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### Situation in Tigray (per 04 October)

- According to Getachew Reda, spokesperson for the Tigray government, Ethiopian and Eritrean drones attacked Adi Daero in Tigray today, 4 October, targeting internally displaced persons from western Tigray. Getachew stated that “[d]ozens of children and elderly [were] killed & many more wounded.”
- A source in the Eritrean airforce told Eritrean opposition news source Radio Erena that Eritrea’s MiG-29 fighter jets have performed at least four sorties in one week over Tigray, reports Léonard Vincent in an article for RFI. This is the first time this year that the Eritrean planes have operated in Ethiopia.
- According to analyst Rashid Abdi, Ethiopia and Eritrea are creating a unified command post in Asmara to more efficiently continue the campaign against Tigray and better coordinate ground and air operations. (unconfirmed)
- Ayder Comprehensive Specialised Hospital in Mekelle says it is unable to perform basic laboratory services such as haemoglobin level measuring.
- The hospital said that it has not received any kind of laboratory reagents or other essential medical supplies for more than 16 months.
- According to the BBC, hospital staff in Tigray have not been paid in 17 months.
- An open letter from Tigray opposition parties to the Chairperson of the UN International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia (ICHREE) calls for further action on the ongoing humanitarian crimes committed against the people of Tigray.
- The opposition parties urge the ICHREE to refrain from involving the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) in its future work.

### Situation in Ethiopia (per 04 October)

- The Ethiopian Federal Prosecutor has filed charges against journalists Gobeze Sisay and Meaza Mohammed and activist Asaye Deribe, accusing them of spreading false rumours and disclosing the location of Ethiopian armed forces to “the enemy of the public”, says the *Addis Standard*.
- On 3 October, the Security and Intelligence Joint Task Force of Ethiopia announced that they had arrested 166 individuals suspected of plotting violence during the Meskel-Demera and the Irreechaa festivals.

### Situation in Eritrea (per 04 October)

- Radio Erena reports that Eritrea has redoubled efforts to conscript soldiers and started a blood donation campaign for its soldiers.

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## Regional Situation (per 04 October)

- Somalia's President, Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, condemns the Al-Shabab bombings, calling security forces to stay alert as Mohamud states defeated militants plan attacks in urban areas.
- Kenyan President William Ruto and US Secretary of State Antony Blinken met on 3 October to discuss the fertiliser crisis in Ethiopia and the ongoing conflict in Tigray, says *The Star*.
- The UNHCR says the number of monkeypox cases in two of Sudanese refugee camps has reached 120 people as of 28 September.

## International Situation (per 04 October)

- According to the US State Department, Mike Hammer, Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, will be travelling to Kenya, South Africa and Ethiopia between 3 and 18 October.
- The Special envoy returns to the region for the second time in a month in the hope of achieving a cessation of hostilities in northern Ethiopia and supporting the launch of the AU led peace talks.
- Hammer will meet Kenyan officials and national and international partners involved in the peacebuilding process and the facilitation of humanitarian aid delivery.
- Cameron Hudson, a senior fellow at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, told *The National* that the situation in northern Ethiopia is the worst it has ever been.
- Hudson said: "We are hearing reports of hundreds of thousands of troops being mobilised and tens of thousands of battlefield deaths on both sides besides this the dire humanitarian situation in Tigray that has 90% of the people listed as food insecure."
- He also questioned whether the US were genuinely working hard at the conflict's resolution.
- According to Ethiopian media *Fanabc*, Ethiopian and Indian delegations held talks on 3 October, and are reportedly seeking to intensify their bilateral relations in the domain of civil aviation, defence, science and technology, education and agriculture.

## Links of interest

[Twitter: Ayder Comprehensive Specialized Hospital](#)

[Newsday - Hospital in Tigray running on empty](#)

[Twitter: Analyst Rashid Abdi](#)

[Twitter: Open Letter from Tigray opposition parties to the Chairperson of ICHREE](#)

[Éthiopie: l'aviation érythréenne entre en action dans le Tigré](#)

[Twitter: Getachew K Reda "#AbiyAhmed & #Isaias' air forces conducted a horrific drone attack](#)

[News: Fed. prosecutor presses multiple charges against journalists](#)

[Police arrests 166 terrorists suspected of plotted violence inciting on public holidays](#)

[UNHCR Northern Ethiopia situation 28 September 2022](#)

[Ruto, Blinken hold talks on fertilizer, Ethiopia conflict](#)

[Amidst deteriorating humanitarian situation in South Sudan, violence against civilians and humanitarian workers rises](#)

[Special Envoy for the Horn of Africa, Mike Hammer, travels to Kenya, South Africa and Ethiopia](#)

[US envoy returns to Ethiopia as situation in Tigray worsens: The National](#)

[Ethiopia, India agree to augment entire spectrum of bilateral relations](#)

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