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Situation in Sudan (per 27 November)

- The Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and allied Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) have reportedly been forcibly recruiting men in the Nuba mountains, South Kordofan.
- 70 gunmen are reported to have kidnapped hundreds of men in Tibsa village on Saturday, killing one who resisted, releasing some after ransom payments, and transporting the remaining persons to the frontline in Moreib.
- Atrocities committed by the RSF against civilians in El Fasher constitute "war crimes and may also constitute other crimes under international law," said Amnesty International, citing mass killings, including children and elderly, as well as widespread sexual violence.
- Satellite imagery reveals ongoing body disposals, as well as no detectable market activity in 7 key market areas of El Fasher, North Darfur, since the RSF captured the city on 26 October, according to a new report of Humanitarian Research Lab and Yale School of Public Health.
- Over 106,000 people have been displaced from El Fasher as of 24 November, with an estimated 260,000 residing in the city before it was captured, reports IOM.
- A Ministry of Health staff member was killed outside the Zalingei hospital in Central Darfur last week, reports Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), calling on the RSF to protect health workers and health facilities.

Situation in Ethiopia (per 27 November)

- Over 40 civilians including children have reportedly been killed in door-to-door attacks in Bakuji Kebele of Bulen Woreda, Benishangul-Gumuz, with most of the residents having fled the town, said witnesses to Addis Standard.
- Residents attribute the attack to the Oromo Liberation Army militants referred to as "Shene". Neither Benishangul Gumuz nor Federal authorities have commented on the attack.
- At least 3 Orthodox Christians have been killed and 3 others were kidnapped in an attack in Arsi, Oromia region, with "Shene militants" accused as perpetrators on Saturday.
- 121 unlawfully detained persons were released in the Somali region, confirmed the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission, urging other regions to follow this example.
- Former State Minister Taye Dendea is facing three additional charges based on statements he made in a recent interview, including, spreading propaganda for Fano and Shene militias, spreading false information against the Ethiopian National Defense Force, and undermining the government.
- The National Election Board of Ethiopia has announced the allocation of 10 billion Birr, aiming to ensure free, fair and credible elections scheduled for June 2026.

Regional & International Situation (per 27 November)

- The US envoy for Africa, Massad Boulos, urged the RSF and SAF to accept the humanitarian truce as presented to them by the 'Quad' consisting of the US, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Egypt, on Tuesday. The truce proposal has not yet been released publicly.

- The SAF leader Abdel Fattah al-Burhan had stated earlier that the proposal is unacceptable due to the involvement of UAE, whereas the RSF announced a unilateral ceasefire on Monday, though it was followed by attacks on Babanusa in West Kordofan on Tuesday.
- South Sudanese President Salva Kiir has sacked the undersecretary of the petroleum ministry, Deng Lual Wol, marking the fourth time the position has been reassigned in under two months, without providing further explanation.
- The African Union and the European Union have agreed on increased multilateral collaboration on among others 'illegal' migration, human trafficking, trade, and green investments, at their 7th AU-EU summit in Luanda, Angola on Tuesday.
- Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held talks with US military General Dagvin Anderson on the Red Sea access, and security cooperation, with the US official having allegedly stated that "if Ethiopia gains access to the Red Sea, it will contribute more significantly to the peace of the region".
- The Federal Government of Somalia declared a drought emergency, calling for international assistance as four consecutive failed rainy seasons have left 130,000 people in the Puntland region alone in immediate, life-threatening need.

Refugee and Migration Situation (per 27 November)

- The lawyers of alleged Eritrean human trafficker Tewelde Goitom "Walid" have pleaded for his acquittal, on the grounds of lacking jurisdiction under the Dutch law, lack of evidence for the charges, and the suspect having a different identity than accused 'Walid'.
- The prosecutor replied to the plea stating that all of the evidence has been substantiated adding that the defense misrepresented the arguments. The verdict is expected to be delivered on 27 January 2026.
- Alleged trafficker 'Kidane' is expected to testify in court upon extradition from the UAE to the Netherlands.
- The Libyan Humanitarian Foundation has announced the launch of a relief program to assist Sudanese refugees in the south-east Kufra district, Libya, including delivery of urgent material and medical aid, and support for voluntary returns.
- The rights of Sudanese children fleeing the war are being systematically violated on a large scale, and the European Union is complicit, concludes a new report by Save the Children.
- The responsibility of closing deals with third countries functioning as 'return hubs' lies with the EU member states rather than the European Commission, stated the EU commissioner for migration Magnus Brunner.

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