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Situation in Ethiopia (per 2 November)

- 16 people were killed and a further 22 injured in a drone strike on the Hayiq Jari 2 camp for internally displaced people in Amhara on 29 October. The group behind the attack has not been confirmed.
- 16 civilians were killed and many more injured in a drone strike believed to have been launched by the Ethiopian National Defence Forces (ENDF) on a grain truck in Rama town on 30 October.
- Troops from the ENDF and Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) forces reportedly clashed in Kola Tembien woreda and Simret Tabia, Rama Woreda, both in Central Tigray Zone.
- A TPLF Executive Committee member Amanuel Assefa claimed that there are foreign mercenaries fighting alongside ENDF troops in the area of Gerhu Sirnay.
- The TPLF claims that a counteroffensive in Naeder Woreda led to 1300 ENDF casualties. The TPLF further claims that they seized weapons, ammunition, medicines and other supplies.
- The Alliance for Survival announced during their sixth regular council meeting on 30-31 October plans to intensify the armed struggle against what they considers as the “dictatorial regime” of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and expand diplomatic efforts with neighbouring countries.
- Over 150 homes were destroyed and/or looted in Borama, Somaliland. The attack targeted the ethnic Oromo community, following growing tensions over clashes between Somali and Oromo communities around Moyale. Somaliland leaders have condemned the violence.
- Ethiopian prime minister Abiy Ahmed mandated military training for his cabinet ministers and senior government officials at the Hurso military training center, as he affirmed that integrating military disciplines with civilian leadership will build more capable leaders.
- Peace talks began between Somali and Oromo representatives, with the aim of resolving the escalating conflict in Moyale. The negotiations were initiated due to the growing number of displaced civilians, as well as the violence sparking revenge attacks against Oromo residents in Somaliland.
- 50,000 Ethiopian refugees have crossed the border into Kenya in order to escape from violent clashes in the border city of Moyale. The UNHCR Representative in Kenya said that the agency is working with the IOM and UNICEF in order to raise resources and funds to support the refugees.

Situation in Sudan (per 2 November)

- The Sudanese Armed Forces’ (SAF) chief of staff, Yasir al-Atta, announced that his forces are advancing towards the Darfur and Kordofan regions to fight soldiers allegedly supplied by foreign powers.
- Drone strikes by the RSF hit the Al Dabbah and Abu Hamad power stations on 1 November, which are located in Northern State and River Nile State respectively, causing widespread power outages.
- A drone strike launched by the RSF targeted the Haya electrical transformer station and an oil pumping station, in Red Sea State on 31 October, causing fires and damage to the infrastructure.
- The Sudanese cabinet ordered a maximum state of alert in response to drone strikes targeting energy and electricity facilities. In the last week alone, 14 power stations across the country have been hit causing power outages in hospitals, water infrastructure, and bakeries.

- Senior RSF commander Siddiq Ander announced his defection from the group on 30 October, accusing the RSF of nepotism and claiming that the relatives of RSF leader Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo ("Hemedti") had entire and exclusive control over promotions and the group's finances.
- People living in Port Sudan are facing extreme water shortages due to the enormous increase in the cost of water caused by the war and the influx of displaced people taking a toll on water infrastructure.

Regional and international situation (per 2 November)

- Numerous activists affiliated to the Tigray Peace Forces (TPF) report that the ENDF launched drone strikes on military bases in Eritrea, namely in Adi Quala, Kisad Ika and Enda Gergis.
- Sudan filed formal complaints against Ethiopia with the UN Security Council and the African Union on 1 November, claiming that the RSF used Ethiopian bases to launch 162 drone strikes that killed 400 civilians and 102 military personnel and damaged Sudanese infrastructures.
- Ethiopia and Russia signed three bilateral agreements to mark the 3rd Russia-Africa Summit, including an intergovernmental agreement on Dejazmach Balcha Hospital in Addis Ababa, and memoranda of understanding between Ethiopian and Russian media outlets.
- Russia is holding talks with Ethiopia, Uganda, Ghana and Egypt about supplying the countries with nuclear power plants.
- The UN ended its thirty-years political mission in Somalia on 31 October, leaving the country without a diplomatic mediator between the president and opposition leaders regarding the recent constitutional amendments that extend government term limits.
- Yassir al-Atta, the SAF's chief of staff, made allegations on 1 November that soldiers from northern Somalia and South Sudan were among the foreign fighters supporting the RSF. He provided no evidence or further explanation to support these allegations.
- Various UN human rights experts publicly called on the Eritrean government to end its recurrent practices of arbitrary detention and disappearance, particularly against government opponents, journalists and religious leaders.
- The US Department of State publicly condemned the killings of Ethiopian civilians in the Arsi Zone of Oromia region. The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church affirmed that at least 60 orthodox christians were killed in attacks motivated by religious and ethnic differences.
- The Food and Agriculture Organizations (FAO) and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) have issued a warning due to the increased risk of Rift Valley fever outbreaks in Eastern Africa, as El Niño weather conditions are expanding mosquito breeding habitats.

Links of interest

News: Drone strike kills 16, injures 22 at Hayiq Jari 2 IDP camp in Amhara region
Drone strike kills 12 civilians collecting grain in Ethiopia's Tigray region
News: Alliance for Survival vows to 'intensify the struggle,' expand diplomatic engagement after 'sixth regular council meeting'
News: Somaliland officials condemn attacks on Oromo residents in Borama after more than 150 homes reportedly damaged
Ethiopian PM puts ministers through military training
Somaliland:Moyale: Peace Talks Underway Between Somali and Oromo Sides Amid Continued Clashes
Moyale crisis: UN agencies seek Sh1bn as Ethiopian refugees hit 50,000
Sudanese army advances in Darfur and Kordofan, senior officer says
RSF drone strikes knock out power stations in northern Sudan
Drone strikes target power and oil facilities in eastern Sudan
Sudan cabinet orders maximum alert over RSF drone strikes
RSF senior commander defects, accusing Sudan group's leadership of nepotism
Port Sudan families can barely afford water as shortages persist
Sudan accuses Ethiopia of launching 162 drone attacks from its territory
Ethiopia and Russia Sign Three Bilateral Agreements
Russia in talks with four African states on large nuclear power plants, Rosatom says
#Daily_Brief: #UN political mission ends in #Somalia amid unresolved election dispute
Sudan army says fighters from northern Somalia backing RSF
Sudan army voices regret over South Sudanese role in war
Eritrea: UN experts call for end to decades of arbitrary detention and enforced disappearances
US Condemns Targeted Killings of Civilians in Ethiopia's Arsi Zone, Urges Government to Prosecute Perpetrators
El Niño heightens risk of Rift Valley fever outbreaks—FAO

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