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## New Horizon of Hope

### Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's (PhD) Key Activities of the Month

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**On January 31, 2025**, as the Prosperity Party (PP) commenced its second Congress, the president of the party, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, addressed the party members and delegates. In his speech, the Prime Minister emphasized the congress's pivotal role in shaping Ethiopia's trajectory for the coming years.

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**On February 2, 2025,** Prime Minister Abiy was re-elected by the Prosperity Party as its President during its second Congress.

**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed posted on social media that the Prosperity Party's election had been conducted, embracing technology as part of Ethiopia's national journey toward digital transformation. He further explained that the trust and responsibility entrusted to him and the deputy presidents through this re-election inspire them to move forward with renewed commitment.

**On February 5, 2025,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed wrote on his social media pages that the preparation of tea seedlings was well underway as part of this year's #GreenLegacy planting program.

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**On February 8, 2025,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conferred with International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva, who paid a working official visit to Ethiopia. The Prime Minister warmly welcomed the Managing Director and said, “We value the IMF’s continued technical and financial support for our economic reform program and greatly appreciate your personal involvement and contributions.”

Ethiopia’s macroeconomic reform program, which is supported by one of the IMF’s largest financing programs, is based on a Home-Grown Vision and Reform Agenda that clearly articulates our growth and development aspirations, Prime Minister Abiy indicated.

He added, “As such, we have strong ownership of the reforms and have been able to undertake bold, comprehensive, and historic measures to address long-standing macro challenges. The results of the program so far are positive and very encouraging. Our ongoing implementation will bring macro stability, unleash growth, improve living standards, and help establish Ethiopia as an African beacon of prosperity.”



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## Prime Minister Abiy's Diplomatic Engagements During the 38th AU Summit

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**On February 11, 2025,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed encouraged all participants of the 38th African Union Summit to extend their stay and experience the Land of Origins. The Prime Minister stated: “As Ethiopia welcomes you to the 38th African Union Summit, I encourage all participants to extend their stay and experience the rich history, diverse cultures, and breath-taking landscapes that make Ethiopia truly the Land of Origins.”

From ancient heritage sites to vibrant traditions and unparalleled natural beauty, there is so much to discover beyond the summit, the Premier elaborated.

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**On February 13, 2025,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed Prime Minister Mia Mottley of the Republic of Barbados to Ethiopia at Bole International Airport.

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**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held discussions with the Generals of the Ethiopian National Defence Forces (ENDF) in the afternoon



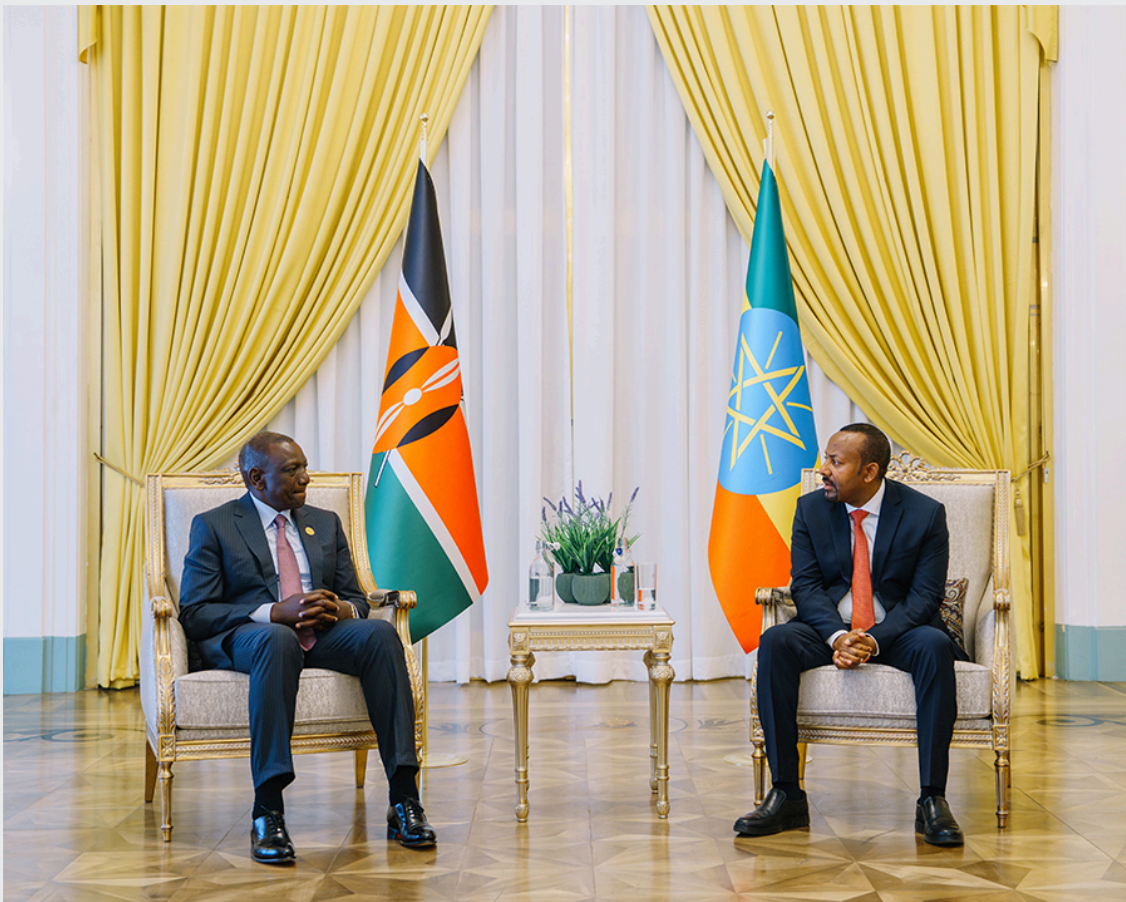
to discuss national and regional peace and security issues.

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**On February 14, 2025**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed presided over the High-Level Humanitarian Conference for the People of Sudan, co-hosted by Ethiopia, the UAE, the African Union, and IGAD. “As a close neighbour and sister nation, Ethiopia stands in solidarity with the people of Sudan during these challenging times,” the Prime Minister said. He further underscored, “Our two countries are deeply interdependent, bound by generations of shared struggles, aspirations, and cultural ties.”

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed President Ruto for bilateral talks on strengthening cooperation and reviewing the existing ties between Ethiopia and Kenya.

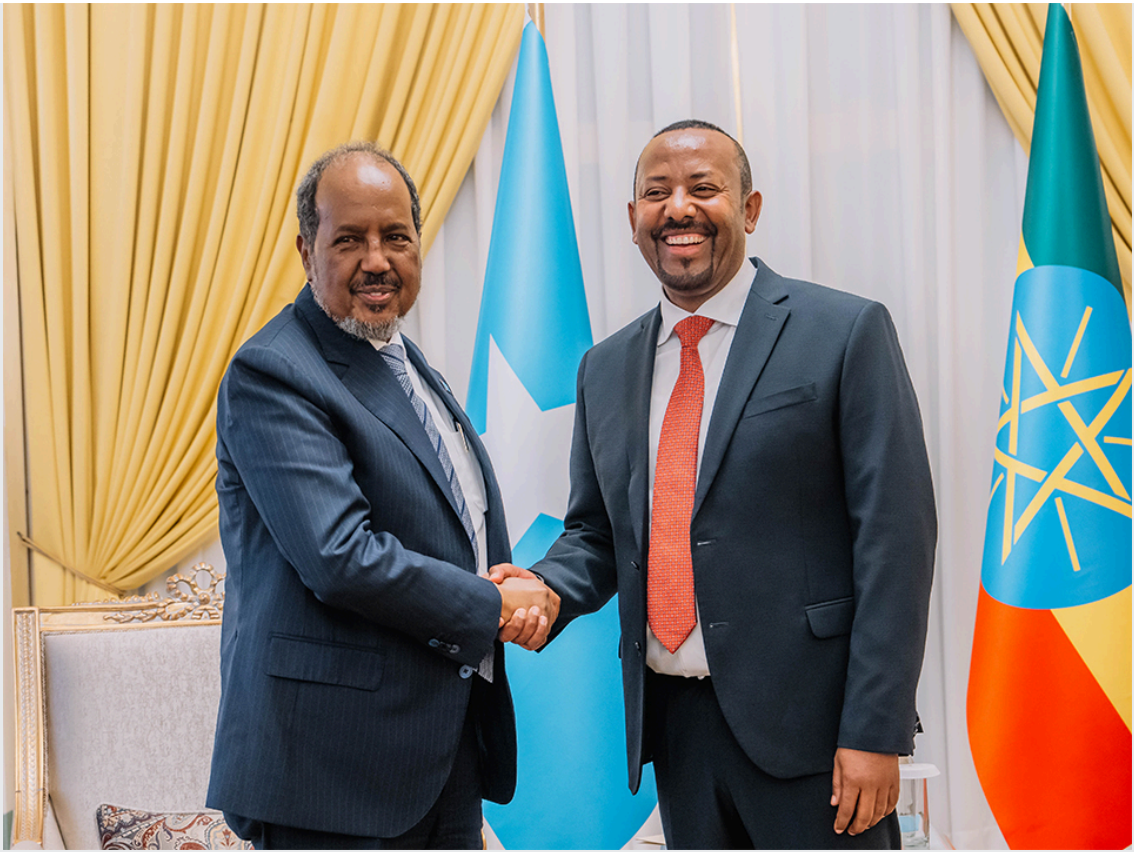
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**On February 14, 2025**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with President Abdelmadjid Tebboune of Algeria for bilateral talks. “Ethiopia and Algeria share strong diplomatic ties, rooted in historical solidarity, Pan-Africanism, and mutual interests in regional stability,” the Prime Minister wrote on his social media pages.

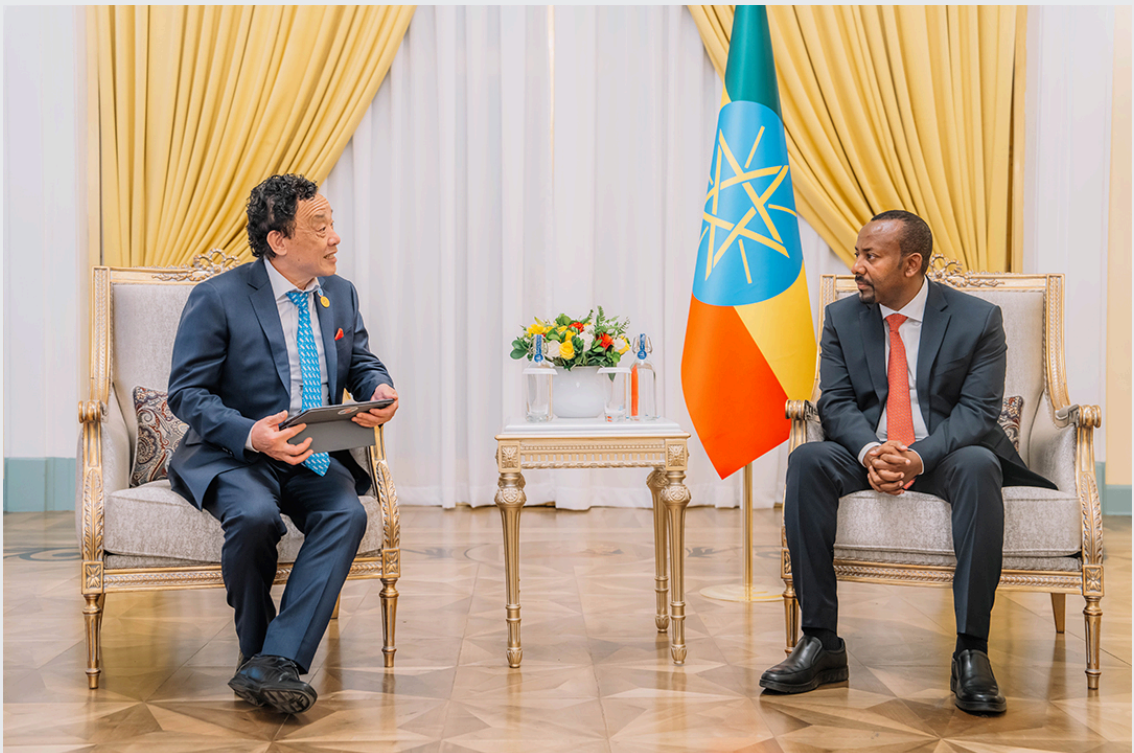
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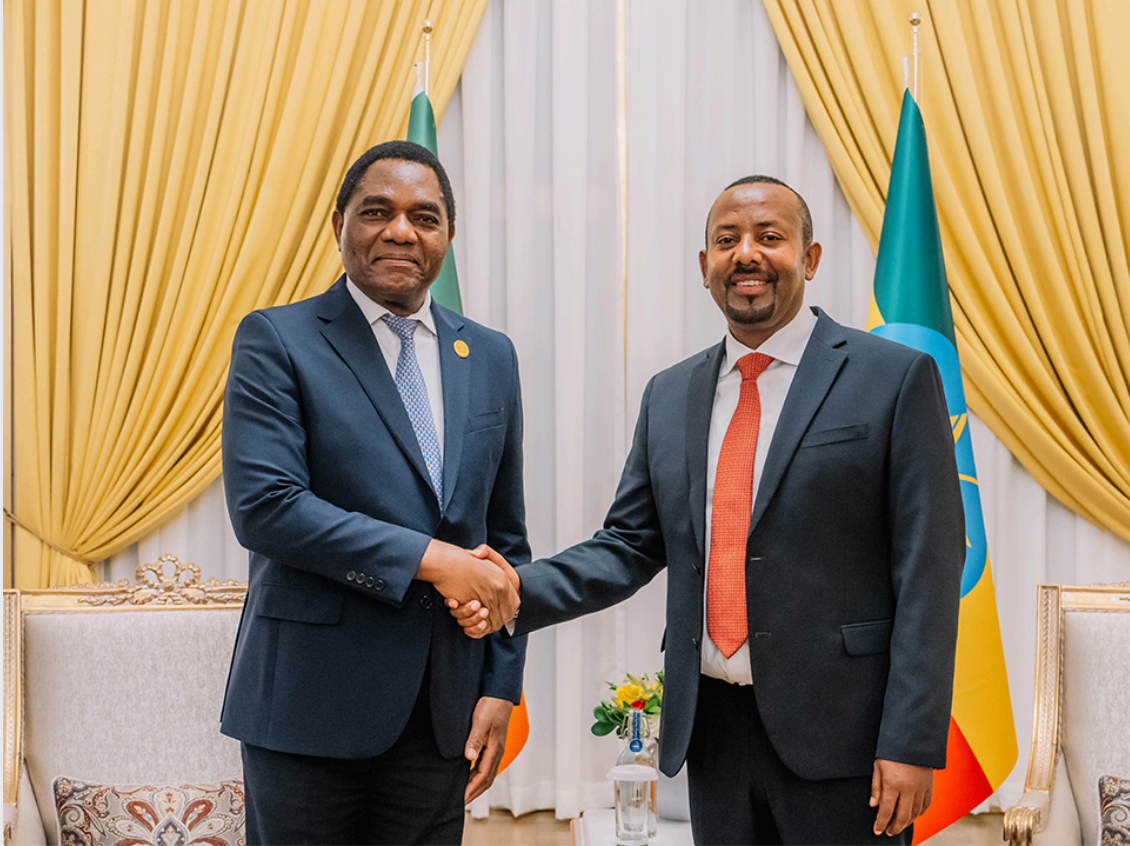
**Similarly,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud of Somalia back to Ethiopia. The Prime Minister wrote on X that “Our frequent engagements are key to strengthening our ties and enhancing cooperation.”

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**Moreover,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with UNFAO Director-General QU Dongyu and engaged in productive bilateral discussions. The two sides explored Ethiopia's ongoing agricultural efforts, emphasizing collaboration to enhance food security, sustainability, and resilience in the sector.

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**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, in his bilateral meeting with President Hakainde Hichilema of Zambia, discussed a range of regional and bilateral issues, including cooperation in the energy and aviation sectors. On the eve of the 38th African Union Summit, they also underscored the importance of continental unity in an ever-evolving global order.

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**Furthermore,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed had a productive discussion with President Bassirou Diomaye Faye of Senegal on strengthening bilateral ties between the two nations. The leaders recognized that despite the challenges Africa faces, the continent holds immense opportunities—provided we are guided by strong and visionary leadership. “We agreed to work together to explore these opportunities for the mutual benefit of our countries and the continent,” according to the Prime Minister.

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**On February 15, 2025**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conferred with Global Fund Executive Director Peter Sands during his visit to Ethiopia. “The Global Fund remains a key partner in supporting Ethiopia’s health sector, and our discussions today focused on strengthening this collaboration,” Prime Minister Abiy said in a social media post.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed addressed the opening of the 38th Ordinary Assembly of the Union (AU) held in Addis Ababa at the headquarters of the Union. “To achieve lasting justice, peace, and prosperity, we must rise above the geopolitical tensions and the historical divisions imposed upon us by colonial borders,” the Prime Minister said in his keynote address to the summit. By fostering solidarity among all our nations and embracing a shared destiny, we can pool our resources and talents to unlock our continent’s full potential, he added.

According to the Prime Minister, the theme for this year’s assembly calls on us to heal the scars of historical injustices and overcome the lingering trauma that has long hindered our progress. “The demand for reparations is not about charity or financial aid; it is a call for justice.” He further underscored that reparations seek to restore the dignity of millions and heal the deep scars of poverty, inequality, and discrimination.

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**On the same day, February 15, 2025,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed had a productive first day at the 38th African Union Summit, engaging with leaders on key regional, continental, and development priorities. He held bilateral meetings with President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo of Equatorial Guinea, President Duma Boko of Botswana, and President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa, reaffirming their commitment to deeper cooperation.

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Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed **also** discussed regional and continental issues with President Paul Kagame of Rwanda and President Samia Suluhu Hassan of Tanzania, reinforcing collective efforts for Africa's progress.

Beyond the government, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with Global Fund Executive Director Peter Sands and GAVI CEO Sania Nishtar to strengthen Ethiopia's health sector resilience.

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The Premier **also** spoke with African Development Bank President Akinwumi Adesina and IFAD President Alvaro Lario on boosting Ethiopia's agricultural sector. He also engaged with Aliko Dangote and Tony Elumelu, recognizing the private sector's role in driving Africa's growth.

Prime Minister Abiy highlighted the importance of these discussions to look forward toward shared prosperity.

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**On the evening of February 15, 2025,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed honored Moussa Faki Mahamat, outgoing Chair of the African Union, and outgoing Deputy Chair, Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa, during the State Dinner held for Heads of State and Government attending the 38th Ordinary Assembly of the Union.

Speaking at the State Dinner, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said, “As we welcome the new Chairperson of the African Union, I thank Moussa Faki Mahamat, outgoing Chairperson of the African Union, for his leadership and friendship over the past years.” He added, “Ethiopia thanks you for your dedicated service to Africa, and we heartily wish you the best in your endeavors.”

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**On February 16, 2025**, on the margins of the second day of the 38th AU Summit, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed had a productive discussion with President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud on key regional matters. The Prime Minister also stressed the need for strengthening partnerships that require continuous engagement.

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Prime Minister Abiy **also** met with President John Mahama of Ghana and President Evariste Ndayishimiye of Burundi to exchange views on shared challenges and opportunities, reaffirming their commitment to closer cooperation.

As Ethiopia's WTO accession remains a priority, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed had a constructive conversation with Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the WTO, on the progress and next steps. "With the advancements in our homegrown economic reform program, we remain dedicated to integrating into the global trading system in a way that serves our national interests," he emphasized.

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**Additionally**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed spoke to Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs on various development-related topics. "His continued support and

insights remain invaluable to Ethiopia's development journey," the Premier underscored.

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**On February 17, 2025**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders who contributed to the successful completion of the 38th Ordinary Assembly of the African Union. "Our country, Ethiopia, has met its expectations as a host country for the Union. The reception, hospitality, and programs were impressive to the guests and have created unforgettable memories. As a result, many guests extended their stay," according to the Prime Minister's message on his social media channels.

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**On the same day**, the Council of Ministers, chaired by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, discussed and passed decisions on various issues during its 42nd regular session.

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**On February 17, 2025,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said he had a candid and productive discussion with Angela Rayner, Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, on key bilateral and multilateral issues. The Prime Minister further explained that Ethiopia and the UK share a long history and deep ties, and her visit further strengthens this relationship. “As we look ahead, our partnership will continue to evolve, expanding beyond politics and diplomacy to include greater business and economic collaboration,” he noted.

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**On February 18, 2025,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with Valentina Matvienko, Speaker of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, and her delegation in the evening. The Prime Minister noted that it was a valuable opportunity to discuss and explore Ethio-Russia relations.

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## Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Official Working Visit to Somalia

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**On February 27, 2025**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and his delegation visited Mogadishu, Somalia. The leaders of the two countries held extensive discussions, building on previous engagements to strengthen bilateral relations. Their talks focused on peace and security, the economy, diplomacy, and opportunities for joint infrastructure development.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed emphasized the region’s immense potential for cooperation and mutual benefit, stating: “The Horn of Africa is rich in resources—fertile lands, fresh water, and human capital. Yet, as a region, we struggle to feed ourselves. This makes integration essential to achieving our shared aspirations.”

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## Statements

- **42<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**  
<https://bit.ly/43kSCqs>
  - **Statement on the Occasion of Lekatit 11 holiday in Tigray Region**  
<https://bit.ly/3F0atJ3>
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## Video of the Month



**Addis International Convention Center**

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