

## Diplomats back claims Eritrean troops have joined Ethiopia conflict

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US official among sources saying soldiers from Eritrea are fighting in operations against Tigray People's Liberation Front



A US official and other diplomatic sources have backed accusations that Eritrean soldiers are fighting alongside Ethiopian troops to help Abiy Ahmed's government in the war on the [Tigray People's Liberation Front](#) (TPLF), complicating an already dangerous conflict.

The claims made to Reuters, which interviewed several unidentified diplomats in the region and a US official, follow mounting allegations by Tigrayan leaders that [Eritrea](#), long a rival of [Ethiopia](#), had joined with Ethiopian forces against a common enemy despite denials from both nations.

According to some accounts, thousands of Eritrean troops have joined the conflict during the last month of fighting, while Tigrayan forces have [admitted rocketing the Eritrean capital, Asmara](#).

While [refugees crossing into Sudan](#) have also made similar claims, confirmation has been complicated by the lack of access for outsiders, including media, and the cutting of communications to the region.

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