

## Afar People's Party

### The interminable Issa-Somali attack on the Afars

It is needless to recall that for several decades, the Afar people have been constantly attacked, on their own territory, by the Issa-Somali. These attacks have intensified in recent years, *killing and injuring* dozens of people every day. *Every day*. Even today Friday, June 25, 2021, the Issa-Somali attacked the locality of Yangudi Raasa and the attack continues as we write this short statement.

At a time when all Ethiopians, and the whole world, are concerned about the elections and the political and economic future of the country, the Issa-Somali are trying to *take advantage of the situation* to strengthen their attacks with financial, human and material *support* provided by the Issa dominated government of the *Republic of Djibouti*. The Afar people find themselves in a situation of survival on their land. Thus, the Issa-Somali disturb not only the fragile stability of the country but also of the whole region.

The Afar People's Party *strongly condemns* these continued attacks against the Afar people and would like to remind that there can be *no peace talks* if the Issa-Somali do not stop claiming our lands. The Afar People's Party takes a clear stand yesterday as it does today, and urges:

- The Issa-Somali to *stop attacking* the Afar people on their own lands;
- The Issa-Somali to *stop claiming* the three cities named Gadamaytu, Qunxafoqo and Qadaytu;
- The Ethiopian government to *draw the borders* between the various federal states and ensure their respect;
- The Ethiopian government to *protect its territory and its citizens against any external invasion*.

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