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Latest: 34 More Orthodox Christians Killed in Ethiopia as Oromia Toll Hits 94

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KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

"Gunmen killed at least 34 Ethiopian Orthodox Christians on Thursday, 5 November 2026, in Endato village in Robe district of Ethiopia's Oromia region"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Gunmen killed at least 34 Ethiopian Orthodox Christians on Thursday, 5 November 2026, in Endato village in Robe district of Ethiopia's Oromia region. The attack brought the reported death toll from three attacks on worshippers in less than three weeks to at least 94, according to local media and church authorities. Several other people were injured and property was damaged in the assault, and security personnel trying to restore order were also caught in the violence.

The latest killings followed two attacks in October in the same region. On 20 October, gunmen killed 14 Orthodox Christians in Merti district. Four days later, another attack in neighbouring Shirka district killed 46 more, according to the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church.

The church's Holy Synod condemned those killings on 26 October and called for urgent protection for worshippers.

That is how the number reached 94: 14, then 46, then 34. Seventeen days, three villages, and a death toll that kept climbing while the world looked somewhere else.

The figures are reported, not independently verified, and residents interviewed after the latest attack gave slightly different counts. One resident told Addis Standard that 35 people were buried at the church on the Thursday afternoon. Another said 36 Orthodox Christians and three Muslims had been buried at seperate locations, with one more victim dying later after being referred for medical treatment.

The same report said around 25 of those killed were members of the local kebele militia, while the others were civilians.

What is not in dispute is that the violence struck around St. Mary Church in Endato, and that families in the village buried their dead the same day. Independent investigators verified and geolocated footage showing a mass burial site near St.

Rufael's Orthodox Church in Chole, after the earlier attacks.

The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission attributed the October attacks to the Oromo Liberation Army, an armed group active in the region. Authorities later said they had arrested nearly 70 suspects in connection with the October violence. Responsibility for the 5 November killings has not been conclusively established.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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