

Ethiopia

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PRAYER FOR THIS COUNTRY

The postponement of Tigray peace talks is the latest blow in Ethiopia's hidden war. Hopes for quick relief for millions of civilians threatened by malnutrition, disease, and direct attacks in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region were dashed as long-awaited peace talks were postponed without any new date set. The meeting between the warring sides in the two-year-old conflict in Tigray would have been the first since a ceasefire broke down. However, poor organization, logistical issues and a failure to consult key participants in advance appear to have derailed the initiative by the African Union. Pray that the US envoy will attempt to kickstart negotiations and bring both sides to the table to stop battles that are still being fought in Tigray. Pray for peace to prevail in the region and for people to look to God for lasting solutions to the crisis (The Bible, [Philippians 4:7](#)).

Source:

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/oct/08/postponement-of-tigray-peace-talks-latest-blow-in-ethiopias-hidden-war>

MORE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY

Ethiopia is now in 38th position in the World Watch report 2022 by Open Doors for Christian persecution. The current president of Ethiopia is Sahle-Work Zewde and the Prime Minister is Abiy Ahmed. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Prosperity Party won the most seats in Ethiopia's parliamentary election, a victory that assures him another term in office. It was the country's first free and fair election after decades of repressive rule. However, an opposition boycott, the war in the northern region of Tigray, ethnic violence, and logistical challenges in some areas overshadowed the election. He lifted a ban on opposition parties, released tens of thousands of political prisoners, and took steps to open up one of Africa's last untapped markets. The ongoing armed conflict in Tigray in Northern Ethiopia has left many dead and injured and about two million people displaced.



CHIEF OF STATE

President Sahle-Work Zewde

HEAD OF GOV.

PM Abiy Ahmed

POPULATION

99,466,000

CHRISTIANS

60.1%

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS

17.4%

DOMINANT RELIGION

Christianity

PERSECUTION RANKING

36

REFUGEES

665,240

LIFE EXPECTANCY

57.64 yrs

LITERACY RATE

39%

POPULATION BELOW POVERTY LINE

39%