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Situation in Sudan (per 6 June)

- Sudan's council of ministers has dissolved the Higher Committees on Humanitarian Affairs and Strategic Goods.
- A new body was established to take on responsibilities on humanitarian affairs which is called the Supreme Committee Crisis Management. It reportedly includes the finance minister, central bank governor, director of intelligence.
- Kenya has closed its diplomatic mission in Khartoum after it was coming under increasing threat from the fighting. Up to now, the mission had stayed open to assist Kenyan citizens in Sudan.
- Witnesses report the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have inflicted large-scale destruction in the capital of West Darfur, El Geneina, and that the southern neighbourhoods have been completely abandoned. The Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) are absent.
- An estimated 500 people have died in the attacks, and another 500 injured people remain trapped in the city, reports Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).
- Health facilities have been closed and looted, including departments supported by the MSF, and witnesses have reported that some bodies are still left in the streets.
- Sources said that mostly men are targeted by the snipers and militia, leaving the women to go out and take care of essentials.
- An air strike on the campus of the International University of Africa in Khartoum killed 10 citizens of the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- The first showers of the year have started in Khartoum, marking the start of the rainy season. This will further complicate the delivery of humanitarian aid.

Refugee Situation (per 6 June)

- 1.2 million people have been internally displaced in Sudan since the start of the conflict.
- At least 425,000 people have left Sudan for neighbouring countries. It is expected that this number will rise to at least 1 million in the next 6 months.
- An expected 19 million people, or 40% of Sudan's population, will be in a state of acute food insecurity due to the continuing conflict.

Situation in Tigray (per 6 June)

- The director and deputy of the World Food Programme In Ethiopia, Claude Jibidar and Jennifer Bitonde, resigned on 2 June after an internal investigation was launched into food aid diversion. The resignations come ahead of the expected publication of the results of the investigation.
- The investigation probed whether there was food aid diversion where food meant for Tigray was reportedly sold on the commercial market instead. This has caused a suspension of aid to Tigray until the investigation comes to a close.

- More resignations from WFP are expected to come over the next weeks as it is suspected that some Somali regions affected by drought have also suffered from food aid diversion, states the New Humanitarian.
- The number of children who are under 5 dying from acute malnutrition has risen by 28% between March and April, reports the Tigray regional health bureau. This is largely due to the suspension of aid in Tigray.
- At least 2,850 children have died of acute malnutrition in hospitals since the beginning of the conflict.
- The Eritrean army is still present in Tigray, having reportedly destroyed houses in Zalambessa.
- Interim President of Tigray, Getachew Reda, stated that highlights of findings of the investigation into aid diversion were shared with US Special Envoy Mike Hammer and he gave assurances that the findings would be made public.
- There would not be impunity for those found guilty of food aid diversion, said Getachew.
- The US was requested to resume aid to the region, which is urgently needed, stated Getachew.

Situation in Ethiopia (per 6 June)

- The Ethiopian Council of Ministers approved the budget for the coming fiscal year, which has an increase of only 2 percent since last year. In comparison, the budget from last year had a 40% growth.
- The country is facing a shortage of 194.6 billion Birr, leading to the (partial) closure of some government institutions, and non-payment of salaries of government officials in some states.
- The Gambella-Dembidollo road, which connects Gambella and Oromia regions, re-opened after having been closed for more than three years due to a “successful peacekeeping mission” by the ENDF.
- Fano militia leader Zemene Kase has been acquitted due to insufficient evidence to support the charges. Zemene was arrested on 11 September 2022 on suspicion of involvement in the homicide of a law enforcement officer.

Regional Situation (per 6 June)

- The bodies of 54 Ugandan soldiers who were killed during the attack by Al-Shabab on the ATMIS military base on the 26th of May were discovered by Ugandan troops after they regained control of the base.
- The South Sudan Women Social Economic Empowerment Project funded by the World Bank has been launched. This aims to enhance the livelihood of women in 10 South Sudanese states.

International Situation (per 6 June)

- Human rights violations in Sudan are being documented and the perpetrators will be held accountable, stated the EU EEAS on Monday as it welcomed the extension of the mandate of UNITAMS in Sudan.
- The warning came in a statement which emphasised the responsibility of SAF and RSF to abide by international law.

Links of interest

- [Twitter: Patrick Heinsch](#)
- [Kenya closes diplomatic mission in Sudan](#)
- [West Darfur's El Geneina 'obliterated' by RSF-backed militias](#)
- [El Geneina: A Devastating Chronicle of Survival in West Darfur](#)
- [Air strikes on Sudan campus kill Congolese - government](#)
- [Shelling, Looting in Sudan's Capital as Military Factions Battle for 8th Week](#)
- [Sudan's crisis sends hunger shockwaves across the region](#)
- [EXCLUSIVE: WFP leadership in Ethiopia resigns amid aid diversion probe](#)
- [News: Under five children dying of acute malnutrition in Tigray sharply increasing amid dire humanitarian crisis](#)
- [Twitter: Tghat ትግሥት](#)
- [Budget growth hits the brakes](#)
- [Budget gap: ብርቱ የበጀት ክፍተትና ቢሊዮን ብርቶችን የሚጠይቁት የመንግሥት ገርጅኮቶች](#)
- [#ASDailyScoop: Gambella-Dembidollo road in Western Ethiopia operational after three years, army claims to secure peace](#)
- [News: Court acquits Fano militia leader Zemene Kase as federal security taskforce claims to squash new insurgency in Amhara region](#)
- [Bodies of 54 Uganda soldiers killed by al Shabaab discovered](#)
- [Project targets 261,000 women in South Sudan for empowerment](#)
- [Sudan : Statement by the Spokesperson on the extension of UNITAMS' mandate](#)

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