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New Horizon of Hope Key Activities of the Month



On 5th September 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held discussions with the leaders of the Ethiopian Teachers Association on issues related to education, teachers, and overall national issues.



On 6th September 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed observed National Service Day with senior employees who have served at different federal institutions for the past 38 years. Speaking at the occasion, Prime Minister Abiy noted that there is no greater courage than serving one's country. These national heroes are also role models for the next generation, the Prime Minister added.

On 7th September 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared through his social media pages that Ethiopia is one of ten largest producers of honey globally. The Prime Minister added that through the 'Bounty of the Basket' initiative launched last year, Ethiopia has managed to increase honey productivity to around 98 thousand tons per year through modern methods.

"Our target for next year is to double annual output, considering the varied ecological and climatic conditions of the country with diverse flora and fauna that make honey production conducive," he added. He also urged the Ethiopian public to build on current efforts for better harvest.



On 8th September 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed spoke to youth volunteers from different parts of the country. In his speech, Prime Minister Abiy said that virtue cannot be measured as it is an act of generosity that requires giving freely, not from what we have in abundance but sharing what we have. He also added virtue is giving freely from the limitless source of kindness adding that this is a seed that will bear fruit in the future.

On the same day, the Office of the Prime Minister shared essential food items and other supplies with around 250 low income staff members and children being supported by the office in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.

On 9th September 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed sent condolences to the people and government of Morocco for the loss of lives due to the devastating earthquake that hit the North African country on 8th September 2023. “I extend my heartfelt condolences to the people and Government of Morocco for the loss of lives due to the devastating earthquake. Ethiopia stands by your side in these difficult times,” the Premier stated.

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed in his post on Twitter stressed the need for enhancing productivity to attain true freedom. “We have a wonderful country with enough water, enough land, and more than enough youth population. Freedom becomes meaningless unless we free ourselves from the shackles of dependency,” Abiy noted. The Prime Minister added that Ethiopia has embarked upon an important historical journey to cease aid dependency through strengthening agricultural productivity.

On 10th September 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced the successful filling of the fourth round of the Ethiopian Grand Renaissance Dam (GERD). In his statement to the nation, the Prime Minister congratulated all who participated in the overall activities of the project. “Through our collaborative efforts, God has helped us,” the Premier underscored.

On 11th September 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended the 2016 Ethiopian New Year best wishes to the Ethiopian people. The premier vowed that the peace and wellbeing of Ethiopia will be on firm basis in the New Year through greater reduction of the challenges and enhanced multinational unity of the country.



On **12th 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, senior government officials and regional chief administrators attended the celebration of the Ethiopian 2016 New Year and the filling of the fourth-round Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), which was held at the site of the dam construction.



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew shared a holiday meal with the elderly and impoverished sections of society during the occasion of the Ethiopian New Year at the National Palace.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on **13th September 2023** expressed his condolences to the people and government of Libya for the loss of lives sharing on social media: “Condolences to the people and Government of Libya for the loss of lives and catastrophe caused by flooding.”



On 18th September 2023, the completion program of the second phase of the first year's Green Legacy Initiative was held in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and chief administrators of all regional states as well as head of agricultural bureaus at the Jogo basin area, Lomi Woreda of East Shoa Zone, Oromia region.

Speaking at the event, the Prime Minister said that the strong and resilient hands of Ethiopians continue to make history. "At the completion of this year's Green Legacy season, we achieved more than our intended target and have collectively planted 7.5 billion saplings nationwide," Prime Minister Abiy shared.

On 23rd September 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed disclosed that Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) is now home to around 70 islands that have immense tourism destination development potential. The prime minister tweeted that "there are many possibilities for us on the horizon, if we commit to working in unison to unlock our national potential."

On September 26th 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed wished all Ethiopian Muslims a happy Mawlid al-Nabi. In his message, the premier also called on all Ethiopians to celebrate Mawlid al-Nabi in a spirit of unity and togetherness. The Prime Minister further urged Ethiopian followers of all faiths to join fellow Muslims on that auspicious holiday and enrich their spiritual lives by embracing humility, kindness and forgiveness.

On 27th September 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conveyed best wishes and message to Ethiopian Christians for the commemoration of Meskel (True Cross) festival. Noting that that there are different identities that bind Ethiopians together, the Prime Minister stated the celebration of the annual religious bonfire, Demera, which is

conducted on the Eve of Meskel commemoration is the symbol of Ethiopians coming together for realizing the new heights of our country.



On 28th September 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the 20th Addis Ababa City Administration's launch of the Tesfa Birhan Feeding Center and shared a holiday meal with beneficiaries of the center.



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended a lunch program on the occasion of the Meskel and Mawlid holidays, hosted for employees working on various projects that the Office of the Prime Minister is undertaking or overseeing.



On 29th and 30th September 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed accompanied by high level Federal and Regional officials visited development activities in Jimma Zone.

Statements

- **Ethiopian New Year Message**
<https://bitly.ws/W2f7>
 - **Mawlid Message**
<https://bitly.ws/W2gf>
 - **Meskel Message**
<https://bitly.ws/W2h4>
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Video of the Month



Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's two-day site visit to Jimma Zone <https://bitly.ws/Wd8r>

Quote of the Month

“We must not share poverty. We should make something beautiful and make many people follow that beautiful thing. It is not right to destroy the whole environment by sharing poverty. What will the next generation take over? What kind of country will we leave for our children tomorrow? These questions require thinking.”

– Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

Photo of the Month



Bench Sheko residents greeting Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

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