TIGRAY CONFLICT

The Ethiopian National Defense Force (ENDF) conducted a series of airstrikes on what it described as facilities used by the government designated terrorist group, the Tigray Peoples’ Liberation Front (TPLF). According to the Ethiopian Government, these sites included arms manufacturing and training facilities in locations like Adwa and Mai Tsebri. The TPLF in turn accused the government of targeting innocent civilians killing six people including children and destroying residences. The United States government has called on the TPLF to withdraw from Amhara and Afar regions as well as halt advances in and around Dessie and Kombolcha cities.

SOMALIA ELECTIONS ON COURSE DESPITE SIGNIFICANT DELAYS

The Somalia elections slated to conclude by October 10 has delayed amid flares of tensions and violent incidents. Guriel, a commercial town in central Somalia, has been the scene of intense fighting in recent months, with Ahlu Sunna forces taking control of the town. According to the United Nations, the fighting in Somalia’s Galmudug state between the Somali army and its former ally, the Ahlu Sunnah Wal Jama’a militia, has killed 120 people, injured 600 and displaced at least 100,000 people.

SUDAN’S TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT DEPOSED IN A COUP

The Sudanese military, led by General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan took control of the government in what some have seen as a “military coup” in the month of October. General Burhan has also announced the dissolution of the Sovereignty Council and declared a state of emergency. The Prime Minister was put on house arrest while other senior government officials including a majority of the Cabinet supporting the Prime Minister were arrested. Mass protests erupted in several cities against the coup including the capital Khartoum and at least 10 civilians were reportedly killed and over 140 injured by the military. The African Union suspended Sudan’s membership, pending a return to power of the Hamdok government. The European Union, the United States and other western powers stated that they continue to recognize Prime Minister Hamdok as “the constitutional leader of the transitional government”. Faced with internal and external resistance, Al-Burhan declared his willingness to restore Hamdok’s Cabinet, although the deposed Prime Minister declined the initial offer, making any further dialogue conditional on the full restoration of the pre-coup system.
FLOODS, DROUGHTS CAUSED BY CLIMATE EXTREMES WREAKING HAVOC

In South Sudan’s Upper Nile State about 200 oil wells were flooded. While in Kenya, 22,600 families in Lamu County are reportedly facing an acute shortage of water as drought continues to ravage the region. In Ethiopia, according to the Disaster Risk Management Commission, over 166,000 people are in need of humanitarian assistance in Borena Zone, Oromia Region. In Uganda, the ongoing floods in the country have displaced more than one million Ugandans and destroyed or submerged schools, roads and bridges worth more than Shs200 billion as the National Meteorological Authority (UNMA) warns of more disasters as a result of anticipated enhanced rains in the coming weeks.

ICJ DRAWS THE LINE IN KENYA AND SOMALIA’S TROUBLED WATERS

The International Court of Justice delivered its judgment on the merits of the case by which it determined the maritime boundary between Somalia and Kenya. In its judgment read by the presiding judge, the Court granted Somalia most of the territory it claimed. Oil and gas speculators believe that the 62,000 square mile area is potentially rich in hydrocarbons. While Somalia welcomed the decision of the court, Kenya expressed a strong rejection to the ruling saying it is “profoundly concerned” over the decision and its implications on the region.

LOCAL TERROR CELLS IMPLICATED IN RECENT ATTACKS AS IS CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY

- A bomb blasted at a bar in Kampala, killing one person and injuring three others. According to the Police report, three suspected bombers disguised themselves as customers planted explosives in a plastic bag. The explosion comes one week after the UK government issued an alert about terrorism in Uganda. It warned British citizens in the East African country that terrorists are very likely to try to carry out attacks urging the police unit to increase vigilance on vital spaces. Days later, another bomb exploded in a bus going towards western Uganda killing one person and injuring others. The authorities have stated that one of the dead victims is a suspected attacker. Islamist state claimed responsibility for the bomb attack.

DEBT DISTRESS

According to ADBF, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Djibouti are at high risk of debt distress due to a sharp increase in loan service burden. The African Development Bank’s East Africa Regional Economic Outlook 2021 shows these countries have breached the high-risk debt service ratio due to reduced export performance last year. According to the pan African lender, debt service to export now exceeds 20 per cent of GDP in Kenya and has risen substantially since 2010. Electricity consumers in Kenya are paying heavily for the weakening shilling, the latest review of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) shows.
SUDAN

4 alleged terrorists killed and 4 others arrested by Sudan’s General Intelligence Service (GIS) during a raid on their hideout in Khartoum.

2 Sudanese fishermen abducted by Ethiopian militiamen in the Basanda area of Gederaf State in eastern Sudan.

At least 3 killed, 80 injured during anti-coup protests in front of the Sudanese army headquarters in the capital Khartoum.

ETIOPIA

6 21
At least 6 killed and 21 injured in an Ethiopian army strike on Mekele.

15 1,000
15 killed and nearly 1000 displaced from Harro town of Kiremu Woreda in Oromia region by Shene Group.

TPLF (group designated by the government as terrorist) reportedly demolished a historical mosque in Zarema town, North Gondar by a heavy artillery attack.

Members of the Shene (group designated by the government as terrorist) arrested over alleged terrorist attacks in Oda Butum Woreda, West Harerge Zone.

SOMALIA

700
Men, women and children forcibly repatriated from Las Anod to the Mudug region.

7 Al-Shabab militants killed during a sting security operation carried out in Lower Shabelle region.

2 soldiers and a 12-year-old boy killed by a grenade attack on a Somali Government checkpoint in Janale area of the Lower Shabelle region.

6 killed in 2 separate terror attacks in Mogadishu’s Yaqshid district.

30 70
30 killed and 70 wounded in clashes between army & Ahlu Sunna Wal Jamaa Group.

At Least 2 shot dead while 1 person wounded in Odaale by a local militia due to clan based revenge in Caabudwaag, Galguduu.

KENYA

6

2 assault rifles with several rounds of ammunition recovered from bandits in Parikati area, Samburu.

UGANDA

1
1 killed in suspected bomb attack in a bar in Kampala.

2
2 killed and several others injured in an explosion reported on a bus in Mpigi District in central Uganda.

3
2 people and 1 UPDF soldier injured during a fire exchange between the army and armed South Sudanese cattle rustlers in Madi Ope sub county, Lamwo district.

UPDF deserter killed suspected to have participated in the murder of former Officer in Charge of Ruharo Police Post.

1 suspected Karimojong rustler shot dead by UPDF in a foiled cattle theft in Kitgum district.

SOUTH SUDAN

30 80
30 killed and 80 wounded in Tonj East in intercommunal clashes among the Thik and Luachjang communities of Tonj East and the Lou Paher of Tonj North County.

8
8 South Sudanese refugees killed and several others wounded by Sudanese farmers in Abu Hajjar locality of Sudan’s Sennar state.

1 4
1 killed and 4 injured by gunmen attack on a passengers’ boat in Nasser County.

4 3
4 injured, 3 abducted in separate attacks in Mundri East by forces loyal to the rebel National Salvation Front (NAS).

2 traders killed and several cattle stolen during a raid carried out by armed bandits on the outskirts of Uror County in Jonglei State.