

ETHIOPIAN AND HORN OF AFRICA COMMUNITIES

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# ETHIOPIA'S DEEPENING CRISIS: DIASPORA COALITION TO PROTEST ABIY AHMED'S WARS, UAE'S REGIONAL MILITARY ROLE, AND GROWING THREAT OF WAR ACROSS THE HORN OF AFRICA

*Communities from Ethiopia and across the Horn of Africa to call for international intervention, accountability, and respect for national sovereignty outside the U.S. Department of State.*

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## A REGIONAL CRISIS DEMANDING INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION

A broad coalition of Ethiopian and Horn of Africa diaspora communities will gather outside the U.S. Department of State on Monday, November 16, 2026, to demand urgent international action against escalating warfare, alleged atrocities, foreign military intervention, and growing regional tensions under the government of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.

Representatives of Afar, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, Oromo, Tigray, Somali, and other Ethiopian communities will join Eritrean, Sudanese, Somali, and wider Horn of Africa diaspora communities in a demonstration calling for an end to war, accountability for atrocities, and protection of sovereignty throughout the region.

Organizers warn that Ethiopia's escalating internal conflicts, combined with increasingly confrontational regional policies and foreign military involvement, threaten to push the country toward fragmentation and transform the Horn of Africa into a much wider international conflict zone.

This is no longer solely an Ethiopian crisis. It is a regional security emergency with implications for the Red Sea, the Nile Basin, international maritime trade, and global stability.

## 1. ETHIOPIA ON THE BRINK: WAR, HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE, AND POLITICAL FRAGMENTATION

Organizers will highlight the devastating consequences of the Ethiopian government's military campaigns and policies, including civilian casualties, mass displacement, destruction of communities and infrastructure, economic devastation, and widespread humanitarian suffering.

The coalition condemns reported atrocities and alleged violations of international humanitarian law, including allegations of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocidal violence. It calls for independent investigations, accountability, and an end to impunity.

The emergence of the Alliance for Survival, bringing together seven military and political groups, underscores the depth of Ethiopia's political and security crisis. Organizers warn that continued warfare, political exclusion, and repression are accelerating fragmentation and placing the country's future at serious risk.



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## 2. UAE'S MILITARY AND STRATEGIC INVOLVEMENT: A GROWING THREAT TO REGIONAL STABILITY

A central focus of the demonstration will be the United Arab Emirates' reported military, technological, and logistical involvement in conflicts across the Horn of Africa.

Organizers will raise concerns about:

- Reported UAE military assistance to Ethiopian forces during the 2020–2022 Tigray war and allegations of continued support amid renewed conflict.
- The UAE's alleged backing of Sudan's Rapid Support Forces (RSF) amid Sudan's devastating war.
- The UAE's expanding military and strategic footprint in Somalia and its implications for regional security.
- The use and transfer of advanced military technologies, armed drones, weapons systems, and logistical support in regional conflicts.

Organizers argue that external military intervention must not become a mechanism for prolonging wars, undermining sovereignty, or intensifying regional rivalries.

They call for international scrutiny and accountability regarding the UAE's actions and military involvement throughout the Horn of Africa. Any external support that fuels armed conflict, undermines national sovereignty, or contributes to civilian suffering must be confronted and condemned.

## 3. RED SEA AT THE CENTER OF A POTENTIAL INTERSTATE CONFLICT

Equally alarming are Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's increasingly assertive declarations regarding Ethiopia's access to the Red Sea, including statements that have raised concerns about the possible use of military force.

Organizers warn that Ethiopia's ambitions concerning sovereign territories, particularly Eritrea's strategic Port of Assab, pose a serious threat to regional peace and international security.

No country's desire for maritime access grants it the right to threaten another country's territorial integrity or sovereignty.

The coalition rejects territorial expansion through military force and calls on the international community to unequivocally defend the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states in the region.

The convergence of Ethiopia's internal conflicts, foreign military involvement, and growing Red Sea tensions risks turning an already devastating national crisis into a much wider interstate confrontation.

## 4. THE HORN OF AFRICA, NILE BASIN, AND RED SEA: WHY THE WORLD SHOULD BE CONCERNED

The consequences of further escalation would extend far beyond Ethiopia.



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Rising tensions involving Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, and Somalia threaten regional stability, international maritime routes, trade, energy security, and the strategic interests of countries dependent on secure passage through the Red Sea.

The coalition stresses that the international community, particularly the United States, cannot afford to treat these developments as isolated domestic disputes.

Preventing another regional war requires confronting its underlying drivers: military escalation, external interference, territorial ambitions, political exclusion, and impunity.

## 5. WHAT THE DEMONSTRATORS ARE DEMANDING

The coalition calls on the United States and the international community to:

- End the wars: Demand an immediate end to military campaigns and violence devastating Ethiopian communities.
- Ensure accountability: Support independent investigations into atrocities and hold perpetrators accountable.
- Protect civilians: Demand unrestricted humanitarian access and protection for affected populations.
- Confront foreign intervention: Scrutinize and condemn external military involvement, including destabilizing actions and support that fuel conflicts across the Horn of Africa.
- Defend sovereignty: Reject territorial expansion through military force and uphold the internationally recognized sovereignty and territorial integrity of neighboring states.
- Prevent regional war: Take urgent diplomatic action to reduce tensions involving Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, and Somalia.
- Support an inclusive political process: Encourage meaningful political dialogue and a peaceful resolution to Ethiopia's deepening crisis.

## A CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The coalition warns that the continued escalation of warfare and geopolitical rivalries could produce consequences extending across the Horn of Africa, the Nile Basin, and the Red Sea.

The people of the region should not be forced to pay the price of political ambitions, foreign military rivalries, and expansionist policies.

The United States and the international community must act with urgency to protect civilian lives, uphold international law, defend national sovereignty, and prevent another devastating regional war.

The message from the participating communities is clear: The Horn of Africa needs peace, sovereignty, accountability, and cooperation—not more wars, foreign interference, and territorial aggression.



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## MEDIA COVERAGE INVITED

Television networks, international correspondents, newspapers, radio stations, news agencies, and digital media organizations are invited to cover the demonstration.

Media representatives will have opportunities to:

- Interview coalition organizers and community representatives.
- Hear statements from participating Ethiopian and Horn of Africa communities.
- Document the coalition's concerns regarding Ethiopia's escalating conflicts and regional security.
- Hear calls for international accountability, an end to foreign military interference, and respect for national sovereignty.

## PROTEST RALLY | WASHINGTON, D.C.

## DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2026

## TIME: 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

## LOCATION: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

## PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES:

Afar, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, Oromo, Tigray, Somali, and other Ethiopian communities, alongside Eritrean, Sudanese, Somali, and wider Horn of Africa diaspora communities.

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