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Editorial:

Ethiopia is at an inflection point in its political history. It is undergoing a political transformation unprecedented in its long history of statehood. For the first time, we are engaged in a genuine process of establishing a government of the people, by the people, for the people. With a shared commitment from all stakeholders- people, government, political parties, civil societies, and the media- the march toward a peaceful and democratic election has begun.

Read the full editorial: <https://bit.ly/3nlhy43>

Key Activities of the Month:



On 3 April 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the Ethio-Cloud Seeding demonstration held at Entoto Observatory. He remarked that this technology complements hydroelectric power generation and irrigation

efforts. Prime Minister Abiy also emphasized that employing nature to benefit humankind is not a matter of contending with the Creator and nature, but of exercising intellectual capacity.

On April 8, 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed presented awards at the prominent artists honoring ceremony held at the Amfi Theater and Art Center at Entoto Park. In his concluding remarks, Prime Minister Abiy said faith and culture are the pillars of the country. Music, language, literature, and painting are embedded in both of these pillars. He praised the artists who through their arts have laid the foundation for Ethiopians to know their country and be patriotic. He reiterated that Ethiopia and Ethiopian spirit are flourishing as they spread patriotism through their crafts, and urged them to continue their pioneering work as role models since they are the shining lights of Ethiopia.

On April 10, 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has laid the foundation stone for Roha Medical Center. With 5 hospitals of more 1,200 beds, when completed the medical center will enable Ethiopia to become a medical tourism hotspot when completed.

On 15 April 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed took part in a follow up meeting to the February virtual meeting with regional presidents and the head of the National Elections Board of Ethiopia, to review progress and challenges. Direction has been set to ensure preparedness at polling stations is finalized and voters registered within the remaining timeframe. Prime Minister Abiy reiterated that ensuring a democratic 6th national election is a responsibility for all.

On April 16, 2021, A delegation sent by Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa and led by Ambassador Kwame Tapiwa Muzawazi was received by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed this morning at his office. The delegation presented the Africa Fact Book written under the direction of the African Union to set right the History of Africa for the past 500 Years. As an important part of Agenda 2063, along with The African Museum, the Fact Book aims to introduce the culture, history and heritage of Africa to the world. By way of presenting the Fact Book, the delegation appreciated and recognised Ethiopia's Role in the Freedom of Africa and its continued support for Pan-Africanism.

On April 16, 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited the progress of the

Federal Housing Corporation's efforts in addressing urban housing shortages. In six months, 500 houses have been built in 16 blocks on 3 hectares of land at a cost of Birr 3 billion. The government will continue developing such facilities to meet urban housing needs.



On April 17, 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated the Information Network Security Agency's headquarters building. Located on an area of 7,500 square meters, the six-block building is designed to meet the needs of the sector, its rapid growth and mission. The building also houses, the Ministry of Peace, Artificial Intelligence Center and Financial Intelligence Center. In addition to laboratories, a digital exhibition center and a data center, the HQ building includes a cyber talent development center where students and teens with cyberspace skills and talent can be trained to produce. With such institutional modernization, our country will progress on the path of prosperity.

On 19 April 2021 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed convened with business owners and scholars from the Tigray Region living in Addis Ababa, to discuss current issues and the situation in Tigray. The Prime Minister reiterated that rebuilding the Tigray Region requires the concerted efforts of various actors, especially those from the region.

On April 22, 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed convened Regional Presidents and National Election Board leadership to follow up direction provided in previous meetings. Following NEBE's report that many polling stations were still pending, regions committed to ensuring requisite

support to expedite the setting up of stations. Resultantly, both NEBE and regions confirmed today the progress made over the past week to set up polling stations and register voters. The meeting also explored security preparedness among all regions in ensuring that the electoral process is peaceful and unhindered by agents of instability. In this regard, the National Security Advisor/Minister Gedu Andargachew presented the assessment made by the national electoral security committee, confirming that with the exception of a few hotspots, many polling stations throughout the country are ready to peacefully undertake elections.



On April 26, 2021, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared Iftar dinner with Syrians taking refuge in Ethiopia. The Prime Minister said the situation is reminiscent of the wonderful care and hospitality shown by the early Ethiopian royalty to the messengers of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). He called on all Ethiopians, especially the youth, to embrace the Ethiopian culture of supporting and caring for the less fortunate.

Press Releases and Statements

Press Release on the 6th National Elections

16 April 2021

<https://bit.ly/3371TSG>

Statement from the National Security Council

24 April 2021

<https://bit.ly/3gS6WOM>

Quote of the Month

“In this election, vote for whoever you desire but put peace at the forefront. In this election, vote for whoever you desire but ensure that you have created a level playing field. There should not be any force that is unwanted or pushed away. We have heartfelt desire for all those who believe they can serve Ethiopia to have a fair chance. It is only when this happens that Ethiopia will be a winner.”

– Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

Video of the Month



Photo of the Month





Review of Elections Preparations

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