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Situation in Tigray (per 13 July)

- Ethiopia signed an agreement with the UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS) on 12 July to rebuild infrastructure destroyed by the conflict in Tigray. The agreement is part of the \$300 million World Bank-funded project in April to assist affected communities.
- "Unops will implement the project in Tigray until the situation in Tigray improves and allows the government to implement the project through its own structures," said the statement of the Ethiopian Ministry of Finance.
- The Catholic Diocesan Secretariat in Adigrat reiterates its appeal to the international community and all parties involved to support humanitarian aid to Tigray. It asks the organisations to "give the population a voice so that they have unrestricted access to humanitarian aid [...], guaranteeing their right to a dignified and secure life".

Situation in Ethiopia (per 13 July)

- IOM released its Ethiopia Drought Response Overview 11 July. At least 1,5 million livestock died between January and June 2022, and more than 8 million people are acutely food insecure.
 - IOM says it is providing emergency shelter, water, sanitation services and primary healthcare.
 - Bloomberg reported that annual inflation rates in Ethiopia declined to 34% from 37.2% and that food price growth slowed to 38.1% down from 43.9% in May. Non-food inflation is stable at 28.4%.
 - Figures from the Central Statistics Agency of Ethiopia show that consumer price growth remains near its highest peak in at least 9.5 years. Inflationary pressures are expected to worsen even more after the government announced its intention to end fuel subsidies and announced a 38% increase in the cost of diesel last week.
 - Addis Standard reported that a delegation led by the Ethiopian Minister of Agriculture Oumer H. Oba signed an MoU with Djibouti on the use of the terminal for cattle in the Djibouti port Doraleh.
 - Addis Standard reported that a peace negotiation team that was appointed by the federal government to negotiate with the TPLF held its first meeting on 12 July. It has been named the Peace Alternative Main Committee.
 - The Committee, chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Demeke Mekonnen, looked into the government approach to the peace dialogue with the TPLF. The Committee has established subcommittees and shared responsibilities.
 - Dessie City Administration Communication Bureau says that a bomb went off at about 11:30 local time at a market in the city of Dessie in the Amhara region. The blast injured over 11 people and killed a number of domestic animals in the marketplace.
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- Federal Police announced on national media that Mitiku Kassa, the commissioner of disaster risk management, was arrested on suspicion of corruption. Police allege he has been colluding with a charity named Elshadai in selling food aid and clothing that are collected for non-existent IDPs.
- Tadesse Ayalew, deputy commissioner for the federal police, said that the police is looking for suspects Yemane Woldemariam Berhe, the owner of the Elshadai, as well as the company's deputy managers, Dr Yonas Woldetinsae Abadi and Demoz Hailu Abraham.

Situation in Eritrea (per 13 July)

- An Ethiopian patrol vehicle heading to Gondar was captured by Ethiopian security forces, say local sources. It reportedly had three Eritreans on board and was attempting to avoid checkpoints.

Regional Situation (per 13 July)

- UNICEF and WASH Cluster have released a situation report on the state of sanitation facilities in Kismayo IDP camps in Somalia. The report warns that the number of displaced people in these camps is increasing due to the drought. Sanitation services are of poor quality, which could lead to epidemics in the coming months.
- Humanitarian access to the camps has improved since the lifting of Covid-related restrictions in Somalia, but adequate facilities are still lacking, the report says.

Situation in Sudan (per 13 July)

- The UK has reiterated its concerns about the Russian private military group Wagner and its involvement in gold mining in Sudan. The UK also raises concerns about the involvement of Russian groups seeking to destabilise democratic groups and benefit from the country's instability.
- The Minister of State at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office said that UK officials already raised these concerns directly with the Sudanese military leaders on 3 March 2022.
- SPLM-N leader Malik Agar has introduced a three-step approach to end the political stalemate provoked by the military coup. This includes an agreement on different institutional powers, the choice of a prime minister leading a technocratic cabinet, and a national dialogue.
- Malik Agar announced that he would submit to the parties a document determining the powers and tasks of the institutions, and call for the formation of a legal drafting committee for a new constitutional declaration.

Links of interest

- [Ethiopia asks UN to rebuild infrastructure in Tigray](#)
- [IOM Ethiopia Drought Response Overview](#)
- [Bloomberg: Ethiopia's Inflation Rate Drops For First Time in Four Months](#)
- [Addis Standard: Ethiopia to utilize livestock terminal at Djibouti's Doraleh Port](#)
- [Addis Standard: Ruling party's peace negotiation team holds first meeting](#)
- [Addis Standard: Bomb blast in Dessie city injures more than 11 people, kills and injures animals](#)
- [EBC: Ethiopia disaster risk management chief arrested on suspicion of corruption](#)
- [Somalia WASH Cluster: Kismayo IDP Camps Situational Update](#)
- [Britain voices concern over Russian negative activities in Sudan](#)
- [Agar proposes three-step roadmap to settle Sudan's political crisis](#)

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