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Situation in Tigray (per 12 September)

- The Government of Tigray issued a statement on 11 September, Ethiopian New Year, announcing its readiness to participate in an African Union-led peace process and to abide by an immediate and mutually agreed cessation of hostilities.
- The statement said that Tigray expects a credible AU-led peace process that includes mutually acceptable mediators, international observers to oversee the implementation of commitments and international experts to provide advice.
- The Government of Tigray also said a comprehensive negotiated ceasefire and an all-inclusive political dialogue should follow after the cessation of hostilities.
- The statement indicated that Tigray has established a negotiating team ready to be deployed without delay.
- The Government of Tigray has assigned two key negotiators to lead the negotiation team and represent Tigray in future negotiations. They are Getachaw Reda, the Tigrayan government spokesperson and advisor to the President of Tigray, and General Tsadkan Gebretensae, the former ENDF chief of staff now serving with the TDF's central military command.
- In a joint statement, three Tigray opposition political parties urged the international community to use every possible means to stop the joint military campaign against Tigray by the Ethiopian and Eritrean forces.
- They also said the call by the US for the TDF to withdraw from areas they have captured without calling for reciprocity by Ethiopian forces to leave Western Tigray is outrageous and unacceptable.

International Situation (per 12 September)

- Josep Borrell, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, welcomed Tigray government's call for immediate cessation of hostilities and its readiness to participate in an AU-led peace process.
- He said that "this opportunity should be seized by all now and the EU is ready to support".
- The UN Secretary-General has also welcomed the announcement by the Government of Tigray of its readiness to abide by an immediate cessation of hostilities and to peacefully resolve the conflict.
- US Secretary of State, Antony J. Blinken issued a statement on the occasion of the Ethiopian New Year, reiterating US support for the peace process. He also recognises the work of the AU in bringing the parties to talks.

- The Chairperson of the AU Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat, welcomed the Government of Tigray's commitment for a peaceful resolution of the conflict and its willingness to participate in an AU-led peace process.
- The Chairperson said the announcement made by Tigray is a "unique opportunity" to restore peace and urged both parties to work towards an immediate ceasefire and engage in direct talks.
- The Executive Secretary of IGAD welcomed the willingness of the parties to the conflict in Ethiopia to resume the peace process, under the auspices of the AU.
- The statement recognises the efforts made by both the Ethiopian federal government and the regional government of Tigray, and encourages further mutual trust. It reiterates IGAD's support, which remains available to assist all parties.
- US President Joe Biden has extended the Executive Order "imposing sanctions on certain persons with respect to the humanitarian and human rights crisis in Ethiopia." The Executive Order was originally set to expire on 17 September 2022.
- Although the names of sanctioned officials have not been made public, the Executive Order explains that the sanctions extend to individuals and representatives from the various parties to the conflict responsible for human rights abuses.

Regional Situation (per 12 September)

- Thousands of resident doctors in 30 public hospitals in Sudan began a three-day strike on 11 September, to protest against delayed salaries and lack of a secure environment.
- The doctors say they feel affected by the growing insecurity in the country and repeated attacks by patients' families or security forces.
- ACAPS, a non-profit project specialised in humanitarian needs analysis and assessment, published a briefing note on floods in Sudan, reporting that the risk of flash floods will persist until 13 September. Floods have killed 112 people and affected more than 278,500 people across the country up to 5 September since the rainy season started in June.
- ACAPS also recalls that obstacles to providing humanitarian assistance persist, particularly since the military coup in Sudan.

Links of interest

[Twitter: The Government of Tigray's Stance on a Peaceful Resolution of the Current Conflict](#)

[Twitter: joint press release by Tigray opposition political parties on current affairs](#)

[Twitter: The government of Tigray is prepared to participate in a robust peace process under the AU welcomes the call by the Government of Tigray for peaceful resolution of the Ethiopian conflict](#)

[Twitter: Josep Borrell](#)

[Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General on Ethiopia](#)

[Sudanese doctors begin strike over salary, insecurity](#)

[On the Occasion of the Ethiopian New Year](#)

[ACAPS Briefing Note - Sudan: Floods, 09 September 2022](#)

[News: Biden extends sanctions on unnamed officials connected to humanitarian, human rights crisis in IGAD Welcomes Ethiopia Parties Commitment to Ceasefire and Mediation](#)

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