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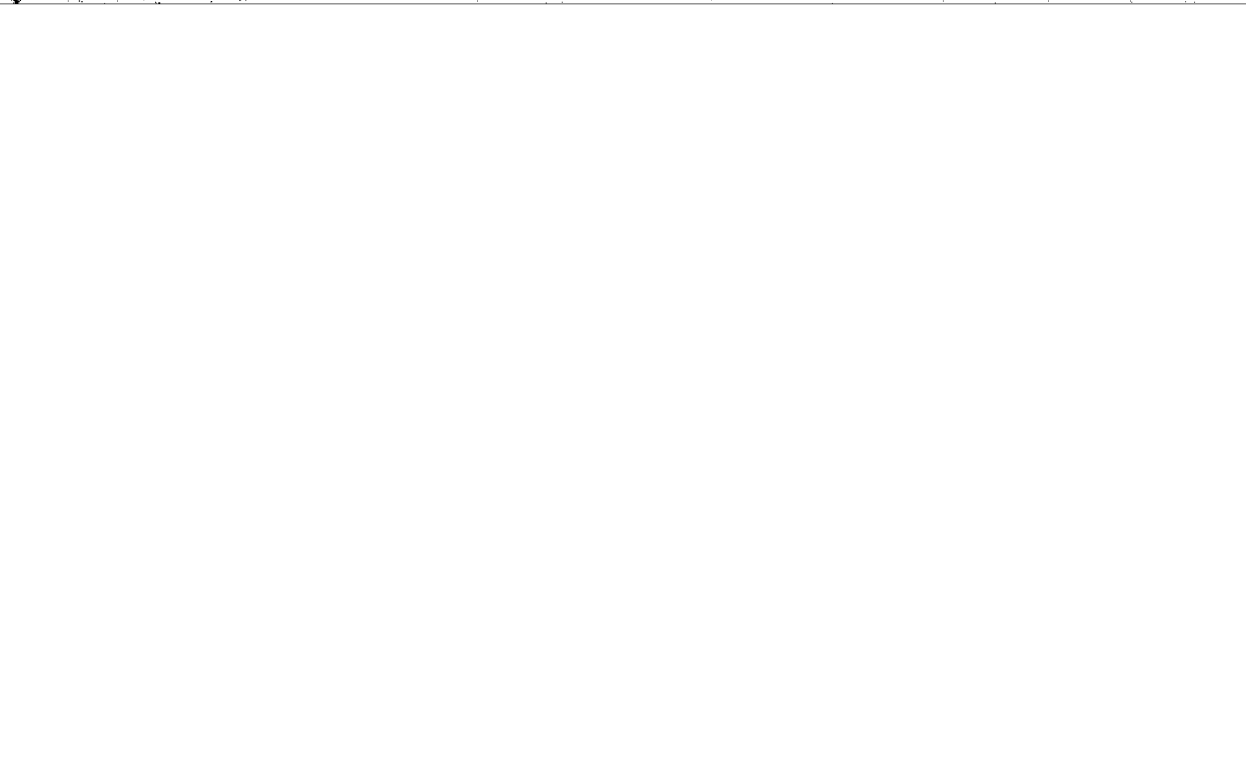
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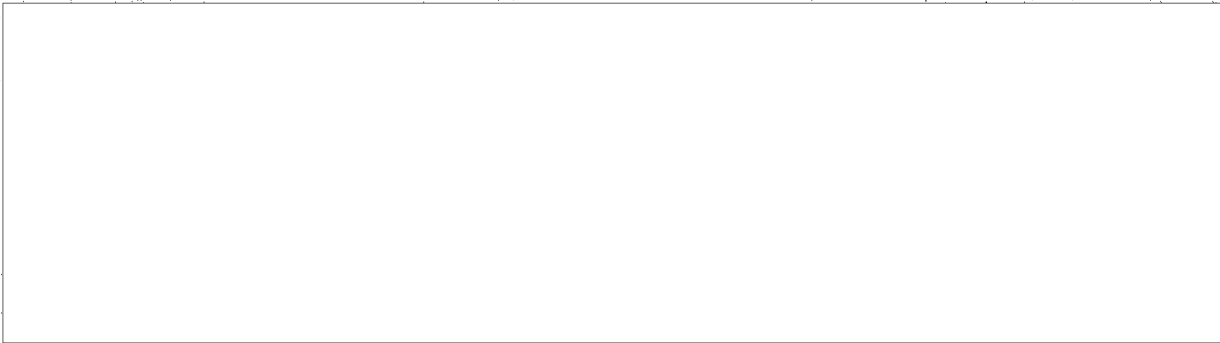
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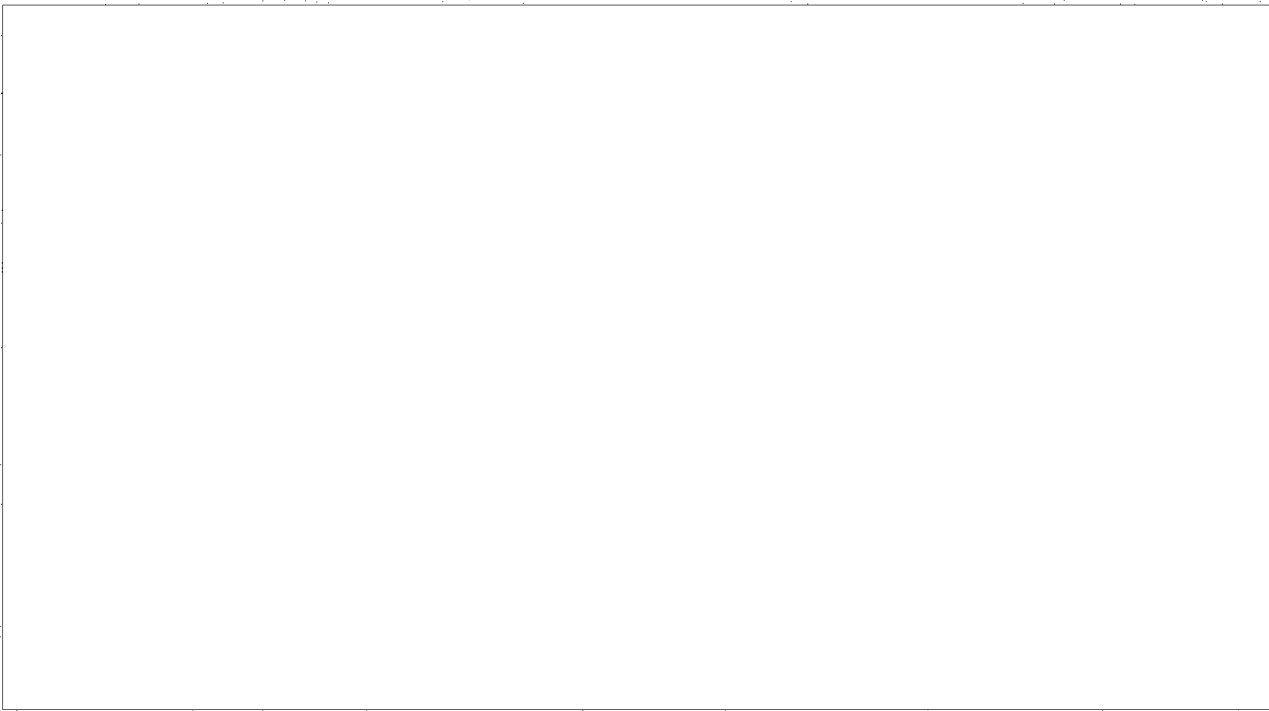
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ETHIOPIAN EXECUTION MAY CAUSE PROBLEM FOR REGIME: THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY EXECUTED A GALLA TRIBAL LEADER, TADESSA BIRU, AND FIVE OTHER MEN FOR TAKING UP ARMS AGAINST THE RULING MILITARY COUNCIL. TADESSA WAS ARRESTED LAST WEEK FOR INCITING A GALLA REBELLION IN THE PROVINCES. THE OTHER FIVE MEN EXECUTED WERE NOT IDENTIFIED, BUT INITIAL PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THEY WERE ARRESTED FOR PARTICIPATING IN RECENT INSURGENT ACTIVITIES. THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY BELIEVES TADESSA'S EXECUTION WILL HARDEN THE RESOLVE OF HIS SUPPORTERS TO OVERTHROW THE MILITARY COUNCIL. THE SUPPORTERS ARE PRESSING THEIR INSURGENCY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE SUMMARY EXECUTIONS MAY ALSO INCREASE OPPOSITION TO THE COUNCIL AMONG OTHER ETHIOPIANS. AFTER THE EXECUTION OF 59 PRISONERS LAST NOVEMBER, THE COUNCIL HAD PROMISED THERE WOULD BE NO MORE SUMMARY EXECUTIONS.



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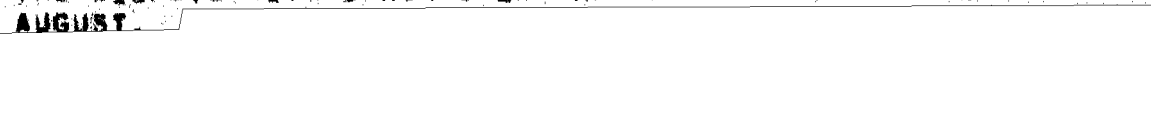
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MOROCCO RECEIVES SOVIET MISSILES: THE SOVIETS REPORTEDLY HAVE DELIVERED AS MANY AS 200 SA-7 GRAIL SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES AND A LARGE NUMBER OF AT-3 SAGGER ANTITANK MISSILES TO MOROCCO. A MAJOR PORTION OF THE WEAPONS WILL PROBABLY BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE 12,000 TO 15,000 MOROCCAN TROOPS STATIONED NEAR THE SPANISH SAHARA BORDER. OTHER LIKELY RECIPIENTS ARE LOCATED NEAR THE SPANISH ENCLAVES OF CEUTA AND MELILLA ON THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST. MOROCCAN INTEREST IN IMPROVING ITS DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES HAS HEIGHTENED SINCE THE DISPUTE WITH SPAIN OVER THE SPANISH SAHARA SURFACED LAST AUGUST.

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