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#### Situation in Sudan (per 14 June)

- Attacks on civilians based on ethnic identity may amount to war crimes if proven to be confirmed, said UN Sudan Envoy Volker Perthes on the deteriorating security situation in Sudan.
- Large scale attacks on ethnic communities in El Geneina have been reported by many sources in the past weeks. Attacks are reportedly committed by the Arab Militias and Rapid Support Forces (RSF).
- Clashes between SAF and RSF are reported inside the market of Nyala, South Darfur.
- The US is reconsidering its steps in the Sudan peace negotiations, said an anonymous US official. This comes as a reaction to many failed ceasefires brokered by the US and Saudi Arabia in the past weeks.
- The warring sides are not taking advantage of the offered peace efforts, according to the US official. The concrete announcement of the new approach is expected to come in the next few days, after the US will have consulted on their approach with Saudi Arabia and African countries.
- Rape survivors in Khartoum face acute lack of medication and access to post-rape kits.
- Victims are using social media to exchange information on the availability of the medication and resources. Many women have access only to traditional herbal medication and remedies.
- About 5,000 post-rape kits were delivered to Port Sudan but due to ongoing fighting they were not transferred to Khartoum. Local warehouses storing rape-kits in the capital were looted.
- 179,333 displaced people arrived in the eastern parts of the Nuba Mountains in South Kordofan between 2 and 5 May to seek refuge.
- Authorities of South Kordofan do not allow buses with internally displaced people to reach Kadugli, capital of the region, reportedly stopping them in the city of Delling at the Khor Abu Habal checkpoint. Authorities claim it is due to security reasons.
- Abdel Fatah Al-Burhan, chief of Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), is not ready to meet with his opponent Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo (Hemedti), chief of RSF, confirmed a Sudanese government official.
- Statement comes as a reaction to the initiative of IGAD to organise a face-to-face negotiation meeting with both generals.
- Premises of the Sudanese Organization for Research and Development (SORD) have been looted and damaged. It resulted in the loss of much equipment, in addition to a new vehicle.
- Obtaining accurate medical data is increasingly problematic in conflict areas in Sudan, said WHO Health Cluster.

## **Refugee Situation (per 14 June)**

- 134 refugees, including Ethiopians, Eritreans, and Sudanese, were evacuated from Libya to Rwanda on Monday.
- More than 45,600 people arrived from Sudan to Ethiopia's Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, and Gambella regions, most of them through the Metema border crossing, as of 12 June.



- 110 million people around the world have been forcibly displaced from their homes, said Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner for Refugees.
- New record maximum has increased mostly due to the ongoing conflict in Sudan and Ukraine.

#### Situation in Ethiopia (per 14 June)

- Economic loss and costs of the war in Tigray amount to over US\$28.7 billion, confirmed the Ethiopian Ministry of Finance. Post-war reconstruction of infrastructure is estimated to cost US\$20 billion.
- Calculations were carried out through a study in collaboration with Ethiopian Universities. The results of the study were delivered in a consultation forum in Addis Ababa with the presence of Ethiopia's development partners and UN agencies.

#### Situation in Tigray (per 14 June)

- The ongoing hunger and food crisis is increasingly getting worse across many cities in Tigray. 327 internally displaced persons, including 32 children, have died of hunger since signing the Cessation of Hostilities agreement, said IDP camp coordinators.
- 670 children are reportedly in critical condition in Samar district about 40 km from Mekelle.
- 32 newborns have died due to lack of nutrition and medicine in the Seharti Samre district.

#### **Regional Situation (per 14 June)**

- Al-Shabaab has been increasingly active in Kenya's Garissa, Wajir and Mandera counties. Eight officers were killed in a landmine attack on their car on Tuesday.

#### **International Situation (per 14 June)**

- A pledging conference in response to humanitarian needs in Sudan will be held on 19 June. The conference is jointly led by Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Egypt, Germany, EU and the UN.
- The UN Secretary General expressed great concern about the situation in Darfur, Sudan. He reminded all parties of their obligation to protect civilians.
- The European Parliament will vote on a joint resolution on the humanitarian situation in Sudan with a particular focus on the children trapped and killed in fighting. The vote is scheduled on 15 June.
- Six political groups in the European Parliament have submitted additional motions on Sudan to be voted on tomorrow. Various motions, including the one from the largest political groups, S&D, call on the EU to consider targeted sanctions on Burhan, Hemedti and others.
- The Greens call on the EU to stop cooperation with "Sudanese border authorities through the Khartoum Process" as they warn this increases the ability of the military to oppress people.

## Links of interest

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