

## **49 Eritrean Refugees Arrived in Northern Ethiopia**

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49 Eritrean refugees arrived in Northern Ethiopia, following their escape from their country. The new refugee arrivals, 23 soldiers and 26 civilians crossed the Eritrean border into Northern Ethiopia between August 10 and 15, 2009, Eritrean People's Party sources reported.

Of the 23 soldiers, 10 served in the 11th Eritrean Army Division, 11 in the 16th division, and 2 in the Eritrean Air Force. The civilians, comprising 22 male and 4 female are all students.

In addition, two Eritrean refugees, one male and one female drowned in the Tekeze River on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 after they tried to cross the river to enter Ethiopia. Swept away by the powerful river, their dead bodies were found on the side of the river, miles from the location where the incident occurred, reported Eritrean People's Party source.