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Regional Situation (per 27 June)

- Al Jazeera says the Ethiopian military has allegedly executed seven Sudanese soldiers and a civilian who were held prisoners.
- In a statement, the Sudanese military accused the Ethiopian army of displaying the bodies of those executed to the public and noted that there would be “an appropriate response”. “This treacherous act will not pass without a response,” said the Sudanese military.
- Unconfirmed reports state that heavy clashes are ongoing on the Ethiopia-Sudan border in relation to the accusation.
- Dabanga reports that the Darfur Bar Association (DBA) has reported the presence of Russian mercenaries from Wagner in South Darfur.
- DBA states that it has documented the presence of Wagner mercenaries since last year and that they are involved in attacks on gold miners close to the border with the Central African Republic.
- DBA says it has heard testimony from relatives in South Darfur of persons killed by Wagner mercenaries.

Situation in Tigray (per 27 June)

- Reported that Raya-Kobo zone administrator confirmed that fighting is going on in and near Kobo between Tigray Defence Forces and FANO fighters.
- FANO fighters are under the command of the Eastern Gojjam commander of FANO who is said to be “under control” of the Ethiopian National Defence Forces (ENDF).
- Accordingly, it would follow that the Ethiopian government is using FANO as irregular fighters while maintaining to the international community that it is honouring the humanitarian truce.
- Tigray opposition parties have published a press release indicating that they would like to be included in an all-inclusive negotiation process on behalf of Tigray to resolve the war.
- “Despite our repeated calls to address the issue, the international community appears to have chosen to engage with the TPLF alone in its overtures until now,” they say.
- The three opposition parties had less than 2% of the vote in the elections held in Tigray in 2020.
- According to state-owned newspaper, Ethiopian Herald, the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC) says humanitarian assistance has been delivered to 5.2 million people in Tigray since the declaration of the humanitarian truce.
- NDRMC’s Commissioner Mitiku Kassa said that the Ethiopian government has delivered 135,164 metric tons of food and 16,883 metric tons of non-food items from July 2021 to 17 June 2022 into Tigray.

- The Commissioner also said 2.4 billion Ethiopian Birr has been transported to the Tigray region by aid agencies to provide humanitarian assistance, warehouse rent and make other payments.

Situation in Ethiopia (per 27 June)

- Ethiopia and the World Bank (WB) signed a financing agreement amounting to USD 715 million.
- USD 600 million - of which USD 400 million in the form of credit and USD 200 million in the form of grant - will be used for the implementation of the Food Systems Resilience Program (FSRP).
- The remaining USD 115 million will be given in the form of a grant for the implementation of de-risking, inclusion and value enhancement of pastoral economies in the Horn of Africa.
- According to the International Crisis Group last week, a total of USD 2.7 billion is in the pipeline for Ethiopia in 2022.
- According to the Ethiopian Reporter, South Sudanese militants have seized control of a gold mining site in South-western Ethiopia, 170 km within Ethiopian border. The militants have been in control of the mine for a month and have been engaged in gold mining, states the report.
- Addis Standard says an opposition party, National Movement of Amhara (NaMA) has requested the Speaker of the Ethiopian Parliament to call on Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed to appear in Parliament and explain why his government is “unable to stop the ongoing genocide against the people of Amhara, and why it has not been able to provide adequate support to the victims in Western Oromia”.
- NaMA has also asked Parliament “to discuss the genocide in Tole Kebele and neighbouring kebeles and take appropriate action on the matter.”
- On 21 June, four members of NaMA walked out of an ongoing parliamentary session in protest against the Speaker's refusal to include the killing in Western Oromia as an agenda item.
- In a statement, the opposition party has accused the Speaker of mishandling the request from its members of parliament and said the Speaker has violated the Parliament bylaws [by saying] ‘we will not discuss issues that are not on the agenda.’
- According to an unconfirmed report from two functionaries of the Ghimbi zonal administration in the Oromia region, the administration was instructed to leave Ghimbi and to withdraw the local security militia from there.
- Some journalists say this indicates some involvement of government security forces in the recent massacre as it follows a pattern seen before.
- According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Ethiopian authorities, around 562 Ethiopian migrants who are stranded in Malawi wish to return home.
- A study by the EU-IOM Joint Initiative revealed that the ‘Southern Migration Route’ is found to be fraught with significant protection risks and “migrants were exposed to violence, exploitation and abuse, both in transit countries and at destination.”

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