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Situation in Ethiopia (per 22 July)

- Ethiopian Immigration and Citizenship Service (ICS) announced last week that foreigners without a proper permit (visa/asylum paper) to register between July 18 and August 01, 2022. This includes refugees and asylum seekers, with or without papers. ICS also warned it would take measures against those that failed to do so by the date indicated.
- The registrations have started Monday this week, and are worrying to Eritrean refugees residing in the city. Multiple independent trusted sources confirm that this is happening, and EEPA was sent videos of long lines at registration points, where refugees have to fill in a registration form, then receive a proof of registration card.
- The registrations come on top of other forms of harassment confirmed by three independent, trusted sources that Eritreans are rounded up and are put in prison or are being relocated, even if they have UNHCR refugee cards or passports.
- Sources also indicate that foreigners are asked to pay 3 USD to 5 USD for every day spent in Ethiopia.
- ACAPS Humanitarian Access Overview places Ethiopia in the top 15 countries with very high humanitarian access constraints.
- EOTC Television stated that His Holiness Abune Mathias, Patriarch of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, is going abroad for medical treatment.

Regional Situation (per 22 July)

- An Ethiopian security commander said 17 people, including three civilians, were killed on the Ethiopian side in the attack by Al-Shabab militants on the Liyu police close to the Ethiopia/Somalia border on 20 July. Al-Shabab reportedly lost 63 of its fighters.
- Al-Shabab's military operations spokesman, Abdiasis Abu Musab, said they took control over the villages of Yeed and Aato. He declined to comment on the numbers of dead fighters.
- Unconfirmed reports state that Al-Shabab has entered into the Somali region of Ethiopia.
- Fighting reportedly continued on 21 July. Somali Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre said he had ordered security agencies to respond quickly and provide humanitarian aid. He also called on the AU to join forces to combat terrorism.

Situation in Eritrea (per 22 July)

- ACAPS Humanitarian Access Overview places Eritrea in the top 4 countries with extreme humanitarian access constraints. The analysis is based on the first 6 months of 2022.

- The Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights (RWCHR), together with an international coalition of NGOs, filed a complaint to the UN on behalf of Eritrean-Swedish Dawit Isaak and colleagues, the longest detained journalists in the world. It calls on the Eritrean government to answer for human rights violations against them and to release them immediately.
- “Dawit Isaak has not only been held incommunicado for more than 20 years [...] – deprived of any human contact – but he has, in effect, been a forcibly disappeared person. Dawit is the case study of the global assault on media freedom [...],” says RWCHR Founder and International Chair.

Situation in Sudan (per 22 July)

- A protester was shot dead by Sudanese security forces during an anti-coup demonstration in Omdurman on 21 July. The authorities allegedly fired live ammunition to disperse the crowd. Sources indicated the protester, Abu Bakr Mutasim Ismail, was young and that he died of a gunshot wound to the chest.
- He is the 115th protester killed during anti-coup protests, according to the Central Committee of Sudanese Doctors.
- The World Bank announces that it will provide \$100 million in cash and nutrition transfers to the most vulnerable families in Sudan through the WFP. It had suspended its family support programme following the military coup in October 2021.
- The programme will be fully implemented by WFP and will focus on women, children, elderly and disabled people, says the WB.

International Situation (per 22 July)

- Addis Standard reports that Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will visit several African countries. He will reportedly be in Ethiopia on 26 and 27 July.

Situation in Tigray (per 22 July)

- The parents of Letesenbet Gidey, World champion at the 2022 Oregon World Athletics Championships, appeared on Tigray TV and said they could not speak to or see her for the last two years because of the complete blackout in Tigray. Even though they heard about her victory late, they commended their daughter through the media.
- An opinion article on Institute of Development Studies warns that the ongoing siege on Tigray prevents inputs such as seeds and fertilisers from reaching Tigray farmers.

Links of interest

- [Somalia's al Shabaab group makes rare attack near Ethiopia border](#)
- [World Athletics Champion, Letesenbet Gidey, couldn't even celebrate her victory with loved ones](#)
- [Eritrean refugees in Addis Ababa concerned as they are informed to register at local authorities](#)
- [Tigray Liberation Front Picks its Representative to the Talks with the Government](#)
- [Another protester killed by security forces in Sudan's Omdurman](#)
- [Humanitarian Access Overview](#)
- [RWCHR files complaint to UN working group on arbitrary detention on behalf of Dawit Isaak and World Bank to launch \\$100m-cash-assistance programme for vulnerable Sudanese](#)
- [#ASDailyScoop: Lavrov set for Africa tour ahead of Russia-Africa summit Tigrayan farmers need urgent help to face a war-induced famine](#)

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