dirba Moges, sister of a former official within the mayoral office, was shot and killed at around 12:30 am. The assailants reportedly fired eight bullets at her. During the incident, her three-year-old child was also injured.
 - Preliminary accounts suggest that the attackers pressured her to record a fabricated testimony claiming she had been raped by Amhara Special Forces. Dirba reportedly rejected their demand, insisting that the allegation was false. She is said to have told them that she had not been harmed and that the claim they wanted her to make was untrue. According to sources, the armed group killed her after she refused to participate in the staged interview, accusing her of being “*aligned with the enemy.*”

Gazgibla Woreda

- On December 12th, fighting was reported between Fano and regime forces in Gazgibla Woreda.
 - Fighting broke out after regime forces launched a coordinated offensive from several directions. Three main routes were reportedly taken by regime joint forces, which mobilized from Adi-Ber toward Mekogo, from Anshay-Washa toward Meyo, and from Degaw toward Kulkual-Arbatensa. In response, units

from the Hailu Kebede and Hawjano Divisions (both operating under the AFNF-MC) launched a coordinated counter-offensive against the advancing regime forces.

- According to reports, at least 16 regime soldiers were killed, and 18 others were wounded.

North Wollo Zone

Bugna Woreda

- On December 8th, Fano forces carried out a surprise attack against regime forces in Bugna Woreda, after which regime units reportedly launched retaliatory attacks on civilians.
 - The operation was conducted by multiple units under the Tefera Mamo Division (operating under the AFNF-MC Lasta Asaminew Corps). According to the report, the attack took place between 6:00 am and 6:30 pm in the Ayina-Bugna area, targeting ENDF and militia units moving from the Ayina-Qidus-Harbe corridor. During the ambush, the Fano forces struck the convoy, inflicting heavy casualties on the regime side. The regime forces reportedly retreated using a police vehicle and an ambulance transporting wounded soldiers, while more than 12 personnel were confirmed killed. The Fano fighters also captured seven black Kalashnikov rifles and a significant quantity of LMG and rifle ammunition.
 - Following the defeat, regime troops allegedly carried out attacks against civilians in the area. Reports indicate that a 16-year-old boy transporting hay in Meskel-Kristos Kebele was shot twice. A 17-year-old girl threshing wheat was also wounded during the regime’s retaliatory fire. The regime forces also

burned grain stored on threshing grounds. They reportedly went door-to-door in Meskel-Kristos, threatening residents and looting money and property.

Kobo City

- December 9th, regime forces carried out an attack against civilians in Kobo city.
 - According to reports, regime forces abducted a local bajaj driver during the night and took him to the Hormat River. The alleged reason for the abduction was that his bajaj bore the name *Adwa*, which reportedly angered the perpetrators. In response, the victim was subjected to severe physical mutilation, including the cutting of his genitals, and was then burned using benzene. Following this incident, the victim was transported to Kobo Hospital to receive medical treatment.

- On the night of December 11th (extending into the early morning hours of December 12th) intense fighting and gunfire erupted across multiple areas of Kobo city.
 - The clashes were observed throughout the city, with particularly severe engagements occurring along the main asphalt roads. According to reports, Fano forces (operating under the AFNF-MC) carried out a targeted and coordinated assault against regime positions at around 12:30 am. The offensive involved use of RPG attacks targeting two camps located in and around the city Police Station. Reports also indicate that fighting took place near key locations, including the local police station, and in Medhanialem, Mikael, and the Hormat military camps. According to reports, at least one civilian was reportedly killed during the exchange of gunfire.
 - As a result of the attack, four regime personnel were killed and at least six officials sustained physical injuries ranging from minor to critical in severity.

The city mayor was reportedly among those who sustained injury. The bodies of the killed personnel were reportedly relocated to Hara town (Gubalafto Woreda) over night where they were buried. In addition, civilians were killed as a result of indiscriminate attacks by regime forces. Among those killed was a young man identified as Yohannes (last name unknown) who was in his early 20s.

Habru Woreda

- On December 8th, defections from regime forces continued in Habru Woreda. According to sources, regime forces defected and joined the Baleshiritu Division (operating under the AFNF-MC). The defectors were identified as soldiers from the 35th ENDF Division, 5th Regiment. Upon defecting, they reportedly brought with them one team-operated weapon, and three Kalashnikov rifles, which were handed over to the Fano forces. Sources further indicated that the defecting soldiers had been stationed at Gefra-Kulbayine area (Qutir 6) prior to their defection. The incident reflects the continued movement of ENDF personnel away from regime forces and toward Fano units.

Wadla Woreda

- As of December 8th, regime forces have been conducting military training activities within public institutions in Wadla Woreda.
 - According to sources, the regime has repurposed schools, technical and vocational education facilities, and youth recreation centers as military training grounds. These activities are reportedly concentrated in Kon town, where militants affiliated with the Prosperity Party regime have been carrying out live-fire training exercises inside community facilities. Residents have expressed growing fear that the presence of armed trainees and ongoing

gunfire places civilians at significant risk, particularly from stray bullets. Local residents further reported that the sound of continuous gunfire has severely disrupted daily life and has forced the closure of schools, depriving students of access to education. Community members have warned that the militarization of civilian spaces has significantly heightened insecurity and exposed the population of Kon town to potential harm.

Gazo Woreda

- On December 12th, an intense battle took place between Fano forces and regime forces in Gazo Woreda.
 - The fighting began at approximately 5:30 am and continued until around midday, reflecting the scale and intensity of the confrontation. The clashes occurred in Bir-Afaf (Kebele 01), where Fano forces from the Tsinat Battalion and the Third Commando Battalion of the Dejen Division (operating under the AFNF-MC Yedegaw-Mebreq Coprs), engaged regime forces positioned in a fortified stronghold. During the operation, Fano units launched a sustained assault that ultimately breached and overran the fortress. Regime forces that had advanced into the area from Gashena and Ahuntegegn towns were forced to abandon their positions and retreat toward their points of origin.
 - According to reports, the assault resulted in significant losses for regime forces. Casualties were reportedly evacuated in vehicles under hurried conditions, with both wounded and deceased personnel being removed from the battlefield. In addition to inflicting casualties, Fano forces reportedly captured a number of regime soldiers during the engagement.

Raya-Alamata Woreda

- On December 14th, TPLF forces carried out arbitrary arrests of civilians in Raya-Alamata Woreda.
 - The arrests specifically targeted students and servers associated with the EOTC affiliated Senbet School. Among those reportedly detained were church servants from Waja Selassie Church, including Deacon Molla Beyene and Deacon Samuel Tesfa, who also serves as the coordinator of the Senbet School. In addition, an unspecified number of students and other church servants were reportedly arrested during the operation.³ The circumstances surrounding the arrests remain unclear, and no formal charges or legal justifications were reported at the time.

Gashena City

- On December 14th, Fano forces carried out an urban operation against regime forces in Gashena city.
 - The operation was conducted by the Ansha Sayed and Kegnazmach Tebeje Worku Divisions (operating under the AFNF-MC Yedegaw-Mebreq Corps) and was aimed at targeting key military positions held by regime forces within the city. During the operation, Fano units successfully penetrated the city center and launched a heavy assault on regime forces that had concentrated around strategic locations, including the city police station and a nearby gas station. In response, regime forces reportedly engaged in indiscriminate shelling using artillery and ZU-23 anti-aircraft guns, raising serious concerns about the potential risk to civilians and civilian infrastructure in the surrounding areas.

³See December 14, 2025, [report](#) from Ethio Focus News.

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- The attack reportedly resulted in significant casualties among regime troops, with several soldiers killed and others wounded. Following the clash, ambulances were observed in Gashena transporting bodies of deceased soldiers and wounded personnel to a nearby hospital, indicating the scale of the losses sustained.

Angot Woreda

- On the night of December 13th, Fano forces intensified urban operations in Ahuntegegn town.
 - The operation was reportedly carried out by the Efrem and Yared Battalions of the Tirari Division, along with members of the 5th Battalion of the Tekeze Division (operating under the AFNF-MC Lasta Asaminew Corps). The operation specifically targeted the 48th ENDF Division. According to reports, the night-time operation was conducted in a coordinated manner, with reported casualties among regime security forces.
 - According to reports six regime soldiers were killed, including personnel reportedly carrying a communications radio, while four others sustained injuries.

South Wollo Zone

Dessie-Zuriya Woreda

- On December 8th, Fano forces launched an offensive against a regime fortification in Dessie-Zuriya Woreda.
 - The operation was carried out by the Belawo Battalion (operating under the AFNF-MC), targeting a position in the Motie area. According to sources, the

attack unfolded within a matter of minutes. A significant number of riot dispersal and militia members, who had reportedly been deployed to the area only two to three days earlier, were killed or wounded in the assault. Unable to withstand the intensity of the offensive, the regime forces quickly loaded their casualties into vehicles and retreated to Dessie city. During the battle, Fano fighters captured several weapons, including Kalashnikov rifles and sniper rifles. It was also reported that regime personnel scattered and cut off in nearby villages and fields were later apprehended.

Kelala Woreda

- As of December 10th, Fano forces have maintained effective control over Deger town.
 - The area had experienced sustained and intense fighting over the preceding weeks, involving Fano forces operating under the AFNF-MC and AFPO-AFSPC, against regime forces that advanced from multiple directions. The clashes occurred repeatedly on a weekly basis, reflecting the strategic importance of Deger and its surroundings. However, following December 10th, regime forces reportedly withdrew from the area, bringing a temporary halt to active combat. Since the withdrawal, Deger has remained under consolidated control of the Fano, with no reported presence of regime forces in the immediate vicinity.

Amhara-Sayint Woreda

- Between December 10th and 11th, intense battles took place between Fano forces and regime forces in Amhara-Sayint Woreda.
 - The fighting occurred in areas around Ajibar town, including areas such as

Menta-Defer-Mariam, Asila, and the vicinity of Ajibar, and continued throughout the day. According to sources, the clashes resulted in the deaths and injuries of numerous regime forces, including senior officials identified as riot dispersal commanders. Reports indicated more than 12 regime personnel either killed or wounded during the fighting and several casualties were reported on the Fano side. In addition, a military vehicle belonging to the regime forces was reportedly struck by a DShK HMG and sustained significant damages.

Borena Woreda

- On December 11th, an intense battle erupted between Fano forces and regime forces in Borena Woreda.
 - The fighting began when soldiers from the 45th Division of the 801st Corps under the ENDF North-East Command entered the area in six vehicles with the intention of launching a siege operation against members of the Getasew Asres Brigade of the Engineer Dessalegn Assefa Division (operating under the AFNF-MC). In response, the Fano launched a counter-attack, which quickly escalated into full-scale fighting that lasted from approximately 4 pm until midnight. During the clashes, Fano forces reportedly inflicted heavy losses on the regime soldiers.
 - Reports indicated that one Sinotruck transporting regime forces was struck while the unit was cut off from two directions and left without a viable escape route. The vehicle reportedly plunged into a gorge, resulting in the death of all soldiers inside. Another Sinotruck attempted to flee the fighting but was struck near the Segno-Gebeya area, causing additional fatalities among regime forces. Wounded soldiers were transported to Mekaneselam General Hospital for treatment. According to sources, the hospital subsequently announced the

suspension of medical services for civilians for three consecutive days due to the influx of casualties.

Southeastern Amhara (Shewa Subregion)

- On December 8th, Fano forces announced that the 2018 EC first-semester mid-term examinations are being administered in areas of the Shewa Subregion. According to the report, the teaching and learning process is continuing without interruption across territories under the control of the AFPO-AFSPC. The report states that first-semester mid-term exams were conducted in multiple administrations.
- As of December 11th, ENDF defections to Fano forces have reportedly intensified in the Shewa Subregion.
 - According to sources, a senior officer, identified as Captain Abdi Kemal, leader of the 104th Division 2nd Battalion, 1st Company, has defected and joined the Atse Menelik Division (operating under the AFPO-AFSPC). In a message addressed to his former comrades within the defense forces, Cpt. Kemal stated that his decision to defect was driven by a desire to break away from what he described as allegiance to an individual-centered rule. He encouraged fellow soldiers to exercise what he termed “free choice” by joining Fano forces, emphasizing that those who wish to continue fighting are able to do so voluntarily within the Fano ranks. He further testified, based on his personal observations, that favorable and humane conditions have been created for members who choose to defect, including arrangements that allow individuals to return safely to their homeland if they so desire.

North Shewa Zone

Tarmaber Woreda

- On December 10th, Fano forces carried out an ambush against regime forces in the Asfachew area.
 - The operation was conducted by the Nahusenay Battalion of the 7-70 Division and the Debebe Negash Brigade (operating under the AFPO-AFSPC Atse Amde-Tsion Corps). The ambush targeted units of the regime's 103rd ENDF Airborne Division that were traveling from Shewa-Robit toward Debre-Sina (along the main asphalt road connecting Addis-Ababa and Dessie cities). According to sources, the convoy was en route to receive cadres and logistical supplies from Debre-Birhan city, the zonal administrative headquarters, and the attack was conducted at approximately 11 am. According to reports, the regime forces sustained casualties in the ambush.

Gishe-Rabel Woreda

- On December 10th, regime forces carried out a drone strike on a school compound in Gishe-Rabel Woreda. The attack targeted Del Primary School at around 11 am, destroying an entire classroom. According to the reports, at least ten students were injured and transported to a hospital for treatment.

Arerti City

- On December 12th, Fano forces launched an urban operation against regime forces in Arerti city.
 - Units from the Nebelbal Division (operating under the AFNF-AC Kesselem Corps) infiltrated Arerti city in order to take action against a key security

figure who was overseeing torture of locals, giving intelligence to the regime's army, and abuses against residents under accusation of being Fano supporters. The target was identified as Alemayehu (a militia) and was also accused of repeatedly using violence and intimidation in the city's Kombolsha-Ber neighborhood. Fano forces engaged and killed the militia member and seized weapons in his possession.

Southwestern Amhara (Gojjam Subregion)

- Over the last two weeks, the regime army perpetrated a widespread patterns of property destruction across the Gojjam Subregion.
 - Public facilities, such as schools and health stations, were among the primary targets. The regime army destroyed these facilities under the accusation that Fano forces were using them as military camps or health stations to provide medical treatment to injured fighters.
 - Furthermore, the regime army has been implicated in looting properties and burning residential homes, allegedly in retaliation for recent defeats in battles with Fano fighters. Among the specific incidents reported, the regime army destroyed a health station in Dega-Damot Woreda, schools in Machakel Woreda, and residential homes and private businesses in Dembecha, Enbise-Sar-Midir, Yilmana-Densa, and Gonji-Qolela Woredas, among other locations.

East Gojjam Zone

Enarj-Enawga Woreda

- On December 7th, gunfire exchange was reported in the neighborhood of Debre-Werk town.
 - The gunfire was begun by Fano fighters, particularly from units of the 74th Division (operating under the AFNF-TC 201st Corps), with the intent to disrupt a meeting being held in Debre-Werk town. The Fano forces reportedly conducted a sudden operation in the Shefere area, targeting regime officials who had departed from Ginde-Weyn and were en route to Debre-Werk. Despite the casualties remaining unknown, Fano forces reported conducting the operation which resulted in casualties and disruption that involved forces led and escorted with heavy and mechanized army.
 - The Fano forces also conducted a sudden operation in the area known as Motta-Megenteya, located in Goncha-Siso-Enese Woreda. Similarly to the previous attack, the Fano forces targeted regime officials which were moving for meeting purposes. The extent of casualties is however unconfirmed.

Shebel-Berenta and Enemay Woredas

- On December 8th, fighting took place in Yedoha town and Geda-Eyasu Kebele in Shebel-Berenta Woreda.
 - The regime army reportedly departed from Yedoha town that day and advanced toward Geda-Eyasu Kebele. In response, the Shifferaw Gerbaw regiment from the 64th Division (operating under the AFNF-TC 201st Corps) put up a fierce resistance to repel the regime's advance. This heavy firefight resulted in casualties and material losses for both sides. In relation, Fano

forces reportedly entered Yedoha town and conducted a sudden operation, targeting an army encampment. The operation in Yedoha was aimed at diverting attention and preventing the movement of regime reinforcements. On the same day, fighting also took place in the neighborhood of Bichena town, located in Enemay Woreda. The firefight in this area was connected to the main battle in Shebel-Berenta Woreda with engagements reported in Cholemit-Mariam, Afaf, and Weynam. This confrontation involved sudden and close-quarters combat, where Fano forces and the regime army confronted each other directly, supported by HMGs.

- According to reports, at least nine were killed and more than eight were injured during confrontations held that day in both Shebel-Berenta and Enemay Woredas. The Fano forces also destroyed a regime vehicle during the firefight near Bichena town.
- Regime soldiers killed two civilians and injured another in Anshenif Kebele. The deceased were identified as a woman named Yirgedu Abate, and a farmer named Wubetu Habtamu. The reports also indicated that the regime troops arrested five farmers along with their private firearms, accusing them of being Fano members.

Machakel Woreda

- On December 7th, regime forces destroyed Giraqidam Secondary and Preparatory School in Machakel Woreda.
 - The destruction reportedly targeted facilities critical to both the school's educational and administrative functions. The regime forces reportedly destroyed the Record and Archive Office, Property Office, Principal's Office, Accounting Office, and Procurement Office, thereby eliminating key

administrative and financial documentation. Furthermore, all core educational assets were targeted, including the Laboratory Room, classroom plasma screens, and the Plasma Broadcasting Receiver Room, rendering the entire facility unusable for teaching and learning.⁴

Gozamin Woreda

- On December 11th, heavy fighting conducted in the vicinity of Debre-Markos city.
 - On that day, the regime army, which had departed from Debre-Markos, was moving toward Libanos Kebele since the morning. While en route from Debre-Markos toward Libanos, Fano forces launched a surprise offensive in the Demba area. This operation was reportedly carried out by the Jibela-Mutera unit, part of the 14th Division (operating under the 206th Corps). The ambush resulted in a fierce firefight, with Fano fighters pursuing the retreating regime forces to the outskirts of Debre-Markos. The fighting lasted at least seven hours and involved HMG exchanges and close-quarters combat. Sources also reported that Fano forces fired on regime positions in Libanos, targeting troops recently deployed in the area. During the firefight, the Fano forces reportedly broke through three fortifications leaving at least 37 regime soldiers killed, including riot dispersal force commander Captain Ayalneh Tesfa. Civilian casualties were also reported, including a woman who was reportedly killed in the crossfire.
 - The following day (December 12th), reports indicated a light exchange of gunfire. According to sources, the regime army once again mobilized from Debre-Markos toward Libanos, where Fano fighters attempted to hinder their advance. The regime forces persistently employed heavy artillery, prompting

⁴See December 8, 2025 [report](#) from Nisir Amhara.

the Fano fighters to withdraw after a brief firefight. The regime army then succeeded in entering Libanos.

Dejen Woreda

- On December 12th, Fano forces conducted an operation in the Qolem area. This operation was reportedly carried out by the Zambereha unit, part of the 34th Division (operating under the AFNF-TC 206th Corps). The target was a regime army vehicle transporting looted grain belonging to local farmers from Gubiya to Dejen town. When Fano fighters launched their attack, the vehicle, which was traveling at a high speed, overturned, causing casualties among the soldiers inside. Reports indicate five regime soldiers killed and 15 injured, in addition to material damages.

Aneded Woreda

- On December 12th, the regime army entered Jama town. According to reports, the regime troops departed from Amber town and Baso-Liben Woreda and entered Jama. Upon entry, the regime soldiers killed two civilians they encountered in the town.

West Gojjam Zone

Jabi-Tehnan Woreda

- On December 8th, sources reported a brief firefight and sudden operations in multiple locations within Jabi-Tehnan Woreda.
 - On the morning of December 8th, Fano forces conducted an operation in the Mankusa town neighborhood. The operation reportedly targeted a regime vehicle transporting cash that had been withdrawn from a bank in

Finote-Selam city en route to Bure town. According to sources, Fano fighters intercepted the vehicle, along with millions in cash, which was being transported to the regime army.

- On the same day, sources reported exchanges of gunfire in the Hodanshi and Wenge areas. The fighting in both cases was initiated by the regime army, which attempted to attack and halt Fano forces' checkpoints and vehicle collection points. Although the regime army initially pushed the Fano fighters from these locations, it was subsequently reported that the Fano fighters re-entered the areas by evening without encountering fierce resistance.
- On the morning of December 10th, Fano forces conducted a surprise operation in Hodanshi Kebele.
 - This operation was reportedly carried out by a unit from the 77th Division (operating under the AFNF-TC 109th Corps). This operation was launched in Hodanshi (in the vicinity of Finote-Selam city), where Fano forces targeted a regime vehicle which was en route from Finote-Selam in the direction of Jiga. In response, regime troops responded with HMG shelling. The fire exchange was reported to have continued for a brief period, where the regime army ultimately managed to pass through. The casualties resulting from this firefight remained unreported.

Dembecha-Zuriya Woreda

- On December 10th, heavy firefight was conducted in the Anjeni area.
 - The fighting was initiated by Fano forces who launched an offensive against the regime army which had recently deployed in the area. Since the regime army's entry on December 3rd, sources reported that regime soldiers remained in control, where the Fano fighters had engaged with light and occasional

operations. On December 10th, units from the 99th Division (operating under the AFNF-TC 109th Corps), reportedly infiltrated the vicinity and launched a heavy offensive early before dawn. This offensive led to a prolonged and fierce firefight, where the regime army resorted to the use of artillery shelling to defend against the Fano offensive. The fighting was intense, characterized by use of HMG shelling, and persisted for at least seven consecutive hours.

- According to reports, at least 35 regime soldiers were killed, while over 40 soldiers sustained physical injuries ranging from minor to critical in severity. In addition, the Fano fighters seized over 20 firearms. On the Fano side, three fighters sustained physical injuries in this firefight.

Sekela Woreda

- On the evening of December 14th, a brief firefight and military movement were reported in the Agut area.
 - On that date, regimes forces had conducted a tactical retreat to a nearby rural neighborhood. After receiving intelligence that the regime forces had vacated the area, a small number of Fano fighters entered Agut. The regime troops, who had established positions nearby, then returned to encircle the Fano fighters. This led to a brief exchange of gunfire, resulting in one Fano fighter killed and two captured.

Awi Zone

Jawi Woreda

- As of December 8th, tensions and fighting continued to escalate in Zenzen and Kebtele Kebeles.

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- Earlier reports indicated that heavy fighting had occurred for consecutive days since December 5th in these areas, where the regime army mobilized large-scale ground and mechanized forces since December 4th. Initially, reports suggested that the Fano forces were gaining the upper hand over the regime army, having encircled and inflicted human and material losses on the regime forces in Zenzen Kebele. Subsequently, the regime army redeployed additional reinforcements from the Gonder Subregion and Metekel Zone (Benishangul-Gumuz Region), which further intensified the escalation. Fano forces reportedly continued occasional attacks, identifying and targeting weak points in the regime army's deployment. Sources reported that tensions remained high, with the regime army still largely deployed in these areas.
 - According to reports, at least 67 regime soldiers were killed, including military officers at the colonel, battalion, and captain ranks, and over 75 were injured in the last five consecutive days.
- On December 10th, intense fighting took place in multiple locations within Jawi Woreda.
 - The firefights were initiated by units from the 66th Division (operating under the AFNF-TC 105th Corps). Reports indicate that the Fano forces launched an offensive targeting the regime army, which had recently deployed to the area, leaving rural kebeles and returning to Fendika town that day. The Fano forces targeted regime troops in three specific locations namely, Biherawi, Filwiha, and Derek-Wenz. The fighting was intense, involving expanded areas, lasting for a prolonged period, and resulting in casualties on both sides. The regime army reportedly employed HMGs persistently. According to reports, the regime soldiers sustained substantial casualties including military officers.

Northwestern Amhara (Gonder Subregion)

- On December 13th, the AFNF-BC 5th Corps announced their intention to block the primary highway connecting Gonder city to Addis-Zemen town.
 - This blockade, scheduled to commence on the morning of December 14th, was to remain in effect for a period of six days. The stated justification for this significant disruption to civilian movement and commerce was the proliferation of “*rampant public theft and robberies by organized armed groups*” operating within the Gonder-Zuriya and Libo-Kemkem Woredas. The Fano forces asserted that these criminal elements were largely supported by regime forces.
 - Concurrently with the blockade announcement, the Fano declared their intention to launch an offensive operation against the criminal elements, framing the road closure as a necessary measure to facilitate this security intervention and protect the public.

South Gonder Zone

Simada Woreda

- As of December 7th, intense fighting continued between Fano and regime forces in Simada Woreda.
 - The fighting involved the Haile Melese Zewubante Division (operating under the AFPO-AFGPC), and the 64th ENDF Division and was particularly intense in Jamba-Meda, Qechin-Wenz, and Abajar, where regime forces reportedly sustained heavy casualties. Further significant losses for regime forces were reported in the fighting between Yekuasa and the Jamba desert, where units under Shaleqa Abere Hailu’s leadership reportedly incurred substantial

casualties. Abere Hailu was confirmed killed during the fighting. The battlefield further expanded and intensified, encompassing Abajar-Maryam, Masho-Mikael, Jamba-Teklehaymanot, Qenbet, and extended along the Beshilo and Bjena rivers into Senteqot Kebele. This broad engagement was reportedly characterized by intense combat. A critical development on this front was the encirclement of regime forces by Fano units after they had advanced deep into Senteqot Kebele. The entrapped regime forces reportedly attempted to break out of the encirclement by indiscriminately shelling the surrounding areas with heavy weapons, indicating a desperate situation for their units.

- Under the cover of darkness that night, Fano forces launched two significant surprise attacks.
 - * In Qura-Meqemecha, Fano units targeted a temporary regime military camp. According to reports, regime soldiers, likely resting after a full day of fighting, were caught off guard by the unexpected assault. This surprise attack reportedly resulted in the killing and physical injury of the majority of regime forces present at the camp, further compounding their operational challenges.
 - * Concurrently, Fano forces conducted a coordinated offensive on Wegeda town. A key target was the regime’s military and logistics depot, which was reportedly destroyed by an RPG attack, resulting in the loss of crucial military supplies and weaponry. Fierce fighting raged throughout the entire night within Wegeda, particularly in Tagel, Werqamba, and Giyorgis villages. In a further blow to regime operations, the Wegeda town administration bureau, which was being utilized to store military provisions and logistics, was reportedly set ablaze by Fano forces. Regime military personnel inside the burning buildings were reportedly killed or

sustained critical injuries. These coordinated night-time operations indicate a sophisticated tactical approach by Fano forces, aimed at disrupting regime movements, supply lines, and command structures.

- On December 8th, regime forces carried out a heavy-weapons bombardment targeting Aysed School in Aysed Kebele.
 - Forces positioned on Maryam-Afaf reportedly fired on the school while students and teachers were present inside the compound. The indiscriminate shelling caused widespread fear among students and staff, who fled the buildings shouting as explosions and debris filled the area.
 - There were no reported human casualties as all students and teachers evacuated the premises and left the site unharmed. However, the physical destruction was severe — school buildings and rooftops sustained major damage from the strikes, rendering parts of the facility unusable.

Sedemuja Woreda

- On the night of December 8th, Fano forces conducted a surprise offensive against a regime military encampment in Muja-Robit town.
 - The operation was conducted by the Haile Melese Zewubante Division (operating under the AFPO-AFGPC). The target of the night-time assault comprised regime militia and riot dispersal forces. These regime units had reportedly just completed a strategic retreat from the fierce fighting that had recently transpired in Wenzye and surrounding areas.
 - According to reports, regime militia units suffered significant casualties.

Farta Woreda

- On December 9th, Fano forces conducted a surprise attack against regime forces in Werqe and Gena-Memcha Kebeles.
 - The ambush was conducted by the Gebremesqel Brigade of the Guna Division (operating under the AFNF-BC) as regime units were traveling from Debre-Tabor city towards Mahderemaryam town. The engagement took place across Werqe and Gena-Memcha Kebeles. The surprise assault inflicted heavy casualties on the regime forces, compelling them to abandon their advance and retreat back to Debre-Tabor city. In response to the ambush, new regime forces were dispatched to the affected areas. These reinforcements reportedly initiated shelling operations, utilizing mortars and DShK HMGs against Fano positions. Furthermore, regime forces stationed on Eyesus Mountain engaged in further bombardment, targeting Gena-Memcha and Werqe with ZU-23 anti-aircraft guns.

Libo-Kemkem Woreda

- On December 9th, fighting erupted following regime forces' initiation of indiscriminate shelling using ZU-23 anti-aircraft guns in Wereb and Gulana Kebeles.
 - In response to the bombardment, Fano units (operating under the AFNF-BC 5th Corps) engaged the regime forces. Concurrent with the military action, serious allegations emerged regarding regime conduct in areas they had regained, particularly following the re-establishment of control over Mikael-Debir town. Reports indicate that regime forces have been actively disarming local farmers, seizing over 50 legally registered firearms.

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- In addition, grave human rights abuses were reported with more than ten women reportedly raped by regime soldiers. The primary regime units operating in these areas engaged in these acts while disarming the local population.
 - On December 10th, internal conflict occurred within regime ranks in Bira-Maryam Kebele.
 - Riot dispersal forces engaged in fighting with regular regime military forces. The altercation resulted in the death of the riot dispersal forces commander, who was subsequently buried in Addis-Zemen town, and left another commander critically injured. Overall, more than ten soldiers and militia forces were reportedly killed in this internal conflict.
 - Sources indicate the core catalyst for this fratricidal fighting was a dispute over the ownership and distribution of weapons recently confiscated from local farmers. The riot dispersal forces asserted that the seized weapons should be allocated to their department, while the regular army insisted the weaponry belonged to the conventional military structure.
 - Following the death of their commander, the riot dispersal forces, reportedly enraged, launched a surprise attack against the military camp belonging to the regular regime forces, escalating the internal hostilities and severely undermining the regime forces' cohesion in the area.

Lay-Gayint Woreda

- On December 9th, a fierce engagement occurred between Fano forces and advancing regime forces in Hagere-Genet Kebele.
 - The regime initiated the attack by deploying units from both Kimir-Dingay and Titira towns, converging on Hagere-Genet. On the Fano side, units under

the Anbesaw-Gayint Division (operating under the AFPO-AFGPC) were involved in the fighting. The resulting clash, which lasted approximately two hours, was intense. Due to losses the regime forces were unable to maintain their offensive. They were ultimately compelled to halt their advance and retreat back to Kimir-Dingay.

- According to reports, the regime forces sustained significant casualties during the fighting, with over 11 regime soldiers confirmed killed and an unknown number injured.

Tach-Gayint Woreda

- On December 10th, Fano forces reportedly captured a military patrol truck belonging to regime forces in Tach-Gayint Woreda.
 - The following day (December 11th), regime forces launched an operation to recover the captured vehicle, deploying to the vicinity of Doqa village within Anseta Kebele. However, these efforts proved unsuccessful, and the regime forces were unable to regain control of the patrol truck. In apparent retaliation for their operational failure, regime forces subsequently engaged in the pillaging of agricultural produce from local farmers in Doqa village. Reports indicate that harvested teff crops, which had been collected on threshing grounds and were awaiting transport to storage by the farmers, were forcibly loaded by regime forces and transported to Arb-Gebeya town.

Estie and Dera Woredas

- On the morning of December 14th, Fano forces conducted a major offensive across Estie and Dera Woredas.
 - Fano forces (operating under the AFNF-BC) reportedly initiated the day by

regaining control of Mekane-Eyesus town, administrative center of Estie Woreda. Following the Fano entry, regime forces, along with local civilian political officers, reportedly withdrew from the town and retreated towards Mabi mountain.

- Concurrently, regime forces deployed units from Debre-Tabor city, intending to provide reinforcements via Gasay and Mahderemaryam towns. However, the Guna Division reportedly ambushed these advancing regime forces in Gonder-Ber village, located within Gasay, disrupting their movement. Further south, another column of regime forces, originating from Dera and Sana and heading towards Arb-Gebeya town (all situated within Dera Woreda), was ambushed by the Wubante Abate Tewelwari Division.
- Simultaneously, intense fighting erupted in Gelawdewos town where the Tana-Gelawdewos Division infiltrated into Ambesame town, administrative center of Dera Woreda, and launched a surprise offensive. This assault allegedly resulted in heavy casualties for the regime, with numerous soldiers reportedly killed. Furthermore, Fano forces captured a significant number of regime militia forces, along with their full military equipment.
- Fierce engagements resulting in further heavy regime casualties were also reported in Sana, Gelawdewos, and Arb-Gebeya towns throughout the day. Notably, the regime's 77th ENDF Division reportedly sustained particularly heavy losses during the intense fighting in Arb-Gebeya and Ambesame.

Central Gonder Zone

Wegera Woreda

- On December 9th, a fierce outbreak of fighting occurred between Fano forces and regime forces in Gonderdiba Kebele.

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- The hostilities commenced early in the morning. According to reports, regime forces initiated the offensive deploying from Ambagiyorgis town under the cover of darkness. Their objective was to launch a surprise attack against units of the Gondere-Begashaw Division (operating under the AFNF-BC) in Gonderdiba. The engagements were supported by the use of heavy weaponry, including mortars, DShK HMGs and anti-aircraft guns, indicating a coordinated and potentially intense assault by the regime forces.
 - On December 10th, intense fighting erupted between Fano forces and regime forces in Wegera Woreda.
 - The primary engagement took place in Mito Kebele. In this location, the Atnafa Brigade, a unit within the Gondere-Begashaw Division (operating under the AFNF-BC), launched a counter-offensive against regime forces that had been deployed from Ambagiyorgis town. This engagement was protracted, lasting for several hours, and resulted in substantial casualties for the regime forces. Simultaneously, another engagement occurred in Jejhna-Nora-Tsadqa Kebele, where the division's Tewodros Brigade, conducted an ambush against regime forces. This tactical move also resulted in heavy casualties for the regime.
 - Following these significant losses, regime forces were compelled to retreat back to Ambagiyorgis town. However, this retreat was marred by severe human rights violations. While withdrawing, regime forces reportedly killed three farmers (civilians) who were engaged in harvesting their crops in their fields. Furthermore, regime forces destroyed farmers' properties and killed their cattle. Civilians were also detained under accusation of having relatives associated with the Fano movement.

Takusa Woreda

- On December 13th, Fano forces initiated a surprise assault on regime positions in Dikul-Arba Kebele. This engagement reportedly resulted in significant casualties among the regime forces.

West Dembiya Woreda

- On December 14th, Fano forces conducted a coordinated surprise attack in Qutir 5 village.
 - This offensive targeted regime units that had been deployed from Delgi and Chuahit towns, reportedly with the objective of reasserting control over Sankisa and Jibjiba Kebeles. In response the Begemidir Division (operating under the AFPO-AFGPC) launched a coordinated counter-offensive.
 - The attack reportedly inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing regime forces, ultimately forcing their retreat back to their points of origin and this led to the reported cancellation of their campaign aimed at regaining Sankisa and Jibjiba Kebeles.

Gonder-Zuriya Woreda

- On December 13th, reports indicate a protracted and fierce engagement between Fano forces and regime forces in Mantro and Ferenj-Wiha Kebeles. Regime units, deployed from Maksegnit and Enfranz towns, initiated an offensive operation with the objective of targeting and engaging the Gondere-Begashaw and Tiqur Anbesa Divisions (operating under the AFNF-BC). The fighting reportedly lasted for several hours, indicating a sustained confrontation between the opposing sides. During the fighting, regime forces reportedly killed two civilians, identified as brothers.

West Gonder Zone

Metemma Woreda

- On December 9th, a fierce battle erupted between Fano and regime forces in Werqamba Kebele.
 - Regime forces, deployed from Gendawiha town under the cover of darkness, launched an offensive aimed at attacking units under the Atanaw Wassie Division (operating under the AFNF-BC) before initiating their assault. This led to intense close-quarters combat between the two sides. The regime side sustained heavy casualties in this engagement with uncollected dead bodies of soldiers reportedly visible along Werqamba river, while a substantial number of injured regime personnel were transported to Gendawiha Hospital. Fano forces also managed to seize a significant quantity of heavy weapons and small arms from the retreating regime forces. While the Fano forces also sustained casualties, their losses were reportedly minor in comparison to those of the regime.
 - In a parallel engagement on the same day, fierce fighting also occurred in Forgena Kebele. Regime forces had been deployed to this area with the intention of attacking Fano units. However, Fano forces launched a coordinated counter-attack that lasted for approximately two hours. This counter-offensive resulted in the deaths of over 16 regime forces and a significant number of critical injuries. Three Fano members sustained minor physical injuries during this engagement. Following these substantial losses, the regime forces withdrew from Forgena.
- On the morning of December 14th, intense and protracted fighting took place in Mesheh Kebele and adjacent areas.

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- Regime forces, reportedly deployed from three separate locations, launched a coordinated offensive against the Atanaw Wassie Division (operating under the AFNF-BC). The engagement, which commenced around 11 am local time continued until 6 pm, involved the sustained use of heavy weaponry, including ZU-23 anti-aircraft guns, mortars, and DShK HMGs. As fighting progressed through the afternoon, regime forces dispatched reinforcements to assist their beleaguered units. However, Fano forces reportedly ambushed these reinforcement columns before they could reach the primary engagement zone. Subsequent clashes with the reinforcement forces erupted in the villages of Lasta, Kirkrit, and Mesheh-Megbiya. Fano forces successfully encircled reinforcement units in Ashamit village, leading to further significant losses for the regime. During this phase, Fano forces reportedly seized an overall 200 heavy and small arms, including one DShK HMG, six Bren LMGs, and four sniper rifles. Throughout these engagements, telecommunication services were reportedly completely blocked by the regime in areas affected by fighting. The geographical scope of the fighting extended also to Wedianbeso and Enkoy-Wiha.
 - According to reports, the regime forces sustained heavy human and material losses. Specifically, two full regiments of regime forces, originating from two different deployment points into Mesheh, were reportedly entirely eliminated. Accounts further state that surviving regime personnel were captured by Fano fighters. Initial figures indicate over 200 regime forces killed or critically wounded, more than 170 captured (excluding the dead and injured). Fano forces, reported sustained five fatalities and seven physical injuries ranging from minor to critical in severity.

North Gonder Zone

Ziquala Woreda

- On December 8th, Fano forces conducted a surprise offensive against regime militia forces in Wag Kebele.
 - The objective of this swift operation was to target and neutralize the militia presence in the area. The operation was conducted by the Ras Gebre Brigade of the Semien Birqye Division (operating under the AFNF-BC 3rd Corps). The attack resulted in significant casualties among the regime militia. In addition, the Fano forces captured ten militia personnel, including several high-ranking regime officials stationed in Wag. Among those apprehended were the Kebele Administrator, Peace and Security Officer, the Prosperity Party Secretariat Officer, and the Youth Affairs Officer. Reports indicate that these captured officials were taken along with their full military equipment.

Dabat Woreda

- On the night of December 13th, Fano forces conducted a series of engagements in Qola-Wegera Subworeda.
 - Fierce fighting reportedly erupted between Fano forces, specifically the Amoraw Wubneh Corps (operating under the AFNF-BC), and regime units in Ajire-Janora and its surrounding areas. Regime forces had reportedly initiated deployments from various locations with the strategic objective of encircling Fano positions. A particularly intense confrontation occurred in Enqash, specifically Qalbada village, where Fano forces launched a coordinated counter-attack. These engagements are said to have resulted in casualties for regime forces, with reports indicating more than 14 soldiers killed, including a captain. A substantial number of regime personnel also reportedly sustained

physical injuries ranging from minor to critical in severity. Local accounts further suggest that many regime soldiers, unfamiliar with the rugged terrain, fell into ravines during intense fighting, contributing to their losses. On the Fano side, one fatality and three injuries were reported during this initial confrontation. Later that night, Fano forces launched a surprise attack on a temporary regime military camp. The Fano forces struck the camp at approximately 8 am local time and inflicted further heavy casualties.

- Concurrently, on December 13th, regime forces deployed from Ambagiorgis town towards Qola-Wegera faced an ambush in Jaja-Hamusit Kebele. Their intended operation was reportedly a three-pronged encirclement effort targeting Fano forces stationed in Gonder-Diba Kebele. However, Fano forces, launch a coordinated counter-offensive against the advancing regime units. This ambush resulted in heavy casualties for the regime, with sources confirming the deaths of several regime military officers.

Areas Outside Amhara Region

East Wollega Zone (Oromia Region)

Kiremu Woreda

- On December 9th, heavy fighting took place in various locations within Kiremu Woreda.
 - The clashes were conducted between the regime’s joint forces (regional and federal units) and Wollega Fano operating in surrounding areas. On that day, the regime’s joint forces reportedly mobilized from two directions. The firefight mainly took place in the Mendera and Boka areas, where Fano forces confronted the advancing regime army to hinder their progression.

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- Sources reported that the firefight was intense and resulted in considerable casualties on both sides, with greater casualties reported from the regime army.

Sibu-Sire Woreda

- Between December 12th and 13th, intense fighting took place in the Merkato area of Wetie Kebele.
 - The fighting was initiated by regime joint forces, which gathered from neighboring woredas, as part of a recent operation in an attempt to expel armed Amhara residents from the region. In response to the regime army offensive, the Wollega Fano, particularly units of the Gete Girma Mebrek Division, reportedly confronted these forces to repel the offensive launched by regime forces. Initially, on the regime side, OSF and local militias were engaged with Fano forces. During this confrontation, Fano forces overwhelmed the regime forces, with reports of numerous soldiers killed and injured. Due to the ongoing firefight, civilians were displaced and fled to rural areas. Sources also reported that the OSF executed three civilians in reprisal for their military losses.
 - The following day (December 13th), regional forces, with the help of federal forces, resumed the offensive, advancing alongside mechanized weapons. The fighting was reportedly launched early in the morning and continued for hours with heavy confrontation. During this firefight, regime soldiers sustained considerable casualties, with three confirmed fatalities and a few other injuries from the Fano side. Fano forces reportedly captured at least 20 regime soldiers and seized several firearms before they withdrew and repositioned to their stronghold.

Gida-Ayana Woreda

- Between December 9th and 11th, regime joint forces killed, injured, and perpetrated other human rights abuses on ethnic Amhara residents of Gida-Ayana Woreda.
 - The attack targeted residents of Ali-Goro village (Andode-Dicho Kebele).
According to reports, the regime army, particularly Oromia Region militias and riot dispersal soldiers, entered the area at the beginning of the week. Upon entry to this area, regime soldiers reportedly killed civilians and conducted several abuses under the pretext of being accused of having relation with Fano forces. A short time later, sources reported that federal forces entered these areas in the name of stabilizing the situation. On December 12th, reports indicated that the regime army completely withdrew, and Fano forces and other civilians returned from where they had fled.

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