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NAIROBI (AP) - Ethiopia says it has started deploying peacekeepers to the contested region of Abyei, which lies between Sudan and South Sudan.

Dina Mufti, spokesman of Ethiopia's foreign affairs ministry, said Thursday that the troops began a weeklong overland journey on July 7. Mufti said the battalion will "definitely be operational" Friday.

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