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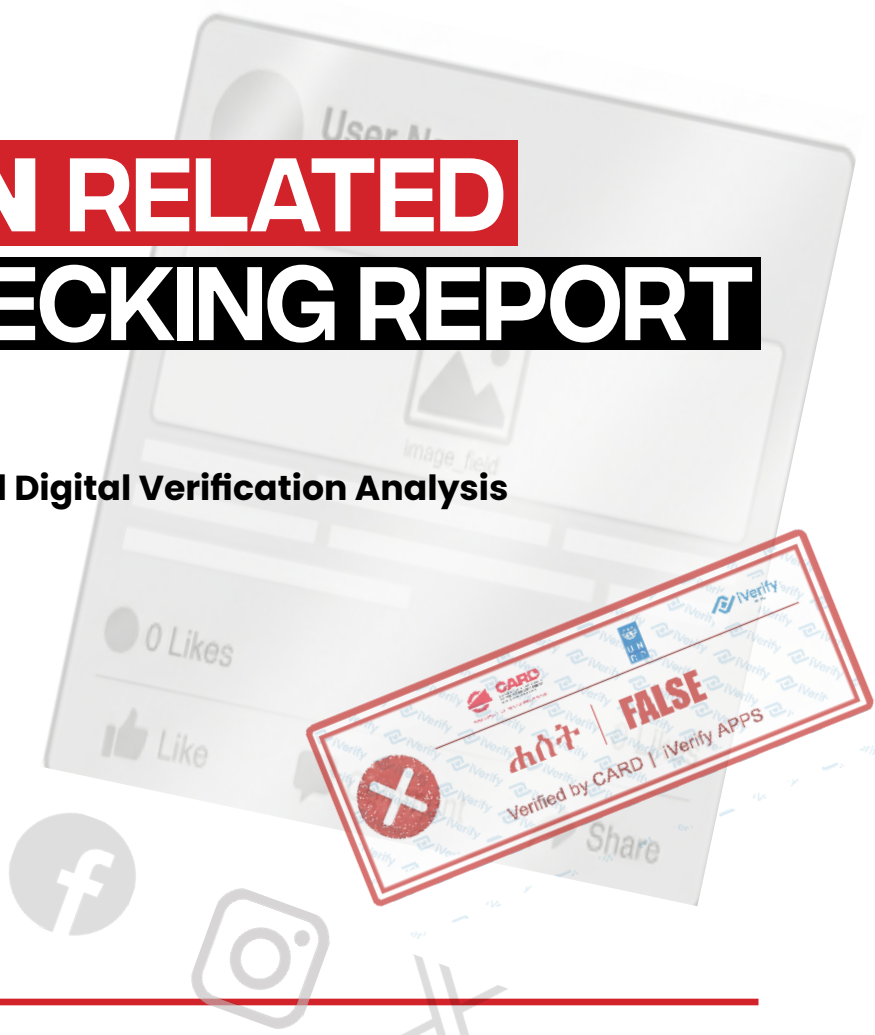
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ELECTION RELATED FACT-CHECKING REPORT

Week 5 Fact Checking and Digital Verification Analysis



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NOTE

This report contains verified findings from the investigation of misleading or false information circulated on social media platforms.

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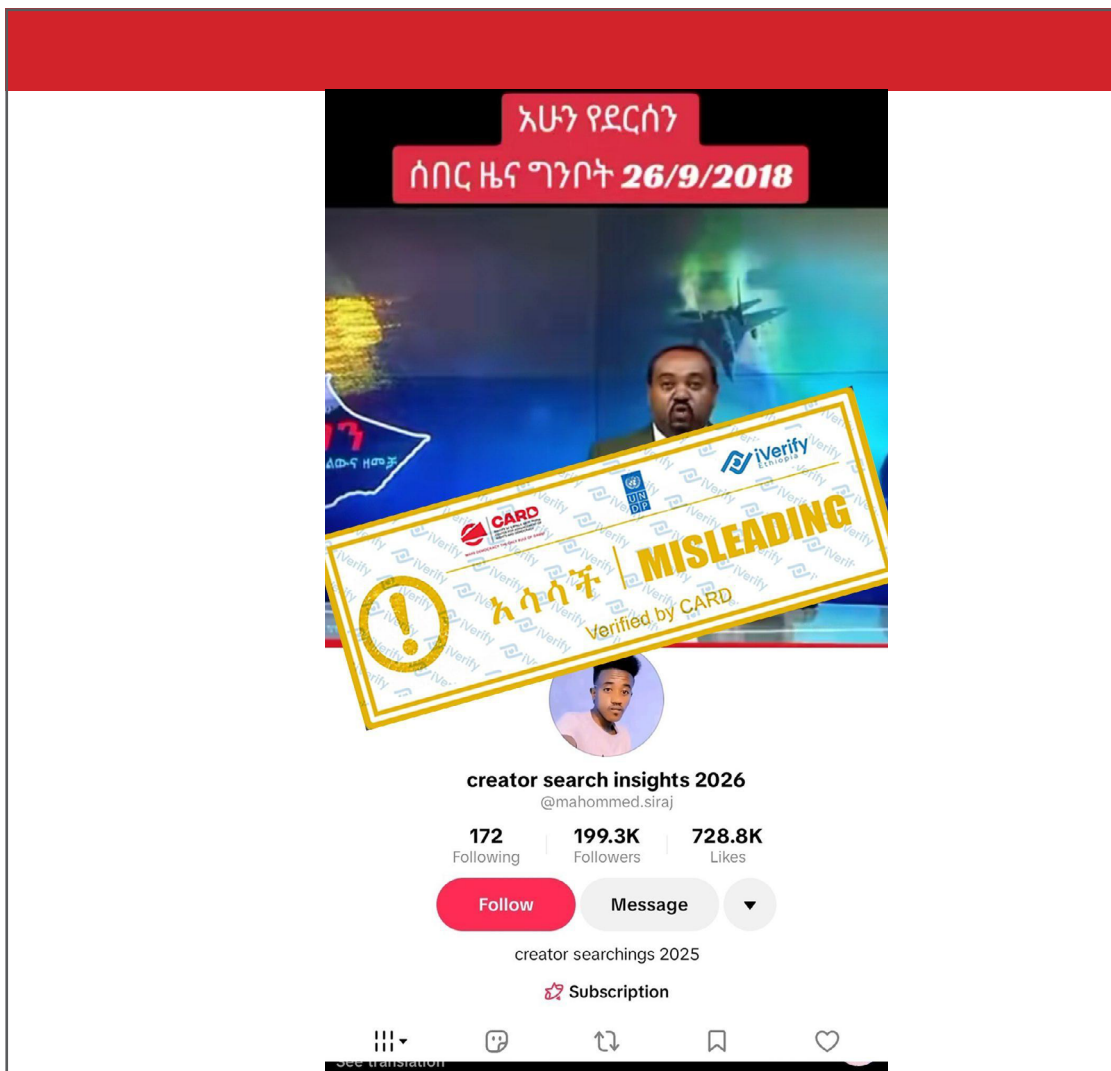
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1 MISLEADING

False Claims About the Announcement of Ethiopia's 2026 Election Results

Following the general election, a wave of misinformation has been observed on various social media platforms. Among these, a video shared by the TikTok account "[creator search insights 2026](#)" has gained significant reactions.

Since being posted on June 4, 2026, the [video](#) has been viewed with over half a million people and over 27K likes, 1,210 comments, 2,362 shares, and 3,970 saves within just one day. The account, which boasts over 199K followers, presented the video as a breaking news report announcing the election results and the nomination of the Prime Minister.



The **CARD** fact-checking team the video is a recycled and manipulated clip. It originated from [ETV news](#) broadcast aired on November 28, 2020. The broadcast featured a breaking news report regarding the Ethiopian National Defense Force taking control of essential parts of Mekelle.

Furthermore, as of June 4, 2026, the National Election Board of Ethiopia (NEBE) has not announced the final national election results yet.



A screenshot of a [tiktok video](#) posted on 4 June, 2026



A screenshot of the [original video](#) posted on 28 Nov, 2026

Verdict: Misleading

The video is fabricated and uses old news footage. NEBE has not announced the election results, making the claim false.

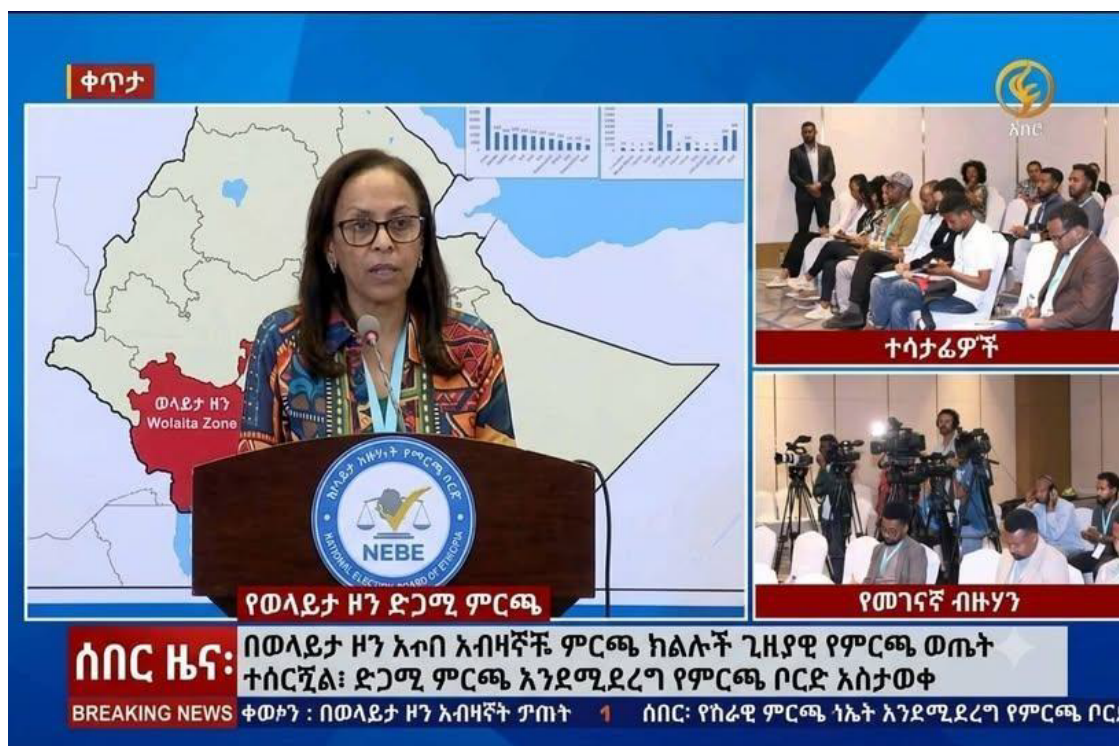
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FALSE CLAIM
**Misinformation Regarding a Re-Election
 in Wolayta Zone**

Five days have passed since the election was held, and various post-election claims and reports are circulating on social media. Some posts share results from individual polling stations, while others claim that the election results in certain constituencies have been canceled and that a re-election is expected. A Facebook page named “የህዝብ ድምጽ”, which has over 2K followers, shared a news on June 06, 2026, claiming that the National Election Board of Ethiopia (NEBE) had cancelled election results in most parts of Wolayita Zone and ordered a re-election. The post, which utilized an AI-generated image to appear authentic, gathered over 1,500 likes, 140 shares, and 150 comments.



The **CARD** Fact-Checking Team reviewed the post and found indications that the attached images were AI-generated through visual examination and verification using Google Lens. Additionally, the Amharic caption on the thumbnail displays unusual letter arrangements and irregular character patterns, further suggesting that the image was generated by AI. The team also contacted NEBE to verify the claim. The NEBE replied that it is currently receiving and verifying election results submitted from constituencies. The Board further clarified that it has not announced the cancellation of any election results or the holding of a re-election in the region mentioned in the post.



the screenshot of AI generated news image posted on 06 June, 2026

Verdict : false

Based on its review of the images and NEBE’s response, the CARD Fact-Checking Team found that the claim is false

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FALSE CLAIM
False Reports of a Re-Election Order in Gofa Electoral District No. 2

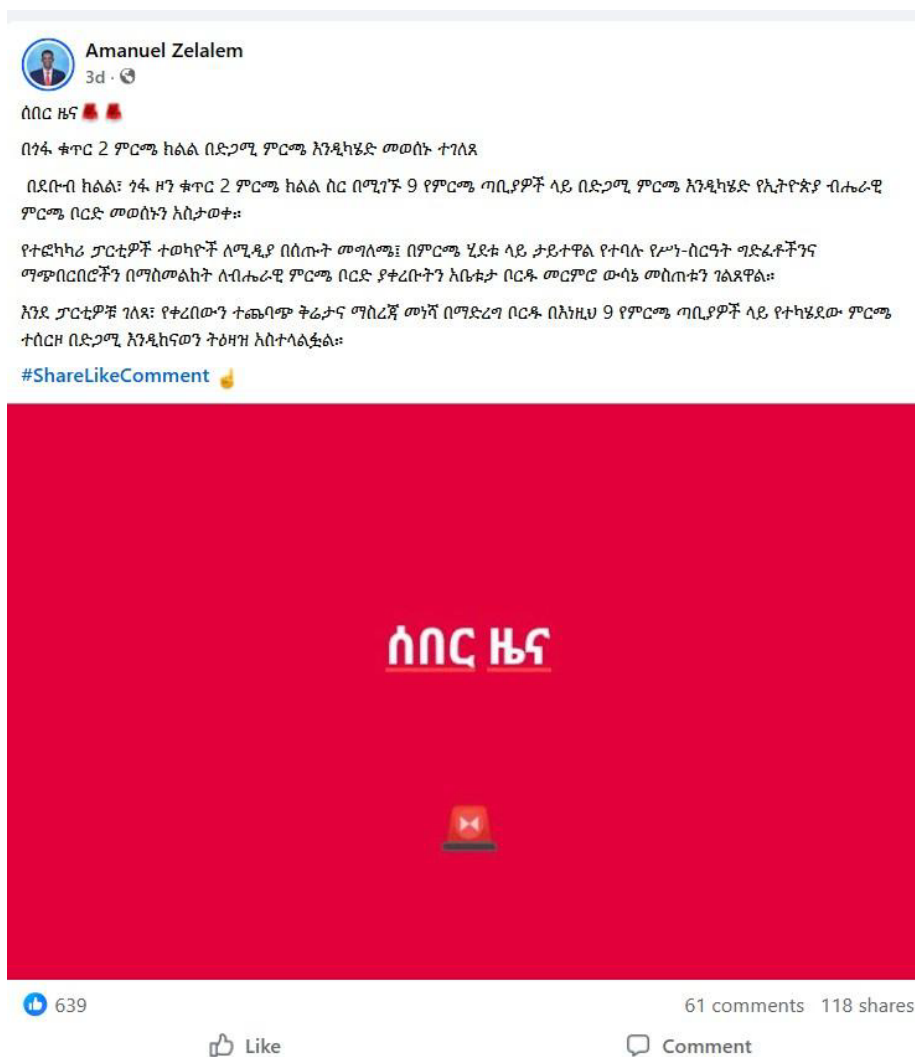
The Facebook post by the name of [Amanuel Zelalem](#) as a breaking news posted the claim by stating that “It has been announced that a re-election will be conducted in Gofa Electoral District No. 2, that the National Election Board of Ethiopia (NEBE) has decided that a re-election will be held at nine polling stations located within Gofa Electoral District No. 2 in the South Ethiopia Region.

According to statements given to the media by representatives of competing political parties, the board reviewed complaints they had submitted regarding alleged procedural irregularities and election fraud observed during the voting process and subsequently issued a decision. The parties stated that, based on the concrete complaints and evidence presented, the Board ordered the cancellation of the election results at these nine polling stations and ordered that the election be conducted again.”



To verify the claim, we directly contacted the National Election Board of Ethiopia (NEBE). In its response, the Board stated that the claim is false and clarified that it has not ordered a re-election at nine polling stations in any Gofa Electoral Districts.

The claim that NEBE canceled election results and ordered a re-election at nine polling stations in Gofa Electoral District Number-2 is not supported by the Board. According to the official information obtained from NEBE, no such decision has been made.



Screen shoot of the post by [Amanuel Zelalem](#) on June 5, 2026, which got more 568 reactions

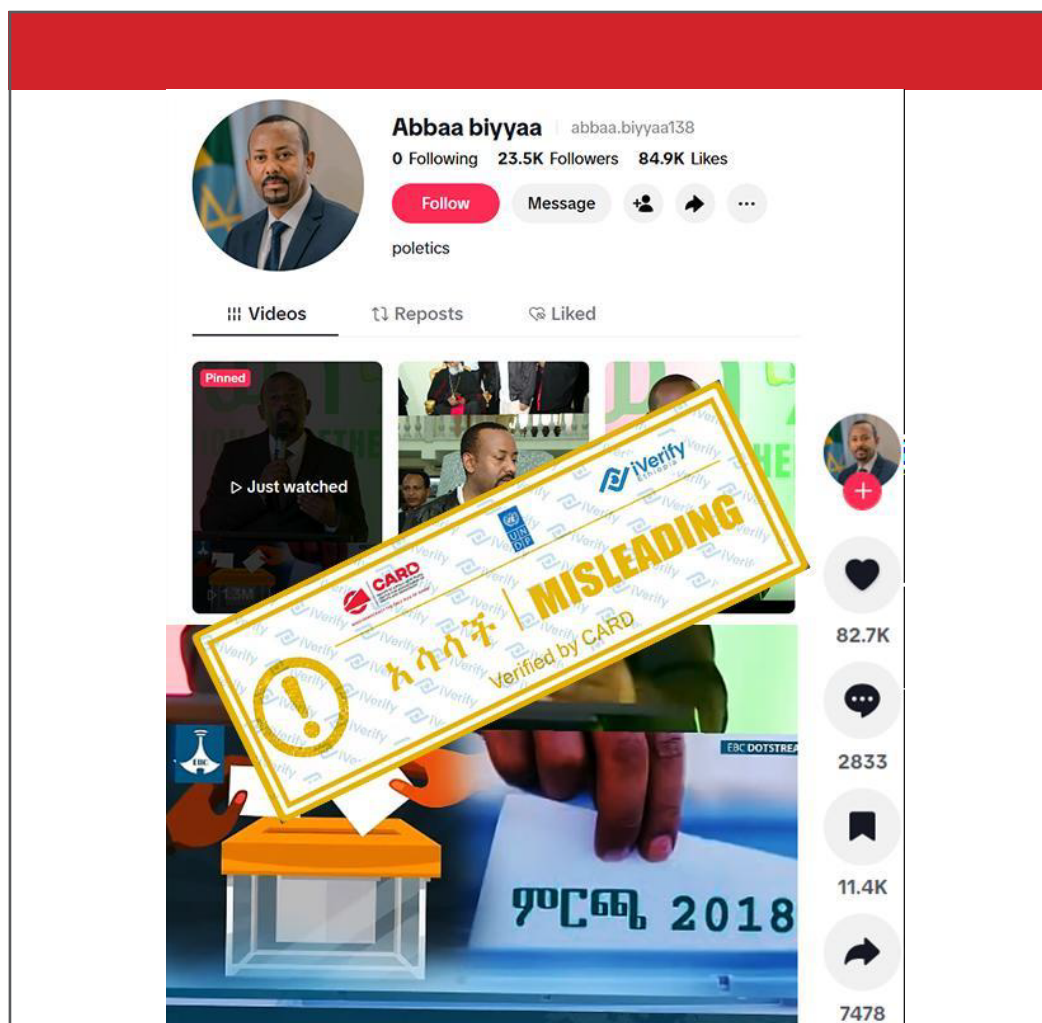
Verdict: False The claim is false. The National Election Board of Ethiopia has not assigned any re-election order at nine polling stations in Gofa Electoral Districts.

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**MISLEADING
 Misleading Use of an Old Abiy Ahmed
 Speech in Election-Related Posts**

On June 1, 2026, Ethiopia held its 7th National Election amid significant political debate and public attention across the country. Following the voting process, the National Election Board of Ethiopia had not yet officially announced the election results at the time of verification.

A TikTok account named “[Abbaa Biyyaa](#)” which has about 26.8K followers, shared a short video of Prime Minister Dr. Abiy Ahmed’s speech. [The post](#) quickly gained attention online, receiving approximately 1.5 million views, 94.8K likes, and more than 3,170 comments within two days of being shared. In the video, the Prime Minister says, “I know how I won. If God were not with me, I would not have won,” The account owner shared the video shortly after Ethiopia’s 2026 election, leading some viewers to associate the statement with the recent election.





A Screenshot from Tiktok Abbaa Biyyaa post

The **CARD** Fact-Checking Team verified the claim through online research and reverse-search techniques using RevEye. Google photo lens shows similar posts from Youtube. The team located the original video on the [Prime Minister's Office social media pages](#), where it was posted on January 17, 2022. The original video is approximately 50 minutes long and contains Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's speech at a fundraising event held as part of the #ReturnToEthiopia (#ወደሀገርቤት) initiative address to the diaspora community

The team found that the viral TikTok clip was taken from a 21-second segment of the original video (37:32-37:55). The statement, "I know how I won. If God were not with me, I would not have won," was shared separately without the full context of the speech.

Verdict: Misleading

The clip is from an older speech made on January 17, 2022, not a recent statement. It was taken from a longer speech shared by the PM's Office. Therefore, the claim is misleading.