

Three Young Eritreans Shot to Death as They try to Escape Forced Conscription

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On March 31 2010, the Eritrean armed forces raided the villages of Fode, Shidrta, Shambko, and Antore in the Gash-Barka region, and rounded up a large number of youth to be conscripted into the national service. In the midst of these massive raids, three youths who attempted to escape were shot and killed by the army in the village of Antore, sources of EPDP reported from the area.

The rest were taken away by the army to Akber Menae and Dwon military camps to start military training, where they will be subjected to indefinite and permanent service in the army under harsh conditions, including ill-treatment, abuse, deprivation of food and other fundamental rights. Conscripts in these camps continue to face a number of health problems and hunger, the report added.