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Peace negotiations (per 22 November)

- The Tigray National Regional Council, the legislative branch of Tigray - the regional Parliament as per the Constitution of Ethiopia, calls for the withdrawal of Eritrean and Amhara forces from Tigray in order to implement the Cessation of Hostilities agreement (CoH), says *Dimtsi Weyane*.
- The Council demands the resettlement of internally displaced people, the restoration of basic services and the supply of humanitarian aid to Tigray.

Situation in Tigray (per 22 November)

- A report by a local organisation in Adigrat finds that the city hosts over 142.000 IDPs. Services such as shelter and water are limited. The number of IDPs create serious problems for the host communities.
- The report identified that Eastern Zone Social Affairs Office stated that IDPs are entering every day from the nearby areas of Gulomekeda, Zalambessa, Erob, and Ganta-Afeshum.
- Additionally, IDPs are arriving from the Central and North Western zones of Tigray. Some had returned to their places of origin, but then returned to Adigrat as a result of new fighting erupting.
- The report said that in Adigrat 33 people died and 14 were injured during early November 2022 as a result of shelling attacks.
- According to the organisation, people in Adigrat received food support only once in 2022, which was 15-kilogram wheat per person.
- The report states that the lack of medicines also contributes to high death rates.
- Eritrean troops are located 7 kilometres north of Adigrat, and people are concerned about the security situation. They fear possible arbitrary killing and looting, should Eritrean troops enter the city.
- The Regional Government of Tigray accused the Eritrean government of mobilising new forces for a renewed offensive in the region.
- The International Committee of the Red Cross Ethiopia reported that six aid trucks transporting food and medical supplies arrived in Mekelle on 20 November.
- Medical supplies were distributed last week to nine health facilities in and around the city, says ICRC.
- Ayder Hospital in Mekelle warns of the absence of tuberculosis treatment in Tigray.
- The absence of material required for detection coupled with conditions of limited hygiene and constant proximity, such as in IDP camps, are increasing the spread of the disease.
- Ayder Hospital warns of the increased risk of drug-resistant tuberculosis developing, especially due to patients being forced to interrupt treatment due to limited drug availability or other circumstances.

Situation in Ethiopia (per 22 November)

- Violent conflicts, drought and floods have increased humanitarian needs in Ethiopia by 11% in the first half of 2022, says OCHA in a report published on 21 November.

- According to the report, shortage of funding and access impediments are the main challenges that limited the delivery of humanitarian assistance in the affected areas.
- OCHA adjusted its estimate of people in need of food aid in Ethiopia to 22.6 million, up from 20.4 million in the beginning of 2022.
- OCHA reports that so far only 39% of the funding goals for 2022 have been met. 3.85 billion USD is required, according to the Ethiopia Humanitarian Response Plan 2022.
- The European Union is providing 33 million euros to UNICEF and World Food Programme in Ethiopia for the restoration of education services in conflict-affected areas.
- Conflicts have fully or partly destroyed more than 8500 schools in ten regions in Ethiopia. 1500 schools in Northern Ethiopia are non-functional, states Addis Standard.

Regional Situation (per 22 November)

- Ethiopia and Sudan agreed to collaborate on the fight against terrorism and transboundary crimes, reports the *Ethiopian Herald*.
- Temesgen Tiruneh, Ethiopia's National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) Director and Ahmed Ibrahim, Director of Sudan's General of Intelligence Service (GIS), signed a memorandum of understanding regarding information sharing in Addis Ababa.
- The *Ethiopian Herald* also reported that on 20 November, PM Abiy Ahmed received a Sudanese delegation led by Lt General Ibrahim Gaber, Transitional Sovereign Council member of Sudan.
- Kenya reports that an Al Shabaab member entered a military base in the lower Juba region of Somalia, killing 3 Kenyan peacekeepers and wounding 5.

International Situation (per 22 November)

- Michael Rubin, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute and former Pentagon official, accuses the White House of being a "paper tiger" when it comes to preventing and stopping genocides.
- He adds that US President Biden's focus on diplomatic approaches without significant deterrence leads to a "greenlight" to genocide. "In effect, Tigray experiences today what Rwanda's Tutsis would have been had the Hutu *génocidaires* won," he states.
- *Catholic News Service* reports that demonstrations took place in Washington DC, demanding that Eritrean Bishop Fikremariam Hagos Tsalm be set free.
- Bishop Fikremariam was arrested on 15 October; he is currently held captive without cause in Adi Abeto prison Eritrea, together with Fr Mhrtab Stefanos, and a priest identified as Capuchin Abbot Abraham.

Links of interest

[The regional council of Tigray supports the peace deal, demands the withdrawal of non- ENDF force](#)
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