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### Situation in Tigray (per 10 June)

- VOA visited the western Tigray region in what it described as a “tightly controlled visit”. VOA stated that the Ethiopian government denied mass detentions of Tigrayans and the existence of mass graves.
- The chief medical director of Ayder Comprehensive Specialised Hospital, Dr. Kibrom Gebreselassie, said on Twitter that 32 people have died in just 12 days due to lack of oxygen, antibiotics, fuel and anaesthesia drugs. “Eleven of them were neonates,” he said.
- Patients with chronic illnesses suffer as the siege endures in Tigray. “What comes next is death, where could you possibly go, there is no medication anywhere. There is nothing in public or private pharmacies. I have been following up on my condition in this hospital for 6 years, they said they can no longer give me my medication. My only option is to go home and die,” says one patient.
- Daniel Mebrahtu, a pharmacist in St. Mary Hospital, and G/Meskel G/Egziabher, general director of the hospital said: “Many have died from diseases that are easy to prevent. People who could have been easily cared for die on our watch.”
- They added that: “Many die at home because it is pointless to come to a hospital. There is no anti-pain, antibiotics, or food for patients. There is no IV fluid either, and there are times when babies are born without gloves. Almost 4 million people in Tigray need medical attention, many of whom are unlikely to get the care they need if the world remains silent.”

### Situation in Ethiopia (per 10 June)

- According to state media, Fana Broadcasting Corporate (FBC), Ethiopia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesperson, Ambassador Dina Mufti, said that further United Nations investigations into alleged human rights violations is unacceptable.
- Amb. Dina also said the Ethiopian government is ready to implement recommendations made by the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission and the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- He added unrestricted access to humanitarian aid has been strengthened, national consultation is underway and peace efforts are being strengthened. He also accused the TPLF of not responding positively to peace efforts and preparing for another war.
- Addis Standard reported that the Federal High Court of Ethiopia has overruled a decision by judges at the Federal first instant court allowing the release of three journalists on 10,000 birr bail each.
- On 7 June the Federal first instant court allowed the release on bail for journalists Solomon Shumye, founder and host at the YouTube based “Gebeyanu” media; Meaza Mohammed, founder and host at the YouTube based “Roha Media”; and Temesgen Desalegn, founder and managing editor of the Amharic weekly “Fitih’ magazine.

- The decision came following a police appeal against the ruling by the Federal first instance court and the Federal high court ruled to revoke the bail and has granted the police 8 more days to continue investigating the three journalists.
- The government of Somaliland said Ethiopia no longer holds a 19 percent stake in the Port of Berbera in Somaliland.
- "Ethiopia failed to meet the conditions needed to acquire the stakes before the deadline. So it has no stake now, but it needs to be noted that ownership does not matter," said Saad Ali Shire, Minister of Finance of Somaliland.
- An agreement was signed between Ethiopia, Dubai based port operator DP world and the Somaliland Port authority in 2017/18 to acquire the 19% stake in the Port of Berbera. The deal was for DP world to hold a 51% stake, Somaliland 30% and Ethiopia the remaining 19%.
- The International Organization for Migration (IOM) said on 9 June that 150 Ethiopian migrants are flying to Addis Ababa for the first time ever on a Voluntary Humanitarian Return (VHR) flight from Yemen's conflict-affected Ma'rib province.
- This is the first of several flights that the UN migration agency has planned for around 900 Ethiopians to flee from Yemen in the coming month.
- "Migrants stranded in Ma'rib are living in fear," said Christa Rottensteiner, IOM Yemen Chief.
- IOM stated an estimated 4,500 migrants stranded in Ma'rib have been unable to cross dangerous frontlines to reach their destination, or are held by smugglers against their will for prolonged periods. Some have been seeking a way to safely leave Yemen for two years.

### **Situation in Eritrea (per 10 June)**

- FRONTLINE's May 2021 documentary titled "Escaping Eritrea" was given the George Foster Peabody Award on 9 June in the Peabody's News category.
- The documentary undercover investigation inside Eritrea spotlights the voices of Eritrean refugees and citizens who have endured severe human rights abuses.
- Next week on 13 June, the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights will present his new report in Geneva.

### **Regional Situation (per 10 June)**

- According to Sudan Tribune (ST), the World Bank has approved USD 129 million for South Sudan to expand access to economic and livelihood opportunities.

### **Links of interest**

[Ethiopia Denies Tigrayan Detentions, Mass Graves during Tightly Controlled Visit](#)  
[Twitter: 32 people died in 12 days due to lack of medical supplies in Ayder hospital](#)  
[Twitter: Patients with chronic illnesses suffer as the siege tightens on tightens: Tigray TV](#)  
[Federal High Court disallows bail for three journalists](#)  
[Twitter: Ethiopia loses 19 percent stake of Berbera Port](#)  
[Ethiopia takes 19 percent stake in DP World Berbera Port](#)  
[Migrants depart on first ever flight from conflict-affected Yemen's Ma'rib: IOM](#)  
['Escaping Eritrea' wins FRONTLINE's Second Peabody Award of 2022](#)  
['Escaping Eritrea': A documentary by FRONTLINE](#)  
[World Bank approves \\$129 million to boost women and youth in South Sudan](#)

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