THE CONFLICT IN TIGRAY REGION

The conflict in Tigray region is showing little signs of ending. Members of the independent group of global leaders, known as “The Elders” have asked the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to take action to incentivize the parties to negotiate a ceasefire. During the month, there were reports of refugees from the Tigray region in Sudan that have allegedly disappeared and got involved in fighting with an intention to attack the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD). The Ethiopian National Defense Forces (ENDF) has also allegedly killed 50 fighters who attempted to cross into Ethiopia from Sudan.

ETHIOPIA ORDERS EXPULSION OF SEVEN UN OFFICIALS

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia has listed seven individuals working for various UN Agencies ‘persona non grata’ and ordered that they leave the country within 72 hours for meddling in the internal affairs of the nation. The UN Secretary General expressed shock over the Ethiopian government’s action and expressed his expectation that the Ethiopian Government will allow the concerned staff to resume their work. The US government has also condemned Ethiopia’s decision at a time of looming humanitarian crisis and warned of sanctions.

SLOW PROGRESS ON GRAND ETHIOPIAN RENAISSANCE DAM (GERD) NEGOTIATIONS

The United Nations Security Council has called for the resuming of talks led by the African Union on the GERD and a binding agreement on the filling and operations of the dam. The Council discussed the dispute after a request by the League of Arab States. Egypt asserted the necessity of reaching a legally binding deal on the filling and operation of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam in a way that serves the interests of all sides and in accordance with the UN Security Council’s statements of mid-September.

CATASTROPHIC SITUATION IN TPLF-OCCUPIED AREAS OF NORTH WOLLO

Thousands of residents are facing a catastrophic situation in North Wollo due to alleged destruction of health centers and the plunder of equipment by the TPLF. These include mothers and children in critical conditions living with HIV/AIDS and TB patients whose lives are at stake due to lack of drugs. The Minister of Peace and the Chairperson of Emergency Coordinating Committee of Ethiopia has decried the inadequate supplies of the much-needed humanitarian assistance in most affected areas of Amhara, Afar and Tigray regions.
SECURITY CONCERNS CROP UP IN KENYA AHEAD OF 2022 ELECTIONS

Tensions remain high in Laikipia County where a total of 12 people have reportedly been killed in the last three weeks of September following a wave of banditry attacks. Armed bandits launched attacks at daylight in Mirigwit village while security personnel were conducting operations. The government designated Laikipia County as “a no-go zone” for political meetings without police clearance. Alleged targeted attacks in Isiolo-Samburu border have also been reported where one person was killed, and five others injured in Hare Dida area. A massive bomb attack was reported in Lamu County near the Somali border targeting a Kenyan military convoy in the latest incident along the porous border area. The landmine explosion struck a convoy of Kenyan troops traveling between Kayunga and Shangani in Lamu County with witnesses saying KDF opened fire after the IED assault. Al-Shabaab took the responsibility for the attack, saying it killed 15 Kenyan soldiers and destroyed a military vehicle.

CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS THREATENS SOMALIA’S ELECTIONS

A fresh political rift between Somalia’s President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed and Prime Minister Mohamed Hussein Roble poses new challenges to the planned elections. The President and the PM are colliding around conflicting directives over key national security appointments. Galmudug State reportedly withdrew from mediation talks between Prime Minister Mohamed Roble and President Mohamed Farmaajo after the two leaders failed to resolve their differences.

ETHIOPIA-SUDAN BORDER ROW DEEPENS

Ethiopian government has once again called on neighboring Sudan to withdraw its forces from the disputed border areas and engage in dialogue for a lasting solution to avert an escalating border row. According to a statement by the Sudanese army spokesperson, Sudanese army repelled an attack by the Ethiopian army in the border area of Al-Fashaqa in Um Brakhit sector of the disputed area.

RISING INSECURITY IN SOUTH SUDAN WITH SLOW IMPLEMENTATION OF PEACE AGREEMENT

The following insecurity cases have been highlighted:
- Three people were killed and one child injured by unknown gunmen in Nzara County of Western Equatoria State;
- At least five people, three young men, and two soldiers were killed in armed confrontations between members of the organized forces and armed youth in Tiaptiap Payam of Cueibet County, Lakes State;
- 20 cows were raided by armed youth suspected to be from neighboring Mayom County of Unity State;
- Sudan People’s Liberation Movement-In Opposition (SPLM/A-IO) forces and the breakaway faction of the SPLM/A-IO led by General Simon Gatwech Dual clash yet again in the Magenis area, north of Upper Nile State; and
- Two armed youth were killed and a policeman injured when a group of armed young men attacked a police post at Paloch Payam, Rumbek East County of Lakes State.

FLOODS DISPLACE THOUSANDS IN SOUTH SUDAN

The Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) in Lakes State of South Sudan reported that floods have submerged farmlands and displaced about 3,933 households of 20,000 people. About 304 houses have collapsed. According to the United Nations, some 426,000 people, including 185,000 children in Melut County -Upper Nile have been affected and displaced in South Sudan by heavy flooding that submerged homes and farms amidst a growing humanitarian crisis due to widespread flooding in the country.

SUDAN FOILS ATTEMPTED MILITARY COUP

Sudanese authorities foiled an attempted coup and accused plotters as loyal to ousted President Omar Al-Bashir who were attempting to derail the revolution that removed him from power in 2019. Sudan’s military said 21 officers and a number of soldiers had been detained in connection to the coup attempt while a search continued for others. The report also said all affected locations are under army control.

INSECURITY IN UGANDA

Machete-wielding gangs that have so far killed up to 28 civilians in Greater Masaka sub-region in Uganda have expanded to strike in Busia district of Eastern Uganda that borders Kenya. The Police Criminal Investigations Directorate has summoned two National Unity Platform (NUP) Members of Parliament over the ongoing killings in Masaka Sub-region.
The infographic reflects a compilation of recorded violent incidents in the IGAD region in September 2021. It's compiled based on open source information including the media. Description of incidents and associated details do not necessarily reflect the views of CEWARN/IGAD. Design template by Mikias Yitbarek.

**SUDAN**

- 1 student killed and 11 others wounded after police fired bullets to disperse protesters at the headquarters of the State Government and the University of Zalingei.

- 1 policeman and a number of gunmen wounded during armed clashes between government forces and gunmen affiliated with Third Front - Tamazuj in Khartoum.

The Sudanese government foiled attempted Military Coup and arrested the military officers involved.

- 5 Sudanese security officers killed in a clash during a raid on an ISIS-linked group in the capital Khartoum.

**ETHIOPIA**

- **23** Humanitarians killed in Tigray since the outset of the conflict.

- **100** Civilians allegedly massacred by TPLF in Chitina Teklehaiamnot Kebelle of Dabat Woreda of North Gondar Zone in Amhara region.

- **50** Mercenaries allegedly working with Tigray forces killed by the Ethiopian National Defense Forces while attempting to cross into Ethiopia from Sudan to attack the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD).

- **260** schools reportedly destroyed in Amhara Regional State by TPLF.

- **25** Humans and a kebele chief shot dead and other wounded allegedly by ‘ABO’ Shane and gangue group of Gumuz in Korka, Dibati Woreda.

- **145** Residents reportedly taken hostage by Gumuz Gunmen from Sedal District of Benishangul Gumuz.

- **200 Live Bullets** discovered at an abandoned car in Mihango area, Nairobi.

- **5 civilians and 3 police officers** killed by bandits in Laikipia.

- **11 unknown bodies**, some mutilated, recovered from River Tana.

- **8** Kenyan soldiers killed by Al-shabab in Lamu attack.

- **5** People including children killed by a blast in Isiolo.

- **4 Armed Bandits** stole G3 rifle with 2 magazines and 40 rounds of ammunition from police station at the border of Laikipia and Isiolo counties.

**SOUTH SUDAN**

- **170** Died due to unrest in Tambura County in Western Equatoria State.

- **2 people feared dead** in IED attack in Marka.

- **2 people killed and 5 others wounded** in a bomb attack on café shop in Kismayo town.

- **1 person killed and 6 others injured** by grenade at a customs post in Bundoweyn.

- **3 members** of the Hirshabelle parliament injured due to hand grenade attack on their home in Jowhar.

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