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Peace negotiations (per 02 November)

- The Ethiopian and Tigray governments have signed a Peace Agreement on cessation of hostilities.
- AU High Representative for the Horn of Africa, Obasanjo, announced in a press conference that “the two parties in the Ethiopian conflict have formally agreed to the cessation of hostilities”, as well as a coordinated settlement, restoration of law and order, restoration of facilities, access to humanitarian supplies, and help to vulnerable groups, among other areas of agreement.
- The agreement includes setting up of monitoring and supervision mechanisms for the implementation of the agreement.
- Both parties expressed thanks to the AU and to the panel and observers; they affirmed their commitment to its implementation, and to carrying forward a robust follow-up towards peace.
- Ethiopian government leader of the delegation, Redwan Hussein, stated that the Ethiopian government will take various proactive actions to nurture inclusiveness and democracy in Ethiopia.
- Tigray representative Getachew Reda highlighted the impact that the fighting has had and continues to have on Tigray.
- Getachew also said: “I know there are spoilers from nearby, from inside our ranks, and from the neighbourhood. We know they will stop at nothing to sabotage our peacemaking efforts.”
- Dialogue is now needed to continue building stability and to sustain peace, said Dr. Pandor speaking for the host country, South Africa, and that the silencing of guns on the African continent is critical.
- The parties issued a joint statement of a joint settlement, which was read by the leaders of the delegations, Ambassador Redwan and Getachew Reda in which they announced the conclusion of the peace agreement and silencing of the guns in Northern Ethiopia.
- The delegation leaders referred in their joint statement to the tragic loss of lives and livelihoods. They reaffirmed the sovereign integrity of Ethiopia.
- The statement mentions the reintegration of the Tigray combatants in the Ethiopian army. The collaboration with humanitarian agencies. The establishment of a framework for the settlement of differences, and an accountability mechanism.
- The parties agree to stop propaganda, voices of divisions and hate, and to restore public services.

Situation in Tigray (per 02 November)

- UNOCHA reports that large numbers of people are taking refuge in the capital Mekelle following heightened hostilities in other parts of the Tigray region.
- OCHA said that a high number of displacements continue to be reported from the major towns such as Adwa, Axum, Adigrat, Wukro, Korem and Alamata.

- Reported that an airstrike killed 2 people and wounded many in Endachiwa village near the town of Indaba Tshama in central Tigray on 26 October; It also caused damage to crops and livestock.
- Military observers say high and middle ranking officers of the Eritrean armed forces informed Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki that the campaign in Tigray is “unwinnable” and troop morale is “destroyed”.
- Mesfin Hagos, former Eritrean minister of defence, testifies to the extent of Eritrean military involvement in Tigray, stating “Eritrean support units provided intelligence and logistics, their heavy weapons gave cover to advancing federal troops, and eventually took active part in combat”.
- The World Food Programme (WFP) Ethiopia aims to reach over 535,000 people in Mekelle with aid within the next two weeks. So far 178,000 people have been reached.

Situation in Ethiopia (per 02 November)

- Multiple sources from Addis Ababa report that uniformed Ethiopian security forces looted Tigrayan-owned jewellery stores in the capital on 31 October; they reportedly took the looted goods to the National Bank of Ethiopia.
- Filsan Abdi, former Minister for Women, Children and Youth in the Ethiopian government, says that she resigned last year in protest over the conflict and failure to hold perpetrators to account.
- She reveals a culture of high up officials covering the abuses committed by security forces in order to maintain a propaganda façade.
- The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission said that Covid-19 pandemic, drought and conflicts in Ethiopia have exposed women and children to heightened violations of basic rights.
- OCHA states there is a lack of supplies for 25,500 severely malnourished children in the Amhara region.

Regional Situation (per 02 November)

- *Voice of America (VOA)* says that the government of Somalia has promised to support for victims of the twin bombings on Saturday that killed at least 121 people and wounded close to 300 others.
- The government of Somalia pledged to continue its ongoing offensive against the terrorist group.
- President of Somalia Hassan Sheikh announced that an agreement has been reached to hold national and regional elections in 2026, the first popular elections since 1969.

Links of interest

- [LIVE: Press briefing by the High Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union](#)
- [Ethiopian government says that it is trying to convince Tigrayan authorities to respect law of the land](#)
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- [Tigray Television: An airstrike killed civilians and wounded many](#)
- [How Eritrea drove Ethiopia’s war in Tigray](#)
- [Twitter: World Food Programme \(WFP\) Ethiopia](#)
- [I resigned over war crimes against women and girls in Ethiopia: Filsan Abdi](#)
- [Women and children bear burden of disaster induced basic rights violation: Says EHRC](#)
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- [Somali government promises \\$1 million to support victims of bombings: VOA](#)
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