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New Horizon of Hope

Key Activities of the Month

The Historic MoU Signed by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed



On January 1, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inked a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Addis Ababa with the President of Somaliland Muse Bihe Abdi). The MoU for Partnership and Cooperation, between the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and Somaliland, is intended to serve as a framework for the multisectoral partnership between the two sides.

On January 5, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared food items with 225 low income staff members of the Office of the Prime Minister (PMO) and also with orphaned children the PMO is helping to raise ahead of Ethiopian Christmas.

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared through social media that more than 2 billion coffee seedlings, more than half a billion fruit seedlings and more than 400 million tea plants are under preparation for the next planting season. “If we are able to plant these seedlings and nurture them to production, it will have a great impact on our overall economy and efforts to address climate change,” the Prime Minister elaborated.



On January 6, 2024 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew inaugurated the newest addition of low cost housing in the Aware area of Addis Ababa built on a total area of 1523.3m². The two G+11 apartments, constructed in a three month period through the sale of the Prime Minister’s ‘Generation Medemer’ book sales and the support of Ovid Construction Group, contain a total of 110 units of one, two and three bedroom varieties and 51 ground level stores.



In his remarks, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed called upon other private sector stakeholders to follow the lead of Ovid Construction Group in expressing goodwill and innovation for low cost housing schemes

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended his Christmas message to all Ethiopian Christians.



On January 7, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew shared the annual holiday meal on the occasion of the

On January 8, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed noted that there are great benefits Ethiopians can derive if we enhance our composting practices, particularly in our urban farming efforts. The Prime Minister added composting improves soil properties, enables a strong plant system, and increases plant growth and health.

Premier Abiy on Inaugural Ceremony of Wanchi-Dendi Eco Tourism Village



On January 12, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew reviewed the Wanchi-Dendi Eco Tourism Village built through the *'Dine for Ethiopia Initiative.'*

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received African Union Commission (AUC) Chair Moussa Faki Mahamat, IGAD Chair Workeneh Gebeyehu and members of the diplomatic corps in the newly developed Wanchi - Dendi Eco Tourism Village.

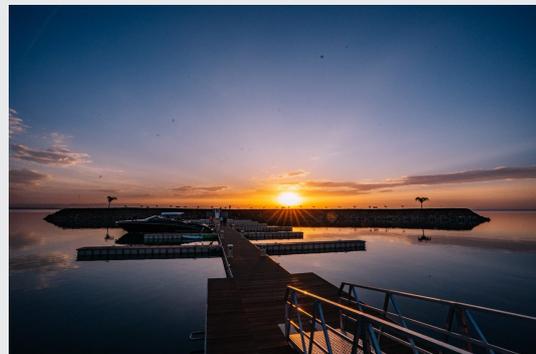
On that day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed also shared on his social media pages that massive infrastructure has been introduced and significant jobs

have been created in the process of developing the Wanchi-Dandi Eco Tourism Village. Premier Abiy pointed out that between 8,000 to 12,000 jobs have been created during the construction phase.

Acknowledging Wanchi which has always existed as a pristine gift of nature, the Prime Minister said it is our duty though to receive nature's blessing and add value. He added youth in the community are seizing the economic benefits of what such large-scale development introduces and the community at large now have greater opportunities.



On January 13, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed along with high level government officials inaugurated the newly developed Wanchi-Dandi Ecotourism village.





On January 16, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed stated that we recognize the private sector plays a pivotal role in the sphere of tourism, as one of the five key pillars of our economy. “The Dine for Sheger, Dine for Ethiopia and Dine for Generations investments in the sector are intended to pave the way for more private sector investments in expanding destinations and services,” the premier explained.

On January 19, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended best wishes to Ethiopian Christians upon the celebration of the Timket (Ethiopian Epiphany) festival which commemorates baptism of Jesus Christ.

In his message, Prime Minister Abiy stressed the need for learning valuable lessons from the Timket and he drew a parallel between the Baptism of Jesus and Ethiopia's current path. In this respect, the premier highlighted the importance of patience and unwavering commitment to save the country.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed at the 19th Summit of Non-Aligned Movement



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and his delegation arrived in Kampala, Uganda to participate in the 19th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).



On that day, On January 19, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conferred with Kenyan President William Ruto on the sidelines of the NAM Summit in Kampala where the two leaders took a moment to discuss regional and bilateral issues.



Similarly, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held a bilateral meeting with President Ranil Wickremesinghe of Sri Lanka and the two leaders affirmed their readiness to enhance commercial ties and collaborate on multilateral issues.



Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed also held a bilateral meeting with President of Uganda, Yoweri Museveni.

On January 22, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared that in order to double the amount of tea production, a lot of work is being done. He

further emphasized that in addition to what has been planted, intensive seedling preparations are being undertaken to increase productivity.

On January 22, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who is also President of the Prosperity Party (PP), convened the party's Executive Committee in the afternoon to discuss key national as well as party agenda items.

On January 25, 2024, Prosperity Party's Central Committee on 24th January 2024 also commenced its meeting in the morning in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed where he presented on: *'Repairing Fractures; Trustworthiness for the Generations'*.

FAO's Award to Premier Abiy and His Participation at Italy-Africa Summit



On January 28, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed was awarded the prestigious United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) at a ceremony held in Rome, Italy.

This prestigious award has been given to the Prime Minister, for his vision, leadership and commitment to food security and nutrition and the pursuit of innovative solutions in wheat self-sufficiency in the context of fast-changing and challenging circumstances. The Prime Minister received the Agricola Medal in the presence of high-level delegates of various countries, representatives of international organizations, diplomatic missions in Italy and private sector representatives.



Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed expressed his gratitude to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for bestowing the prestigious

Agricola Medal for his efforts towards the attainment of food security. The Prime Minister revealed that: “Our focus on high value and industrial crops is yielding promising results and we are committed to our food sovereignty path.”



On January 29, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed joined other African leaders at the Italy-Africa Summit hosted by Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. The conference was held under the theme ‘a bridge for a common growth’. During the summit, Italy’s proposed ‘Mattei Plan’ for Africa was discussed.



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held a discussion with the *International Monetary Fund (IMF)* Director, Kristalina Georgieva on the sidelines of the Italy-Africa Summit.



On January 30, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held talks with his Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni on bilateral, regional and multilateral issues. “Our continued engagements are testament to the growing cooperation between our two countries,” the Prime Minister wrote on his X page.



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced the return of “Tsehay” aircraft from Italy that was built in Ethiopia in 1935. “Today is a

day of great pride for Ethiopians as we celebrate the official handover of “Tsehay” by the Italian Government. I extend my immense gratitude to Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni for her support over the past year in facilitating its return,” the premier said.



“Tsehay” is the first aircraft built in Ethiopia in 1935, under the collaborative efforts of the German engineer and pilot of the emperor, Herr Ludwig Weber, and Ethiopian individuals of that era.

Statements

- **Prime Minister’s Christmas Holiday Message**
<https://bitly.ws/3bfMb>
 - **Prime Minister’s Message on the Occasion of Epiphany**
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Video of the Month



Wanchi – Dandi Eco-Tourism Village and Lodge – an awe-inspiring destination with community at heart!

<https://bitly.ws/3bkqJ>

Quote of the Month

“Ethiopia is a nation of plenty. It has abundant natural resources, most favorable weather and an energetic youth population.”

-Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

Photo of the Month



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