

**Question for written answer E-003933/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: The situation in the Ethiopian region of Tigray

The situation in the Ethiopian region of Tigray has deteriorated once again in recent months. Despite earlier commitments, access to humanitarian aid remains restricted. Furthermore, drone attacks have been reported again in recent weeks.

Caritas Ethiopia is one of the few organisations still providing aid to the estimated one million internally displaced people in Tigray. According to the Catholic Bishop of Adigrat, on 20 September a Caritas Ethiopia lorry, which was en route to the Sheraro refugee camp with food aid, was destroyed by a drone strike carried out by the Ethiopian government forces.

1. What has the Commission's response been to the incident on 20 September, in which a food convoy operated by Caritas Ethiopia was attacked by a government drone?
2. What steps will the Commission take to remind the Ethiopian Government of its obligations under international humanitarian law and to prevent future attacks on humanitarian aid convoys in Tigray?
3. During the war from 2020 to 2022, the EU suspended budget support to the Ethiopian Government due to the blockade of humanitarian aid and human rights violations in Tigray. Does the Commission consider the resumption of EU budget support to Ethiopia to be justified as long as the Ethiopian Government fails to fulfil its obligations regarding humanitarian aid and humanitarian food convoys in Tigray continue to be targeted by drone attacks?

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