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Situation in Sudan (per 15 June)

- West Darfur Governor Khamis Abdullah Abbaker was reportedly killed by Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and Arab militias in el Geneina on Wednesday. The governor had previously accused the RSF of deliberately attacking and killing civilians, describing it as a genocide.
- Various video recordings circulated on social media showed the detention and wounding of the governor by armed men, some of whom wore RSF uniforms.
- The use of drones by the RSF in Khartoum yesterday was reported. Aerial bombs were reportedly used by the Sudanese Air Force outside Khartoum in Al Obeid.
- Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) reportedly published pictures of a shot-down armed drone carrying a 120mm air drop shell. It appears to be a commercial drone refitted for military use, according to military experts. The drone is manufactured in the UAE. The 120mm air drop shells are produced in Serbia.
- Both warring sides are reportedly in possession of drones.
- Investigation is ongoing into whether the UAE provided drones and ammunition to RSF. There is also the possibility that SAF bought that equipment but it was taken by RSF when they captured SAF depots. These speculations have not been verified yet.
- The escalation and fighting continues across the country as the conflict enters the third month.
- The Am Dafok area has been facing network shutdowns for days and therefore it is difficult to connect with residents on the ground, said observers.
- RSF reportedly took control of the military base in Am Dafok, in the border area between Darfur and the Central African Republic (CAR), earlier this week.
- The border region is of strategic importance with Russia's influence in CAR. Observers warn about a potential corridor via Am Dafok for supply delivery from the Wagner group.
- Cashless payments in Sudan are now only serviced by two bank providers, the Bank of Khartoum and Faysal Islamic Bank. Amid acute shortages of cash and with more banks closing their in-person services, cashless services are of essential importance for Sudanese people.
- Sudan's air space has been closed off for another two weeks by the Sudanese aviation authority. Closure of airspace - with exception to humanitarian flights, is extended to 30 June.
- Sudanese representatives of civil society, as well as university professionals, youth and activists, spoke with the US Bureau of African Affairs providing a first-hand account of the situation in the conflict areas of Sudan.

Refugee Situation (per 15 June)

- All Sudanese refugees fleeing the conflict to Egypt are, according to a new policy, obliged to obtain a visa through the consulate before they are allowed to enter Egyptian territory.
- The new policy has been introduced over the past week. Prior to the change, this rule was applicable only to men of certain age categories; now it has been extended to all Sudanese people.

- Egypt authorities say that the new rule is introduced due to fake visas being offered to refugees in border areas.
- More than 2.1 million people have been displaced by the Sudanese conflict as of 13 June, said UNHCR. Out of that 467,195 refugees fled to other countries and 1,670,991 are internally displaced within Sudan.

Situation in Ethiopia (per 15 June)

- The Ethiopian food aid diversion involved the Ethiopian federal government, Eritrean military forces, Tigray regional authorities, IDP camp coordinators and several aid workers, said General Fiseha Kidane, coordinator of the investigation committee of the Tigray Interim Regional Administration.
- In total 186 suspects are listed by the investigation committee with 7 persons already arrested.
- Neither the Ethiopian nor Eritrean government has issued their reaction to the investigation results yet.
- According to the investigation, the Ethiopian federal government, Eritrean forces and Tigray regional authorities diverted thousands of metric tons of wheat, litres of cooking oil, and quintals of pease.

Situation in Tigray (per 15 June)

- The President of the Interim Regional Administration of Tigray met with the ambassadors of Japan, Norway and New Zealand as well as UNICEF representatives in order to discuss implementation of the Cessation of Hostilities agreement.
- The delegation discussed various topics such as the situation of internally displaced persons, rehabilitation processes, and rebuilding of the education system.
- Farmers from Eastern Tigray face a lack of seeds and fertilisers at the start of sowing season. They called on the government to provide basic agricultural input to prevent another season with a severe shortage of food.

Regional Situation (per 15 June)

- Ethiopia, Djibouti, South Sudan and Kenya will hold an IGAD-led quartet meeting on the situation in Sudan, said Ambassador Meles Alem, spokesperson of the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- The meeting will be held within the coming week in Addis Ababa with an agenda of discussing proper mechanisms to bring a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Sudan.

International Situation (per 15 June)

- The resolution on the humanitarian situation in Sudan was adopted by the European Parliament today.
- With 477 votes in favour, 3 against and 43 abstentions, MEPs called for immediate cessation of hostilities, unimpeded humanitarian access and possible sanctions to be introduced on all parties breaching international, human rights and humanitarian law.
- The United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission in Sudan (UNITAMS) strongly condemned the killing of the governor of West Darfur and called for investigation, accountability and justice for all perpetrators.

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