

Who is Tadesse Chamo (Weddi Chamo)?

Tadesse Chamo is former freedom fighter of EPLF organization. Even though he is from the low rank officials, he has direct contact with the Eritrean President, Dictator Esaias Afeworki. As a result, he is one of the officials that belittle their leaders and has all the power to detain and kill innocent people as he wishes. Weddi Chamo has very bad reputation while working as a security agent and has committed several crimes against local people in different parts of the country. He came to the kunama land (Erkulami) four years ago for his devilish duty with the title of head of platoon. As a result, he resided in Gonye subzone in a kunama village called Dase; thirty kilometers from Barentu town, and started to organize and lead the security squad, the civil administration and the local village elders with their militia forces and military regiment 57 as a whole. The atrocities and crimes Weddi Chamo has committed around Dase area and against Kunama people were:-

1. Weddi chamo has the ambition to eradicate the kunama people and has always said that “Kunama has no Land”. Consequently, Weddi Chamo has banned the kunama people not to go to gold sites that people traditionally sift gold and sell; for there is no other job to work for subsistence. Woddi Chamo sends the security squad and military members to the gold sites to shoot to the people and made them run away from those gold sites.
2. The soldiers confiscated the gold which people have sifted whenever they were caught.
3. He detained and tortured the civil kunama members as if they have contact with DMLEK even though he has no any tangible evidences.
4. He forced the kunama people to pay 500 to 1000 Nakfa per house hold as a punishment in which the people have nothing to do with the crime he mentioned.
5. He forcefully took the blankets and other clothes that were given as a donation to the people and sold them for his purpose.
6. In order to torture and frighten the kunama prisoners, he spreads salt on the roof of the prison houses and poured water on the salt so that it melts down on the prisoners’ flesh in which they suffered severe skin diseases.
7. Weddi Chamo has harassed, detained, and tortured many kunama people by forcing them to be responsible for the landmines he has put and unearthed mischievously.

The Democratic Movement for the Liberation of Eritrean Kunama; DMLEK has conducted a study upon Weddi Chamo and told him two times by sending a letter to stop his atrocities upon kunama people or else he will face the consequence. However, he failed to consider the warning and lastly he detained an innocent kunama herd’s boy and labeled him as a member of DMLEK and has beaten him until he lost his consciousness. As a result, the gallant freedom fighters of DMLEK had executed him on February 15, 2017 at 9:00pm Wednesday in Dase village. Therefore, the PFDJ regime must know that DMLEK freedom fighters will not spare their effort until the dignity and the continuity of kunama people is realized.

In the mean time The PFDJ regime has announced and said that, “as far as DMLEK is targeting our intelligent officers, from now on if any PFDJ leader is eliminated by DMLEK, we will kill three kunama members and fulfill the slogan of Weddi Chamo; which is the ‘Kunama People has no Land’, and will exterminate kunama people accordingly”. The Eritrean people should not forget that the intention of PFDJ regime is to eradicate the kunama people. In 2008, the Zonal administrator of Gash Barka; Kaysay Gebrehiwot had made clear in one of the public gatherings that the PFDJ regime is going to kill every kunama people one by one until they eradicate all. To eradicate the kunama people was also uttered by the notorious Colonel Hailesillasie Hagos when he gathered the kunama people from Taykanaba village in 2016; after he survived from DMLEK freedom fighters attack in Binbilna town.