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## Situation in Ethiopia (per 28 July)

- The Guardian has collected several testimonies of victims who criticise the UN for failing to protect Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia.
- Eritrean refugees accuse Ethiopian government security officials of abuses, illegal detention and forced displacement while they are under UN protection.
- A British citizen born in Eritrea says that In early July 2022, Ethiopian police in Addis Ababa stopped a tourist bus and rounded up all the Tigrinya-speaking Eritreans on board, whether they were refugees with UNHCR passports or foreign passports.
- National Security Advisor Redwan Hussien says a meeting was held with special envoys and ambassadors from different countries, in which the federal government stated it is ready to negotiate at any time with the Tigrayan forces.
- At the same time, online rumours circulate that the first face-to-face talk, possibly in Nairobi, could be postponed because of Kenyan elections.
- Kenya and Ethiopia have signed a contract that will allow Kenya to buy cheap hydroelectric power from Ethiopia. The Kenya Electricity Transmission Company says the 631 km transmission line is under construction and expected to be completed in the coming months.
- The WFP is sending truckloads of food to three different woredas in Amhara: Abergele, Tsagbji, and Ziqwala. These deliveries of food are the first in over a year, and are necessary to save lives lost due to malnutrition, says WFP.
- The Burji Special District Agriculture Office, in the South of Ethiopia, reported that of the 85,696 hectares of land cultivated during this year's crop year, 53,490 hectares failed due to lack of rain. The local government in Burji said that, since the crops have failed, farmers are suffering from hunger and need emergency assistance.
- The deputy director of the Ethiopian Blood and Tissue Bank, Habtamu Taye, says it is currently experiencing a blood shortage and is calling on donors to step in.
- According to Taye, the shortage can cause serious problems in case of emergencies. 11 temporary blood collection sites are in place in all sub-cities of the capital.

## Situation in Tigray (per 28 July)

- The President of the Ethiopian Athletics Federation requests the Ethiopian government to "open the road to Tigray and return the basic infrastructures so that these athletes from Tigray can meet their families and also meet our athletes in Tigray to prepare for the upcoming competition." She called on the authorities of Tigray and Ethiopia to work together to make this possible.

- The Ethiopian athletics team that competed in the 2022 World Athletics Championships in Oregon, USA, and just returned to Addis Ababa.
- TV5Monde made a short documentary on the situation in the town of Zalambessa, in Tigray. The journalists film the daily life of its inhabitants, who have taken up arms to protect themselves.

### International Situation (per 28 July)

- Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has concluded his tour in Africa. He says that Moscow fully supports Ethiopia's effort in terms of political stabilisation, denouncing the "US hegemony" and involvement in Africa.
- Sergey Lavrov congratulates African countries that are trying to define their own future and move towards what he calls a multipolar world.
- Ethiopian Foreign Minister Demeke Mekonnen says his country is grateful for "Russia's unwavering support in helping us in safeguarding Ethiopia's sovereignty".
- The US announces that it will provide an additional \$488 million in emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia. The statement comes after the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission appealed for aid to respond to the worsening drought.
- The money will be distributed by USAID and other US partners. It will provide Emergency food and water assistance, support for farmers to prevent crop and livestock losses, build resilience, and protect women and children from gender-based violence.
- The US will have its first meeting with African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) countries since it announced it was ending AGOA privileges for three countries, including Ethiopia, in January 2022. The meeting will take place in December 2022.
- Oregon State Police, in the US, report five men from Eritrea missing after participating in the World Athletics Championships. The Police believe the athletes are using the international tournament to seek asylum.

### Situation in Sudan (per 28 July)

- The World Bank announced a \$100 million contribution to the WFP in Sudan to help provide humanitarian cash and assistance.
- The contribution will feed into the Sudan Emergency Safety Nets Project, which aims to help over 2 million people in dire need.

### Links of interest

- [Ethiopian Athletics Federation President Commander Athlete Derartu on Ethiopia News](#)
- [Eritrean refugees say they are being arbitrarily detained in Ethiopian camps](#)
- [United States Provides More than \\$488 Million in Humanitarian Assistance to the People of Ethiopia](#)
- [Five Members of the Eritrea National Team Now Listed as Missing](#)
- [Kenya inks cheap power deal with Ethiopia](#)
- [Twitter: WFP Ethiopia Food delivery to the Wag Hamra zone in the Amhara region](#)
- [Twitter: USAID Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance Ethiopia signed a waiver to allow fuel](#)
- [Ethiopian Blood and Tissue Bank hit by blood shortage, appeals for donors](#)
- [Sudan: World Bank provides \\$100 million in emergency support](#)
- [US Trade Rep. to host AGOA ministerial meeting](#)
- [Lavrov denigrates West's stance towards Africa on Ethiopia visit](#)
- [Ethiopie-Erythrée : reportage à Zalambessa, ville frontalière au cœur du conflit](#)

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