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Peace negotiations (per 04 November)

- The Government of Tigray Peace Agreement will not be implemented the Peace Agreement, if it harms the interests of the people of Tigray, says the Regional Government of Tigray in a statement.
- We will give a series of briefings after understanding the terms of the agreement, the statement reads.
- We signed the agreement, as it is guided by the principles of the Constitution of Ethiopia and we believe that the Constitution of Ethiopia protects the interests of Tigray, the regional government states.
- “One of the core successes is that it includes the Constitution and Constitutionalism. We went into this war because of the violation of the Constitution by the Federal Government”, the statement reads.
- “We have always stated that the Constitution should be respected but the other side did not respond positively,” the statement reads.
- The agreement should have become effective as of midnight, the day before yesterday. But according to observers, the implementation of the agreement is facing challenges.
- Human Rights Watch (HRW) expresses concern in their 3 November Daily brief of the absence of formal accountability for the crimes committed during the war, especially as those overseeing the crimes are still in positions of power.
- HRW notes that the peace agreement does not mention the status of Western Tigray.
- HRW also highlighted the need for external monitoring partners and for full access to be granted to the International Commission of Human Rights Experts on Ethiopia and other independent rights monitors for the sake of accountability and a successful reconciliation and transition.
- *Africa Confidential* warns that the peace agreement signed does not in any way constrain Eritrea.
- Redwan Hussien, national security advisor to the Ethiopian Prime Minister, warns that a plurality of versions of the agreement are circulating due to the nature of the negotiations.
- According to *AP News* Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed stated that “Ethiopia’s peace proposal has been accepted 100%”.

Situation in Tigray (per 04 November)-

- Tigray Television says that drone and heavy artillery attacks were carried out in the town of Maichew in Southern Tigray killing and wounding many civilians the day following the signing of the agreement.
 - Heavy fighting continued in Tigray this morning. Eritrean forces are attacking TDF defense lines in Zalambessa.
 - There is also heavy battle in Edaga Arbi and Nebelet in Central Tigray as well as in Southern Tigray. Tigray sources report that an airstrike was carried out today (04 November) in the Kilde Awulaelo district of Eastern Tigray.
 - Dr. Yibrah G/Medhin, Medical Director of Lemlem Karl Hospital in Maichew, said that a number of civilians have come to the hospital as victims of the attacks and the hospital was unable to provide treatment due to lack of medical supplies.
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- Dr Kibrom Gebreselassie, director of Ayder Hospital, says that despite the peace agreement, no aid trucks carrying medicine have got permission from Ethiopian authorities to go to Tigray.

Regional Situation (per 04 November)

- UNOCHA says that an inter-communal conflict which started in July in the Blue Nile State of Sudan has resulted into at least 359 deaths, 469 injuries and displacement of over 97,000 people.
- Alice Wairimu Nderitu, the Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, said the clashes between the ethnic communities are rooted in long standing issues over land ownership and ethnic representation.
- Ms. Nderitu warned of the risk of further escalation of ethnic clashes in the Blue Nile region as mobilisation of ethnic groups across the border was reported.
- The African Union peace and security council chairperson, Emilia Mkusa, received a letter from Jamal Al-Sheikh, Sudan's peace envoy to South Sudan, reassuring her on the progress of the Sudanese political dialogue.
- This could be understood as an attempt to reintegrate the AU since their suspension after the October 2021 coup d'état.
- Hiiraan Online reports that medical professionals from Ethiopia and Djibouti have arrived in Mogadishu on 03 November to aid in the aftermath of the double bombing allegedly perpetrated by al-Shabab.
- An *Integrated food security Phase Classification* (IPC) report predicts that approximately 8 million South Sudanese people are going to face acute food insecurity during the coming dry season as a consequence of intensifying climate shocks such as intense flooding.
- The Minister of Agriculture of South Sudan called for humanitarian assistance in order to "prevent the total collapse of livelihoods in the country".

International Situation (per 04 November)

- The UK has upgraded its risk factor for parts of Oromia due to the risk of airstrikes and downgraded it for areas within Amhara, Afar, Konso town in Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region (SNNPR), and Bale Mountains in Oromia
- The US Committee for Refugees and Migrants, an NGO seeking to protect the rights and address the needs of persons migrating, issued a report discussing the need for protection of refugees as a consequence of the conflict in Northern Ethiopia.

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[Ethiopia asserts government got '100%' in Tigray peace deal](#)

[Ethiopia: Truce Needs Robust Rights Monitoring](#)

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[Twitter: Dr Kibrom Gebreselassie, Executive director of Ayder Comprehensive Specialized Hospital](#)

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