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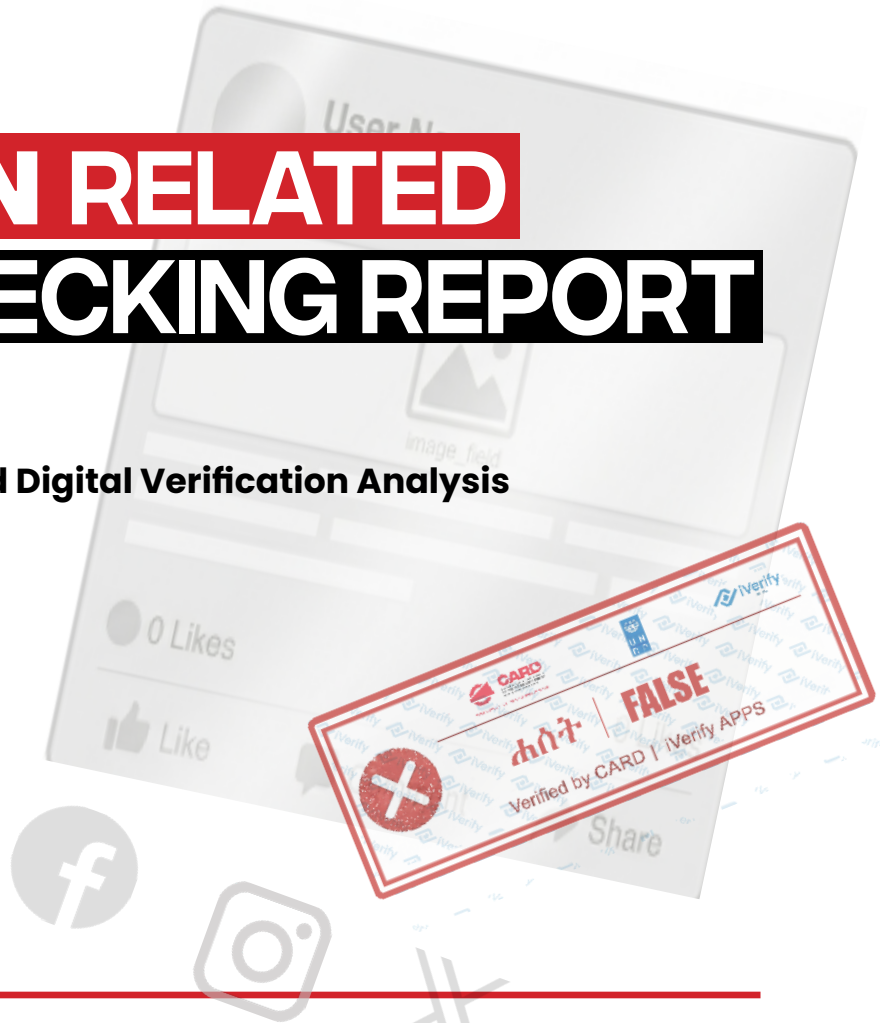
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ELECTION RELATED FACT-CHECKING REPORT

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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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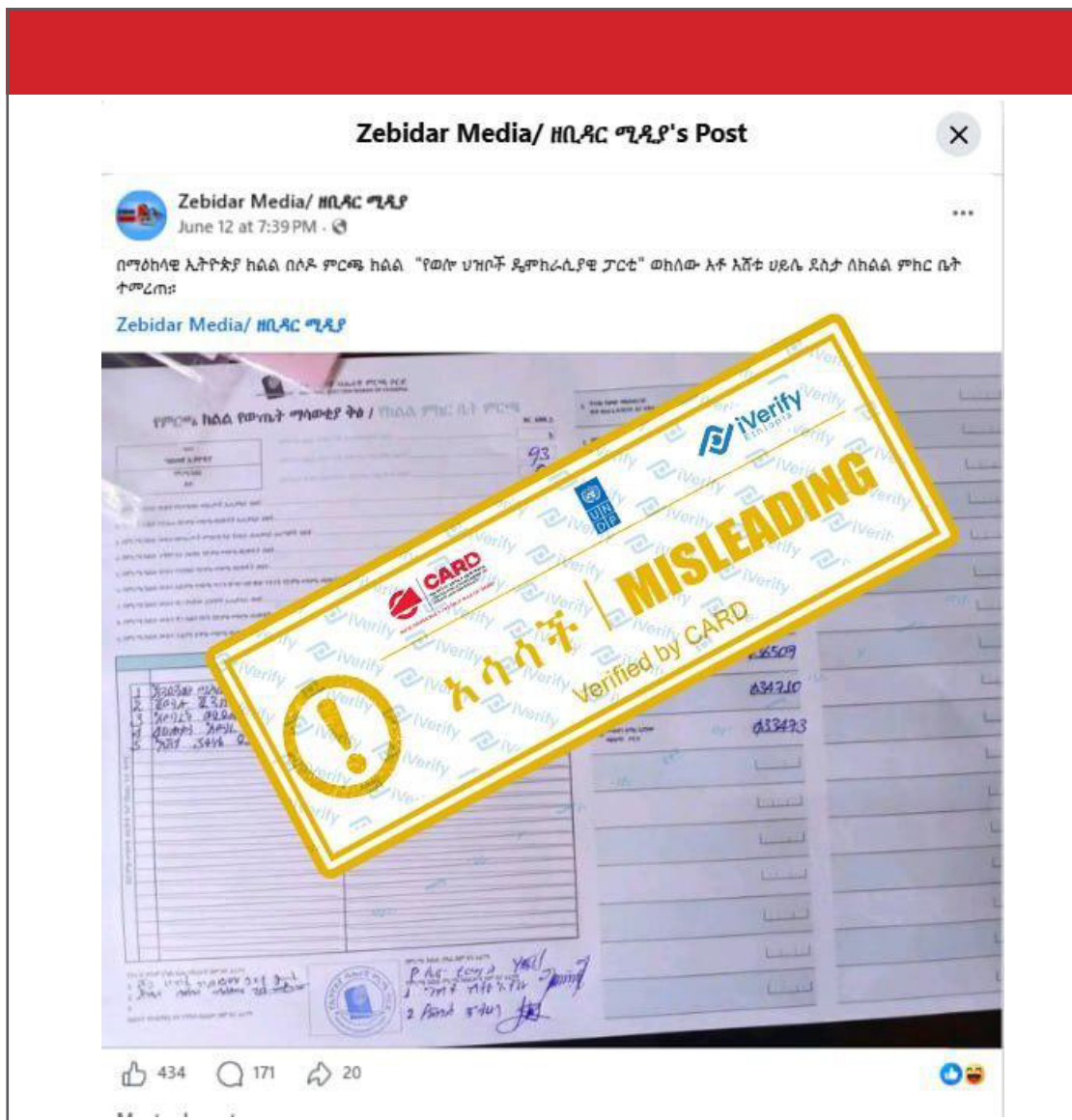
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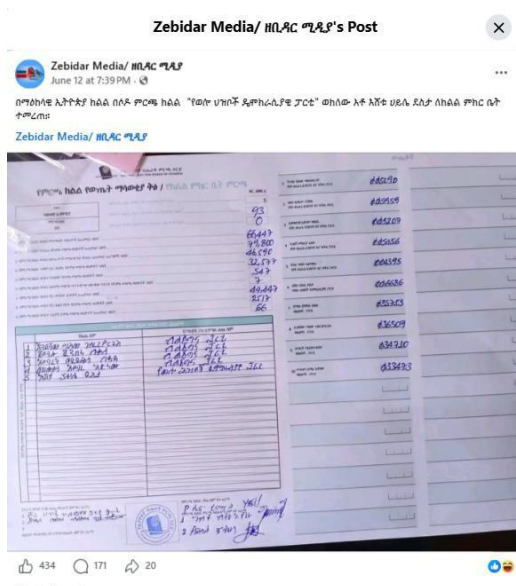
MISLEADING

False Claim About Wollo People's Democratic Party Winning a Seat in Sodo Constituency

The Central Ethiopia Regional State contains seven zones, including Gurage Zone and East Gurage Zone. During the seventh general election, several political parties competed in the area, including the Wollo People's Democratic Party, among others. This sparked questions and discussions on social media, as the Wollo People's Democratic Party is associated with the Wollo ethnic group from the northern part of Ethiopia, while the contested area is predominantly Gurage territory.



One of the claims that circulated online came from a Facebook page called [Zebidar Media/ዘቢዳር ሚዲያ](#), which has more than 60,000 followers. On June 12, 2026, the page published a post claiming that Mr. Eshetu Haile Desta had been elected to the Central Ethiopia Regional State Council from the Sodo Electoral Constituency, representing the Wollo People's Democratic Party. The post drew significant engagement, receiving more than 442 reactions.



Caption: screenshot from [Zebidar Media/ዘቢዳር ሚዲያ](#), June 12, 2026

The **CARD** Fact-Checking Team reached out to the Wollo People's Democratic Party, including Mr. Mohammed, a member of the party's central leadership in the Central Ethiopia Regional State. The party confirmed that it participated in the election in the Sodo Electoral Constituency. However, representatives stated that the party had not announced that Mr. Eshetu Haile Desta or any other candidate had won the election or secured a seat in the Regional Council. They further clarified that the party does not recognize or endorse the social media post claiming that Mr. Eshetu Haile Desta had been elected.

Mr. Mohammed also noted that, like other competing parties, the Wollo People's Democratic Party was awaiting the official election results from NEBE. At the time

of verification on June 17, 2026, NEBE had not released any official results or statement regarding the Sodo Electoral Constituency.

Verdict: Misleading

While the Wollo People's Democratic Party did compete in the Sodo Electoral Constituency, neither the party nor NEBE confirmed that Mr. Eshetu Haile Desta was elected. Presenting this as fact before official results were released is misleading

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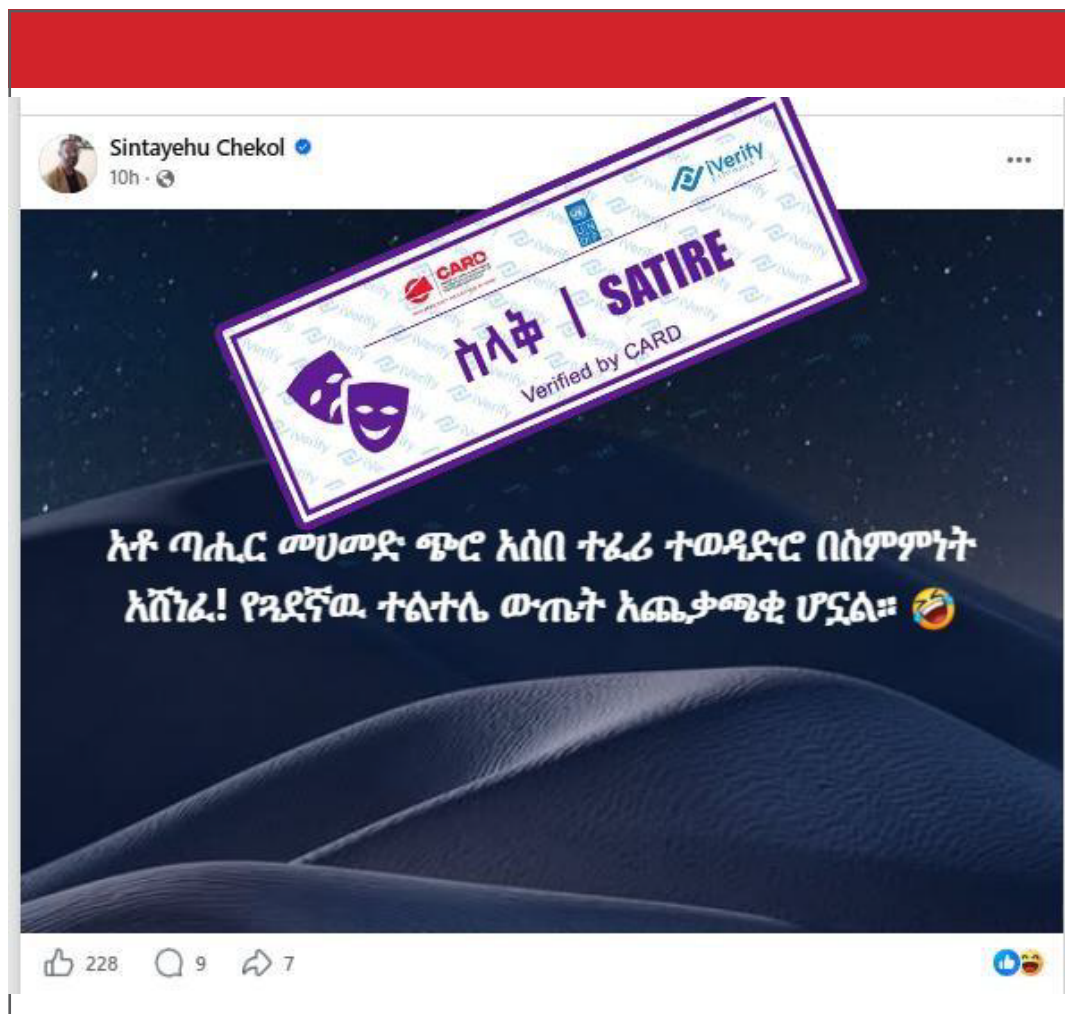
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Satirical Post Misrepresents Tahir Mohammed's Electoral Victory

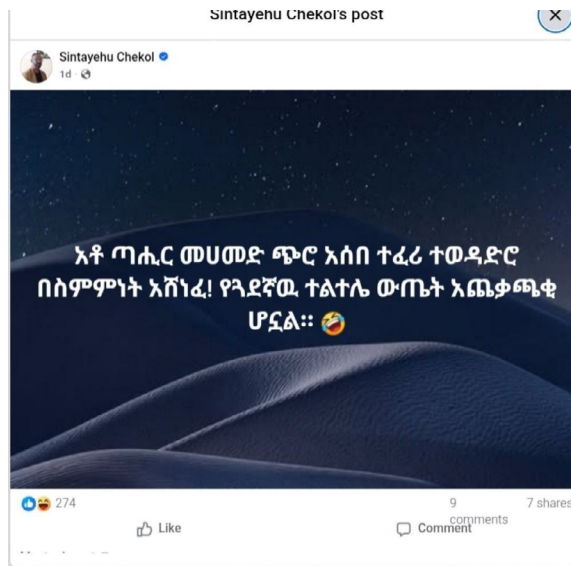
Nearly two weeks have passed since the June 1 election. Many false claims were spreading on social media in the days before and after the election, but lately fewer people are circulating claims on social media.

On June 11, 2026, a Facebook page called "[Sintayehu Chekol](#)" shared a post saying: «አቶ ጣሒር መሀመድ ጭሮ አሰበ ተፈሪ ተወዳድሮ በስምምነት አሸነፈ! የጓደኛዉ ተልተሌ ውጤት አጨቃጫቂ ሆኗል ።

» "Mr. Tahir Mohammed ran in Chiro - Asebe Teferi and won unopposed — everyone just agreed! Meanwhile, his wishy-washy friend's result is a whole mess. ". Within a few hours, the post received over 200 likes, nine comments, and seven shares.



The person behind this post is a former deputy leader of an opposition party. He had another Facebook account with over 114K followers, and we previously [debunked](#) false information he spread on election day, June 1. That account appears to have been removed. This is his new account, with nearly 5k followers and a blue badge.



a screenshot of [satiric text](#) posted on 06 June, 2026 ([archived](#))

The **CARD** Fact Check Team checked the official NEBE (National Electoral Board of Ethiopia) election results, published by [Reporter newspaper](#), and found that Mr. Tahir Mohammed of the National Movement of Amhara (NAMA) won in the Gondar Zuria 4 constituency in the Amhara region with 26,604 votes. The humor in the post comes from the fact that the Prosperity Party did not even field a candidate there, making his “win” less of a contest.

The “Chiro” districts mentioned in the post (Chiro 1, 2, and 3) are actually in the Oromia region, where the Prosperity Party won in all stations. Neither NAMA nor Mr. Tahir Mohammed took part in the Chiro election at all.

Verdict: Satire

After reviewing the post and NEBE’s official election results published by Reporter newspaper, the CARD Fact-Checking Team concludes that the post is satire, made to stir up controversy and provoke reactions.

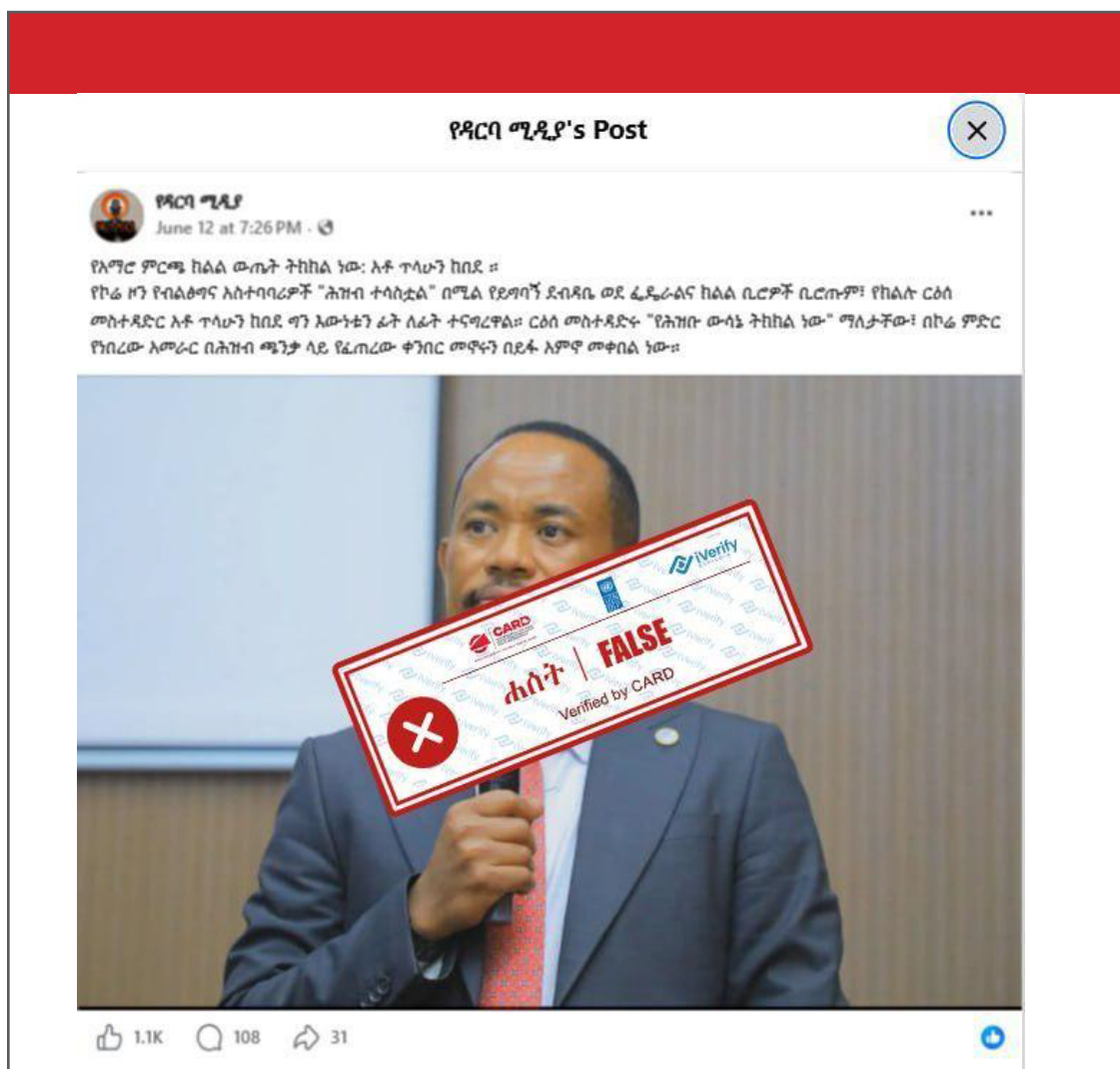
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FALSE CLAIM

Fabricated Quote Attributed to President Tilahun Kebede on Amaro Election Results

After Ethiopia's seventh national election, many claims have circulated on social media, especially in Southern Ethiopia. Some posts focus on election results and calls for a re-election, while others share quotes from speeches and present them as related to recent events.

A Facebook page called [የዳርባ ሚዲያ](#), which has more than 25,000 followers, claimed on June 12, 2026, that the President of the South Ethiopia Regional State, Mr. Tilahun Kebede, had rejected the Prosperity Party's complaint to the National Election Board and its allegations of electoral fraud in the Amaro Electoral Constituency, allegedly stating that "the people's decision in the Amaro Electoral Constituency is correct."



The **CARD** Fact-Checking Team contacted officials from the Office of the President of the South Ethiopia Regional State to check the claim. The officials said that the President had not issued any response regarding the complaint letter about the election results. They also explained that the photo of Mr. Tilahun Kebede used in the Facebook post was taken at a different meeting on an unrelated issue and was wrongly presented as evidence connected to the Amaro election results.



Caption: Screenshot of a Facebook post by “የዳርባ ሚዲያ”, June 12, 2026

Verdict: False Based on the information gathered from the President’s Office and other sources, the fact-checking team concluded that the content circulated on the Facebook page was false.

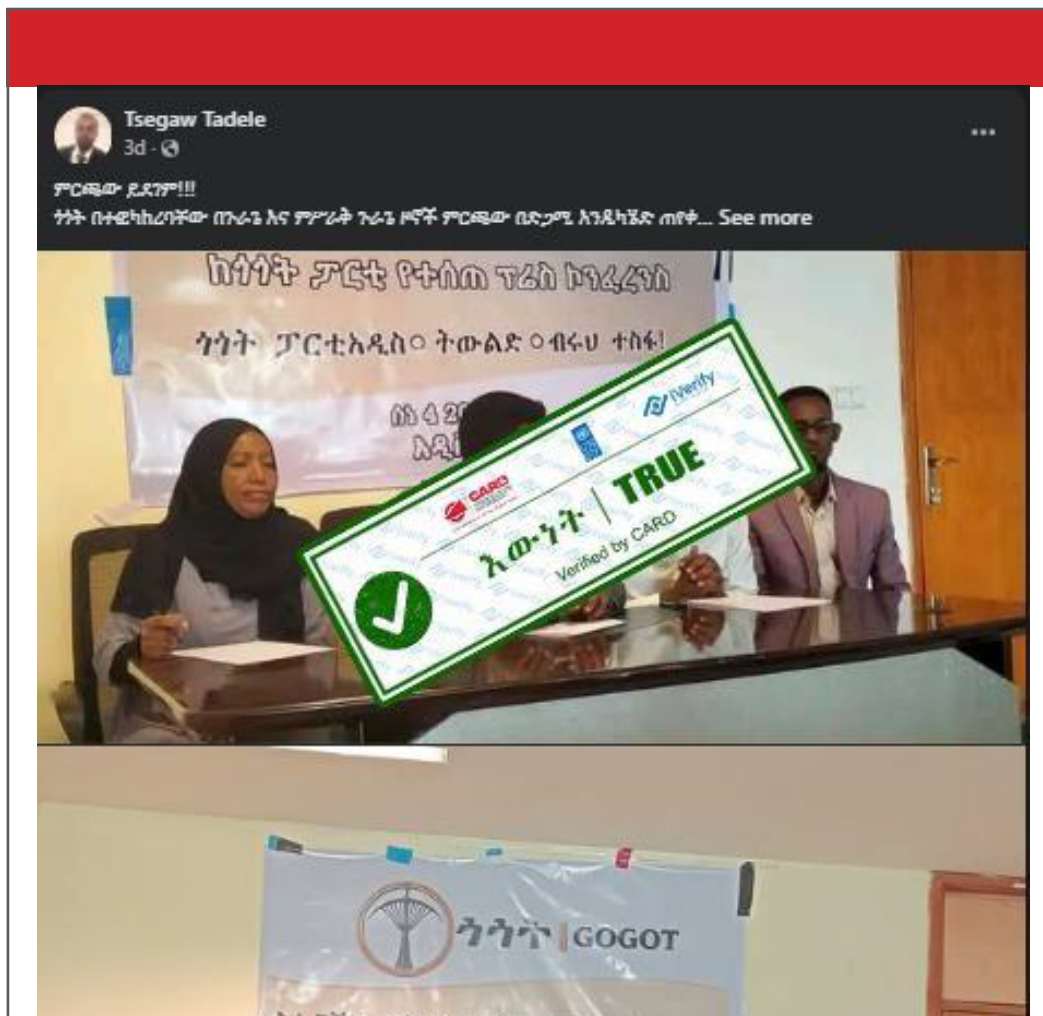
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TRUE

GOGOT Party Officially Requested Election Re-runs in Gurage and East Gurage

This week, social media users sent several claims to the CARD fact-checking team for verification. One of the claims was about the Gogot for Gurage Unity and Justice Party (GOGOT). The CARD fact-checking team found that similar posts were being widely shared on social media.

A post shared on Facebook by [Tsegaw Tadele](#) and on other social media platforms on June 12, 2026, claimed that the Gurage Unity and Justice Party (GOGOT) had asked for the election to be repeated in the Gurage and East Gurage Zones. The post said the party reported election problems, including unregistered people voting, some people voting more than once, ballot boxes being tampered with, and ballots being marked before voting. It also said that GOGOT submitted its complaints to the National Election Board of Ethiopia and requested an independent investigation and a new election.





Caption: a screenshot of [Tegaw Tadele](#) facebook page, Jun 11, 2026

After checking the claim, the CARD fact checking team reviewed information from the election board, which stated that complaints had been submitted in 120 electoral districts. The Gurage Unity and Justice Party (GOGOT) was one of the parties that filed complaints, and together with Ethiopian Citizens for Social Justice (EZEMA) and other parties, requested election reruns in some areas. To verify the claim, we reviewed statements on [GOGOT's official Facebook page](#) and spoke with a party representative by phone. The party confirmed that it had formally asked for a rerun of the election in the Gurage and East Gurage Zones, claiming that election laws and procedures were violated during the voting process.

Verdict: True

Based on information obtained from the election board and the political parties, the team confirmed that it is true that these parties submitted complaints and requested election reruns in certain constituencies.