

Why it matters that Eritrean cyclists are wowing the Tour de France

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Eritrea isn't a big place. The East African country has a population of 6 million or so. Recently it has come under some serious international criticism: A damning report released by the [United Nations last month](#) suggested that the country's one-party government might be guilty of crimes against humanity. While the government disputes the findings, the huge numbers of migrants risking their lives to escape the nation contribute to a poor international reputation for life in Eritrea.

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