

Aid workers restrict activities in S. Ethiopia due to security concern

ADDIS ABABA, June 12 (Xinhua) -- Several humanitarian bodies temporarily restricted their activities last week following security incidents in southeast Ethiopia's Oromiya and Somali regions, aid workers said on Monday.

In Borena zone, clashes between rival clans have killed and displaced many, said the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

Humanitarian partners, including CARE, GOAL and other NGOs, have had to restrict their activities due to these incidents, OCHA Ethiopia said in a statement.

A government mobile health team supported by UNICEF also suspended its efforts in the zone. In Somali region, two mobile health teams suspended their activities after clashes between government forces and insurgent groups. Discussions are being held between UNICEF and the regional health bureau to put the two teams back to work.

Transportation of relief food is increasingly hampered and the delivery rate is decreased in Somali region. Movement of private vehicles is restricted. Trucks attempting to move food into the region face delays.

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