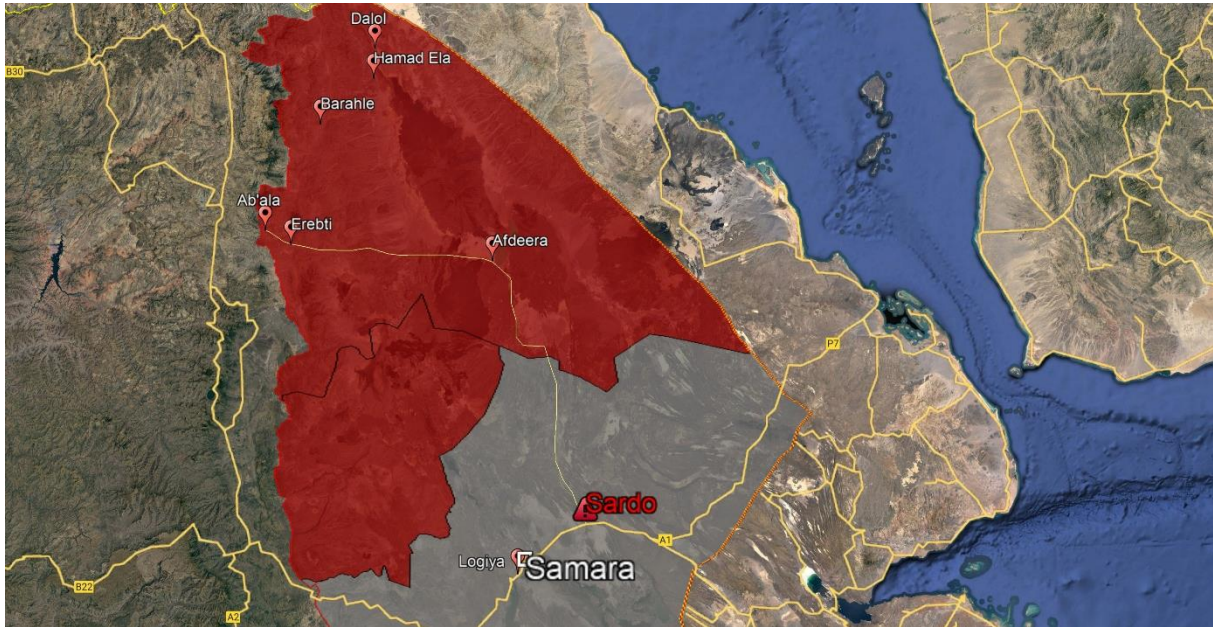


IS AWAL ARBA STARVING NORTHERN AFAR?

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Informations coming from Afar Kilil are extremely serious. Awal Arba Unde, president of Afar Kilil, and his cabinet are accused of willfully starving the people of Kilbati Rasu (Zone 2) and Fanti Rasu (Zone 4).



The information we have been able to gather from the Afar population in Logiya is extremely serious: **Awal Arba Unde** and his cabinet are ready to let the people of Northern Afar starve to death under the pretext of complicity with the Woyane.

This is a case that splashes the president of Kilil Afar, hitherto acclaimed by the Afar because of his unifying role in the previous phases of the conflict with the TPL. Alongside Awal Arba, the names of **Gaddo Hamolo Gaddo**, very influential in the presidential cabinet as well as **Belay Ahmad**, deputy head of security of Afar Kilil.

Since the withdrawal of the TPLF from Barahle and Ab'ala in May 2022, police controls have been tightened to prevent the smuggling of goods and weapons to and from Tigray. This is how all vehicles passing through Sardo are searched from top to bottom. Thus, the Afar region is cut in two: the North is under a state of siege and considered as war zone and the South where peace reigns.

It is through Sardo that the trucks carrying humanitarian aid transit to enter the only accessible road to Tigray. This humanitarian aid does not benefit the Afar populations who see trucks passing towards Tigray when they themselves are on an empty stomach. No people in the world would accept such injustice. While international aid for the benefit of the Afar population is massively diverted by the leaders of Kilil Afar, Awal Arba, Gaddo Hamolo and Belay Ahmed prevent the transport of food by blocking all goods in Sardo.

Worse, Awal Arba allegedly threatened **Hagar Hamad Rua**, a well-known defender of the rights of Afar people, threatening him with legal action to repatriate him to Ethiopia. The only crime of Hager Rua is to have called for the lifting of the blockade against the population of the North, to stop the corruption and the diversion of humanitarian aid to the Afar population.

The Sardo checkpoint must, as demanded by the vast majority of the Afar people in the interior of the country and in the diaspora, be moved to Magaale or Ab'ala, on the Tigray border.

The editorial staff of Baday Barri Caalat will disseminate confidential information about Awal Arba, Gaddo Hamolo and Belay Ahmed if the blockade is not lifted against the population of the North!

Finally, let us remind Awal Arba and his office that Sardo is not on the border of the Afar region but 35 kilometers from Samara. **Why do you keep a checkpoint created by the TPLF, are you still in contact with Seyoum Awal Aydahis, your former leader?**