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Regional Situation (per 1 July)

- Reuters reported Sudanese medics state at least eight protesters were shot dead on Thursday, as large crowds took to the streets despite heavy security and a communications blackout.
- Six were shot dead in Omdurman, one in Khartoum and another child in Bahri brought the number of protesters killed since the coup to 111.
- Witnesses told Reuters that security forces were firing tear gas and water cannons as they tried to prevent people from reaching the presidential palace.
- Protesters carried banners calling for justice for those killed in previous demonstrations. Persons were quoted shouting: "Burhan, Burhan, back to the barracks and hand over your companies."
- "Either we get to the presidential palace and remove Burhan or we won't return home," said a 21-year-old female student protesting in Bahri.
- Reuters added that employees of two private telecom companies say authorities ordered them to shut down the internet on Thursday.
- Phone calls within Sudan were also cut, and security forces closed bridges over the Nile linking Khartoum, Omdurman and Bahri, to limit the movement of marchers.

Situation in Tigray (per 1 July)

- The DG of World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom, says over 6 million people in the Tigray region are sealed off. Thousands of Tigrayans who live in other parts of Ethiopia, including children and women, have been detained inhumanely in concentration camps because of their identity.
- "This must stop. Humanitarian aid must be allowed in immediately," said Tedros on Twitter.
- Vatican News reported that the first truck in months from the organisation "Jugend Eine Welt" was able to enter Tigray.
- The organisation commented that buying food locally is becoming increasingly difficult, and that the population is on their own, with many children malnourished.

Situation in Ethiopia (per 1 July)

- Addis Standard reports that Bahir Dar City Administration Security Council, in the capital of Amhara region, has imposed a curfew on the movement of three-wheeled vehicles widely used in the city.
- The measures were taken "to ensure public peace and security," according to the Security Council, after tensions in the city between authorities in the city and protesting university students.
- The university students were protesting against the killing of people in an Amhara community in Tole, West Wollega zone of the Oromia regional state, which happened on 18 June, says Addis Standard.

- Among other things, the Bahir-Dar police reported that grenades had been used in four places within the city.
- The police stated that they have arrested 6 suspects, as well as 14 others linked to them; they are currently being investigated.
- The head of the Communication Affairs Bureau of Amhara region, Gizachew Muluneh, says that recent “law enforcement” operations were registering progress “to strengthen internal unity and protect against foreign enemies” in the region.
- The World Bank (WB) has approved \$180 million in financing to help Ethiopia improve access to basic services, expand livelihood opportunities, and enhance environmental management for refugees and their host communities, Addis Standard reported.
- WB says the fund will benefit approximately 2.5 million people in Ethiopia, of whom one-third are refugees and at least 50% are women.

International Situation (per 1 July)

- US and EU diplomats urged Sudan ahead of Thursday's demonstration to refrain from using violence against pro-democracy protests. However, at least eight deaths were counted.
- According to Sudan Tribune, US Assistant Secretary of State for Africa Molly Phee spoke with General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and urged that violence not be used against protesters supporting the restoration of a civilian government.
- In a joint statement, four Congressmen called on the Sudanese coup leaders to cede power to the civilian government and respect the rights of freedom of expression and peaceful protest.
- “We urge Sudanese security forces to refrain from using violence to suppress peaceful protests and to respect the rights of the Sudanese people to advocate for change without fear of reprisal,” reads the joint statement.
- They also urged the US and its allies to impose individual, targeted sanctions on security force leaders responsible for gross violations of human rights or public corruption.
- In yesterday's speech in the UN Human Rights Council, the chair of the International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia asked the world not to forget about Ethiopia.
- “The ongoing spread of violence, fuelled by hate speech and incitement to ethnic-based and gender-based violence, are early-warning indicators of further atrocity crimes against innocent civilians, especially women and children who are more vulnerable,” stated the chair, Kaari Betty Murungi.

Links of interest

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[Äthiopien: Lockerung der Blockade in Tigray-Region](#)

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[WB approves \\$180m to step-up support for refugees, host communities in Ethiopia](#)

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