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Situation in Sudan (per 5 June)

- An aid convoy delivering essential supplies to North Darfur was attacked on Monday night, resulting in the deaths of five humanitarian workers and injuring many others. The killed humanitarian staff were working for World Food Programme (WFP) and UNICEF as contractors.
- WFP, UNICEF and the broader international community condemned the assault and called for unimpeded delivery of humanitarian aid and protection of humanitarian workers.
- An airstrike by the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) on a market in Al-Koma Locality, North Darfur, on Sunday resulted in the deaths of dozens of civilians and left many more injured. The exact number of casualties is not yet known.
- SAF has "used unguided air-dropped bombs on residential and commercial neighborhoods in Nyala, South Darfur in early February", indiscriminately killing and injuring many civilians, reports Human Rights Watch (HRW) after analysing witness interviews and satellite imagery.
- Residents of Wadi Halfa in Northern State have staged protests demanding an end to the recent power cuts which have disrupted water supply and forced local businesses to close.
- Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo (Hemedti), head of Rapid Support Forces (RSF), has refused to engage in further negotiations in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, and intends to escalate military actions instead. His announcement coincides with intensified fighting in West Kordofan, where the RSF has gained ground.
- Hemedti has threatened attacks on key locations while asserting that the SAF must withdraw from contested areas before any talks can resume.
- Twenty children died due to malnutrition in Tawila, North Darfur, between April and May, with a further 500 children and pregnant women suffering from malnutrition in the area, according to the Displaced Persons and Refugee Coordination spokesperson.

Situation in South Sudan (per 5 June)

- South Sudan's President Salva Kiir has removed Warrap State Governor Lt. Gen. Magok Magok amid recurring violence in the region, and appointed Bol Wek Agoth as his successor. Magok was in the Governor's office for only three months and no official reason for his removal was given yet.
- Airstrikes by the South Sudan People's Defense Forces, supported by the Ugandan military, resumed on Monday forcing residents in Fangak County, Jonglei State, to flee. Local sources report that though the bombings targeted opposition forces, the civilian population has been affected.

Situation in Ethiopia (per 5 June)

- The Ethiopian federal government claims it has regained control over nearly all districts in the Amhara region, with only two of the 265 woredas remaining outside government authority, according to Ethiopia's Minister of Peace, Mohammed Endris.
- Fano forces dispute these claims stating that they have maintained control over larger parts of Amhara.
- Flooding from Lake Turkana and the Omo River in South Ethiopia which began on 2 June affected multiple kebeles around Omorate town displacing over 8,000 people in the Dasenech district.

- The Ethiopian cabinet approved a 31% budget increase for a new fiscal year 2025/2026 starting in July bringing the total budget to nearly 2 trillion Ethiopian birr (about 12.8 billion EUR).
- The budget, which still needs to be approved by the parliament, aims to enhance national security, boost production, and assist those affected by disasters.

Situation in Eritrea (per 5 June)

- The human rights situation in Eritrea remains critical with ongoing indefinite national service, states Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker, UN Special Rapporteur on Eritrea, in his annual report to the UN Human Rights Council (HRC).
- The Rapporteur highlighted systematic arbitrary detention and enforced disappearances, absence of accountability, restriction of freedom of conscience, religion or belief as well as repression of civic space.
- The report further talks about ongoing violations by the Eritrean Defence Forces in areas of Tigray including "extrajudicial killings, arbitrary detention, sexual and gender-based violence, kidnappings, forced displacement of civilians".
- The Report will be discussed during the fifty-ninth session of the HRC scheduled for 16 June–11 July.

Regional & International Situation (per 5 June)

- The US president, Donald Trump, has signed an executive order, reviving his first-term travel ban, restricting entry to people from 12 countries including Eritrea, Sudan, Somalia and Libya, citing the need "to protect the national security and national interest of the United States and its people".
- An Ethiopian delegation travelled to Port Sudan and met with Sudanese counterparts delivering a message from Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed to the head of SAF, Lt Gen Abdelfattah Al-Burhan.
- The Ethiopian delegation included the Director General of the National Intelligence and Security Service Redwan Hussein, and Advisor on PM's East African Affairs, Getachew Reda.

Refugee and Migration Situation (per 5 June)

- More than 4 million people have fled Sudan since the onset of the civil war in April 2023, with more than 800,000 crossing into Chad and with about 290,000 refugees remaining stranded at the border areas. The UN called for funding which requires \$553.7 million to provide adequate assistance to refugees.
- More than 165,000 people were forced to leave their homes in the past three months due to escalating violence in South Sudan, states the UNHCR. About 100,000 refugees crossed to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Sudan and Uganda seeking refuge.
- A Berlin court has ruled that Germany must follow the EU's Dublin procedure when rejecting asylum seekers at the border, stating that such rejections are unlawful unless the proper legal steps are taken.
- This decision poses a challenge to Chancellor Friedrich Merz's new migration policy, which had allowed police to turn back irregular migrants, and stems from a case involving three Somali nationals who were sent back to Poland despite expressing their intention to seek asylum in Germany.

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