



# Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

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## New Horizon of Hope

### Key Activities of the Month

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**On March 5, 2024**, in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, the Council of Ministers conducted the second quarter performance review. The review began with presentations on activities undertaken, focusing on four sectoral areas of governance and justice, social, and economic sectors. It is worth recalling that the Prime Minister initiated these performance evaluation sessions to foster a culture of delivery within the government sector.

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**On March 7, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met and discussed with community members from all sub-cities in Addis Ababa. The discussions covered various issues including city development, food security initiatives in the city, youth engagement, housing schemes among other topics.

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**On March 8, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conferred with African Development Bank (AFDB)'s East Africa Regional Deputy Director General, Dr. Abdul Kamara. Noting that Ethiopia's partnership with AFDB continued to be productive, the prime minister indicated that the discussions prioritized the bank's projects in Ethiopia with deputy director general. Prime Minister Abiy also seized the opportunity to congratulate Akinwumi Adesina, on receiving the Obafemi Awolowo Prize for Leadership.

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**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held discussion with the Foreign Minister of Denmark, Lars Rasmussen. Following the discussion, the premier stated that our countries share longstanding ties that provide a solid foundation for further collaboration. And he further noted the discussions have been productive, covering a wide range of bilateral and multilateral issues.

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**On March 12, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed honored five institutions/projects with the Ethiopian Institutional Success Award, celebrating their significant achievements and global impact. In a momentous ceremony at the Adwa Victory Memorial, the distinguished awardees include the Ministry of Agriculture's wheat program, Ethiopian Airlines, Ethio Post, Ethio Telecom, and the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) project, each a testament to Ethiopia's growth and innovation.

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**On March 13, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed engaged in discussions with members of the Holy Synod of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church from different regions of the country. The participants brought up a range of topics, including peace and security, the developmental needs of communities, challenges within the church's administration, and how the clergy can contribute to lasting peace within the country.

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**On March 14, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew presided over the inauguration of 'LENEGEWA', a groundbreaking center in Addis Ababa designed to uplift women facing social and economic difficulties. Offering a range of services from psychological support and medical care to professional training, the center is set to create new employment pathways and foster empowerment for women in the community.

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**On March 15, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held discussion with community representatives from the Tigray region. “Today’s discussions have been held with community representatives from Tigray who traveled from the region to the capital to address important issues,” the prime minister said on a social media post. He also reaffirmed the commitment of the government to the stability and development of the Tigray region remains unwavering, adding that our engagement today further supports our shared objective.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received a message from Ugandan President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni. The Prime Minister met Uganda’s Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Norbert Mao who came to deliver a message from President Museveni.

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**Later in the day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed also received at his office Dr. Mohamed Salem Ould Merzoug, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Mauritanians abroad who came to deliver a message from President Mohamed Ould Cheikh El Ghazouani of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

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**On March 16, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed as part of his similar engagements with religious leaders and community representatives held in the consecutive weeks, the premier held discussions with members of the Ethiopian Evangelical Council along with regional representatives from member churches. Prime Minister Abiy underlined these discussions were crucial for addressing matters of importance to them.

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On **March 18, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended gratitude to Ousmane Dione, World Bank (WB) Country Director, as he concluded his tenure in Ethiopia. The prime minister who posted on X page appreciated the outgoing country director for his unwavering support throughout the past few years.

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On **March 19, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed engaged in discussions with leaders of the Ethiopian Islamic Affairs Supreme Council and fathers from various regions on pertinent issues.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed hosted Ethiopian Islamic Affairs Supreme Council leaders and fathers from various regions for an Iftar program at the evening.

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**On March 20, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed in the evening hosted refugees from various countries for an Iftar dinner.

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**On March 21, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed organized an Iftar program for low income sections of society dwelling in the capital Addis Ababa.

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**On March 22, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed engaged in discussions with loyal high taxpayers and businesses to address issues crucial to them as stakeholders. Premier Abiy shared on X page that the private sector, particularly loyal high taxpayers, plays a vital role in our nation's economy.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed hosted an Iftar dinner for second-generation Ethiopians currently in Ethiopia as part of the “Back to Your Origins” campaign launched earlier this year.



**On March 23, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held talks with Malta's Foreign Minister and European Affairs and Trade, Ian Borg. "Welcome back to Ethiopia, Ian Borg. The ongoing efforts to strengthen ties between Ethiopia and Malta across various sectors will continue to grow," the premiere posted on his X page.

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**On the same day,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed broke bread with the destitute of Addis Ababa's streets in an Iftar dinner program.

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**On March 25, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared through his social media pages that tree seedlings are under preparation across Ethiopia for this year's planting season as part of the Green Legacy Initiative. "Ethiopia's Green Legacy Initiative is more than just planting. It is an integrated management of existing forests and biodiversity, restoring mass degraded landscapes and improving our ecosystem," he elaborated.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held discussion with South Sudan’s Director-General of the Internal Security Bureau at the National Security Service (NSS), General Akol Koor Kuc.

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**On March 26, 2024**, during the mid-term review of Digital Ethiopia 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed outlined the national challenges that led to the development of the strategy. Rooted in Ethiopia’s homegrown reform agenda, the national 10-year perspective plan, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the African Union Continental Digital Transformation Strategy, Digital Ethiopia 2025 aims to harness digital opportunities and propel Ethiopia towards an innovative, knowledge-based

economy. In his interactive session, the Prime Minister emphasized the different areas where the nation's digital transformation journey has unfolded.

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**On March 27, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed convened the project leaders of the Addis Ababa Development Corridors, within the Addis Ababa City Administration, to assess the progress of activities along the five designated corridors. As previously announced, the city has embarked on an ambitious initiative to upgrade key routes and improve connectivity among these corridors. The scope of work encompasses revitalizing neglected areas of the city, enhancing living conditions for residents in informal settlements, installing integrated drainage systems and utility infrastructure, expanding roads to accommodate rising traffic volumes, creating spacious pedestrian walkways, restoring heritage sites, and upgrading buildings to align with the city's aesthetic standards. The city administration has conducted extensive consultations with relevant stakeholders prior to commencing the project and has implemented various measures to assist households displaced by the development activities. The development of these corridors is anticipated to be completed in the coming months, ahead of the rainy season.

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**On March 28, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held discussion with women from all corners of Ethiopia and diverse backgrounds. "The role of Ethiopian women within our society is truly multifaceted," the premier noted. This discussion of the prime minister with women was part of his current engagement with representatives of various regions of Ethiopia and all segments of society.

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**On March 30, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed undertook a visit to the West Omo Zone of the South West Ethiopia region where he addressed the community gathered. The premiere's trip follows as an outcome of discussions held with various constituencies over the past weeks.

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