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New Horizon of Hope

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Key Activities of the Month

On 1st March 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed issued a celebration message in connection with the commemoration of the 127th Adwa Victory celebrated across the country. In his message, the Prime Minister stated that although there are many reasons to celebrate the Victory of Adwa, the main reason is that it belongs to all of us Ethiopians. He added it is impossible to find a place in the country from where “our ancestors did not take part in the Battle of Adwa.”



On March 2nd 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed launched the tax and customs laws compliance national campaign prepared by the Ministry of

Revenue and Customs Commission with the aim of encouraging citizens to abide by established rules and regulations.



On March 3rd 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed convened the National Macroeconomic Committee to evaluate the overall economic situation and activities of the country. In its deliberation, the committee drew upon the ideas and analysis of experts from governments, universities, research institutions.

PM Abiy Ahmed at the 5th Conference of Least Developed Countries

On March 5, 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and his delegation had left for Doha, Qatar to attend the 5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDC5). A five-day conference took place in Doha, Qatar, with the objective to mobilize the international community's commitments towards the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the LDCs (2022-2031) adopted by the UN General Assembly in April 2022.

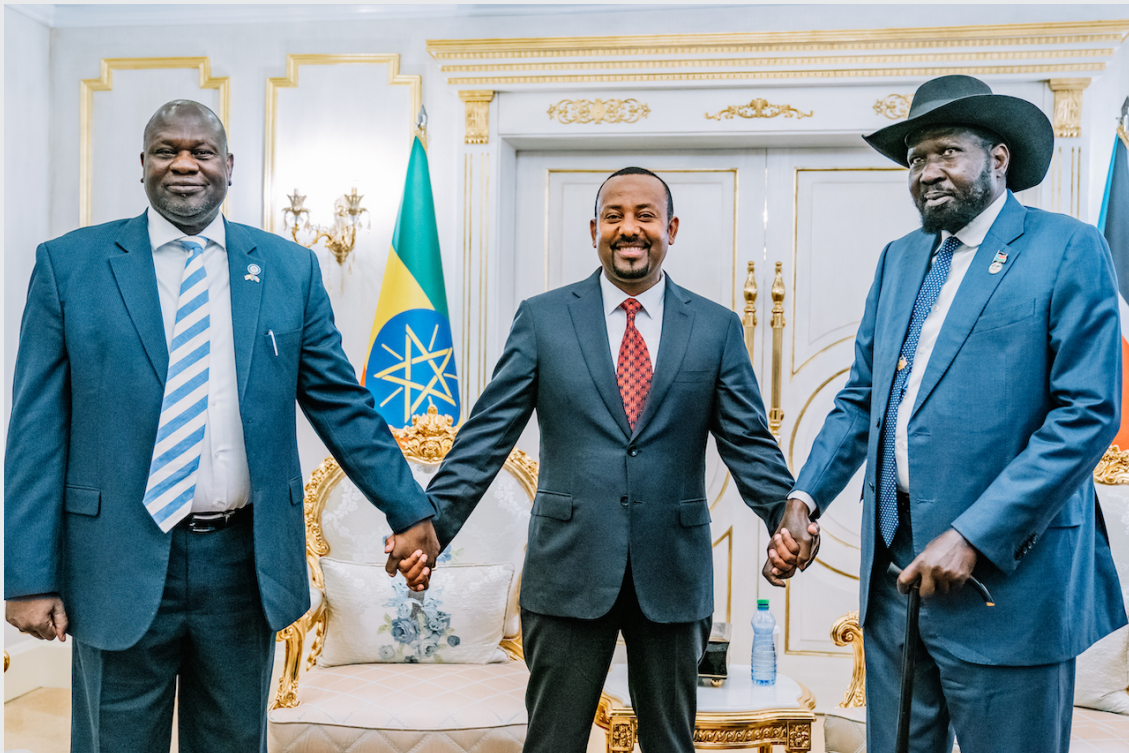
On the same day, the prime minister Tweeted that partnerships and investments are essential for LDCs to graduate:

“Partnerships that are cognizant of the debilitating impact of debt on least developed countries and that are committed to alleviate these burdens by

introducing a fast and predictable global framework of debt restructuring,” the premier underscored.

During the course of his stay in Qatar, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed also conferred with His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Father of the Emir of the State of Qatar. The two Leaders' discussions revolved around supporting social development and investments in Ethiopia.

On the sidelines of the LDC5 Conference **on 5th March 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held bilateral discussions with General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, President of the Sovereign Council of Sudan and His Excellency Maeen Abdulmalik Saeed, the Prime Minister of Yemen.



On March 13, 2023 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and his delegation visited Juba, South Sudan for a one day working visit. Upon arrival in Juba, the Prime Minister and his delegation were welcomed in an official ceremony by South Sudanese President Salva Kiir Mayardit.



On March 15, 2023 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received at the Office of the Prime Minister the US Secretary of State, Anthony J. Blinken who was in Ethiopia for a working visit. Their discussions focused on various domestic, regional and bilateral issues of mutual concern, with a commitment for enhancing the partnership between Ethiopia and the US. Ethiopia's evident progress on the peace agreement was also acknowledged and praised. While the economy, development endeavors, particularly agriculture, and regional stability were also addressed.



On March 18th 2023, "Generation Medemer", the third book in the Medemer series of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's books was launched. The launching ceremony was attended by Federal and Regional Government officials and invited guests. During the ceremony, scholars presented their assessments and reviews on the book. The proceedings of the latest book will be used to restore historical and tourist attractions in various regional states.

Speaking at the launching ceremony of his book, Prime Abiy Ahmed said that the book “Generation Medemer” shows a generational description and enables the current generation to learn a lot. According to him, the path of Medemer as a thought is revealed through process. This latest series, “Generation Medemer”, is published in Amharic, Afan Oromo, and English languages.

The Prime Minister has previously published two books entitled “Medemer” and “The Medemer Path.” It is to be recalled that the proceedings from the sale of the previous two books were used for construction of schools.



On March 21st 2023, the Council of Ministers discussed various issues and referred proclamations to the House of People’s Representatives (HPR) for endorsement.

On March 23rd, 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed appointed Getachew Reda as the Interim Administrator of the Tigray Region.



On the same day, The English version of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's newest book 'Generation Medemer' was introduced to the international community residing in Addis Ababa in an event jointly hosted by the Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



On **March 25th 2023** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and a delegation of high-level government officials arrived in Gurage Zone, Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region (SNNPR) to hold discussions with zonal community members.

During the discussions held with community members of Gurage Zone in Welkite town, Prime Minister Abiy highlighted the great potential that exists within the community and that efforts need to focus on further enhancing unity rather than fomenting divisions. The Prime Minister has also pledged that his government will work to address the development

demands raised by the residents of Gurage Zone step by step and in an integrated manner. Besides, participants of the discussion raised peace, development and administrative questions



On 27th March 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed presented the government's six-month performance report to the House of Peoples Representatives. Accordingly, he also responded to queries put to him by members of the parliament (MPs) at the 11th regular session of the house in connection with the six-month performance report of the government.

The representatives have raised a number of issues on the Pretoria peace, infrastructure facilities such as roads, electricity, rising cost of living and inflation, economic development, impacts of climate change and drought-induced impacts among others.

Responding to the many questions related to peace and instability raised at the session, Prime Minister Abiy elaborated that Ethiopia is currently materializing better peace and stability than six months ago.

The Government has come a long way by ending the war in northern Ethiopia to the improvement of peace in the country. However, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed underlined that nurturing peace is bravery as well as tough which does not happen overnight and requires patriotism just like war.

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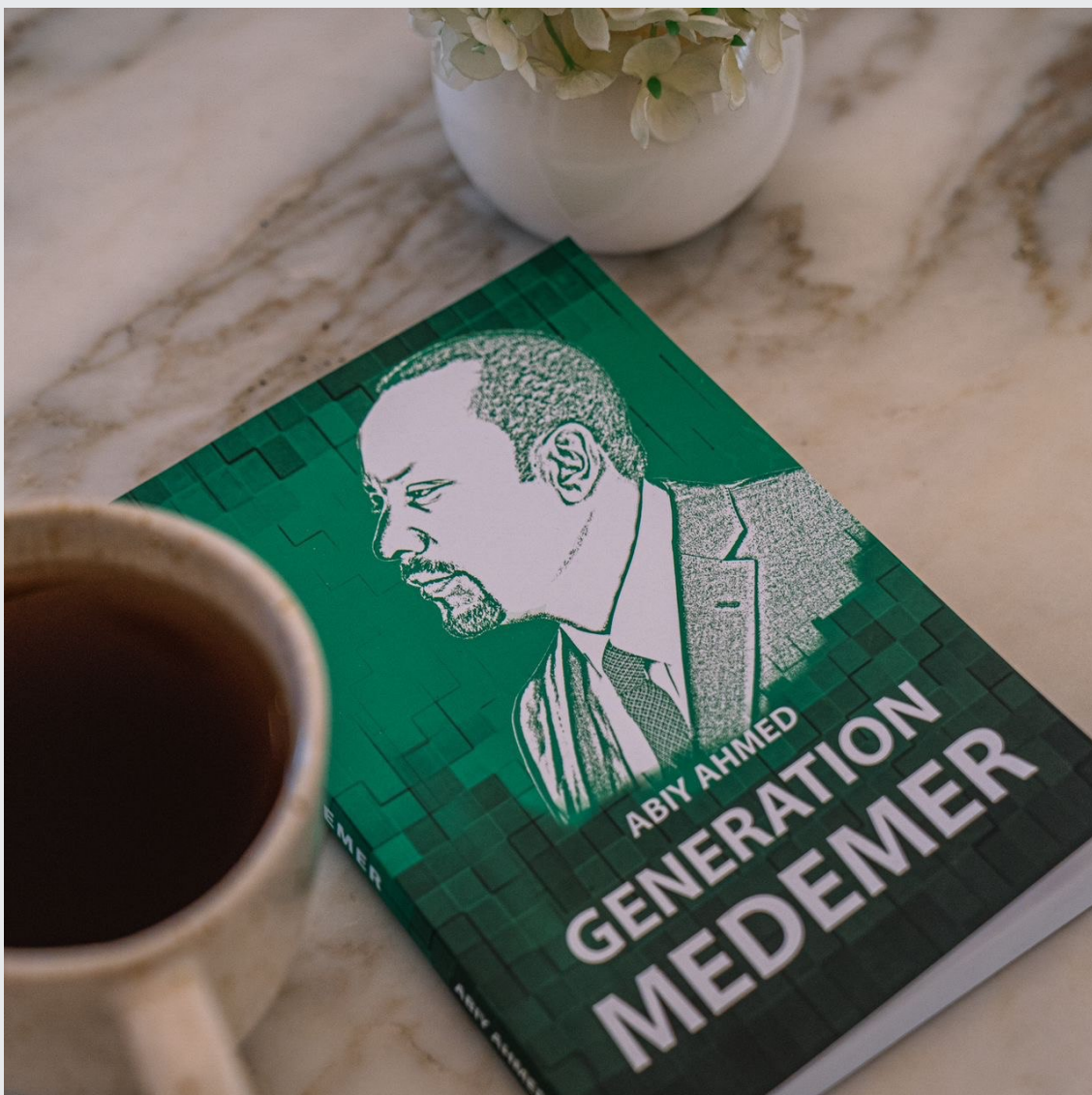
- Decision of the 18th Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers
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 - On establishing the Tigray Regional State Interim Administration
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Quote of the Month

“We are making efforts to build a democracy. We need to think about sustaining these efforts even with shortcomings as the alternative is a path not useful for Ethiopians.”

– Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

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