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His Holiness Patriarch Kirill sends condolences over devastating natural disasters in southern Ethiopia



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His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Rus' expressed condolences after damaging natural disasters had struck southern Ethiopia, causing serious casualties.

His Excellency Mr Abiy AHMED
Prime Minister
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Your Excellency, dear Mr Prime Minister,

It was with deep sorrow that I learned of the devastating floods and landslides in the south of Ethiopia which caused heavy human casualties and inflicted serious damage on civil infrastructure.

Please convey my words of consolation and support to family members and friends of the victims, and my wishes of speedy recovery to the injured.

May the Lord give strength to the people of Ethiopia at this moment of great hardship.

With deep condolences,

**+KIRILL
PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUS'**

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