

The Ethiopian media watch has threatened to revoke licenses of four foreign media houses against taking sides on their reporting in the ongoing conflict in the country.

The Federal Republic of Ethiopia Media Authority has sent a warning letter to Associated Press (AP) Reuters, CNN and British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) for disseminating news that sowed seeds of animosity among people and compromised the sovereignty of the country.

The country's Media Authority Director General Mohammed Edris Mohammed on Friday sent warning letters to the media houses claiming that they have consistently reported in favor of the group propagating violence in the country.

"Since the onset of the law enforcement operation in the Northern Region of Ethiopia by the Federal government, the Ethiopian Media Authority has been monitoring numerous foreign media outlets and conducting a trend analysis on their reporting patterns on the issue. Unfortunately, the Authority finds that the above media houses have continued to manufacture and disseminate false news analyses on Ethiopia to assist the TPLF's objectives," read part of the notice to the media houses by Mohammed.

Mohammed added, "The Ethiopian Media Authority, in issuing licenses for journalist operations, expects reports not to endanger Ethiopia's national interest, territorial integrity or the peaceful coexistence of the people of Ethiopia."

The Media Authority claimed that the four media houses in the East African Bureau have continued to report the law enforcement operation as a genocidal campaign hence undermining the government's efforts to address the humanitarian crisis in the Tigray region.