

FALSE: Ethiopian Group CEO has not conveyed any message and has never done so on any of the Ethiopian social media accounts.

Ethiopian Airlines have dismissed the accusation.

[Jiggiga online](#), a Facebook page with more than 70,566 followers, Write the English version titled “Ethiopia Airlines admits transporting weapons and military machinery used in Tigray genocide”, is FALSE.



[Ethiopian Airlines](#) is the flag carrier of Ethiopia. During the past seventy-plus years, Ethiopian has become one of the continent's leading carriers, unrivaled in Africa for efficiency and operational success, turning profits for almost all the years of its existence.

[Ethiopian Airlines](#) is a state-owned economic powerhouse that generates billions of dollars a year carrying passengers to hubs across the African continent and all over the world, and it is also a member of the Star Alliance, a group of some of the world's top aviation companies. The airline has issued multiple denials about transporting weapons.

Ethiopian Airlines strongly refutes the recent allegations by [CNN](#) and would like to confirm that to the best of its knowledge and its records, it has not transported any war armament in any of its routes by any of its Aircraft.

Ethiopian Airlines, the largest carrier in Africa, at end of 2021 denied it was transporting weapons and soldiers to the [war-torn Tigray region](#). "Ethiopian Airlines strongly refutes all the recent baseless and unfounded allegations that are running on social media regarding the airline's involvement in transporting war armament and soldiers to the Tigray region," it said in a statement on Twitter.

However, Ethiopian Airlines' official Facebook account was temporarily compromised and we found out that a fake statement was posted as if it was from the Ethiopian Group CEO. The Ethiopian airlines' statement posted on its verified official Facebook account reads as follow:



Arts tv has investigated a claims Jiggiga online said “Ethiopia Airlines admits transporting weapons and military machinery used in Tigray genocide” is FALSE

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