



# 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 **July 2 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed launched the "Education for Generations" national campaign, which is designed to improve the infrastructure of schools with the participation of all citizens and institutions. The campaign aims to enable Ethiopians and foreign nationals of Ethiopian origin in the country and abroad to contribute to the fulfillment of adequate school infrastructure in their place of birth, where they studied prior or where they work.

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## Prime Minister Abiy's Visit to Various Zones of Southern Ethiopian Region

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On July 3 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, First Lady Zinash Tayachew and a high level federal and regional delegation launched the Green Legacy initiative in Gedeo Zone of Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples Region (SNNPR). Marking the occasion, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed appreciated the people of Gedeo for preserving a green environment and reiterated the importance of preserving their peace as well.

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On the same day, the Prime Minister and his delegation headed to Arbaminch city where a foundation stone was laid for one of eight of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's 'Dine for Generations' initiatives.

Following the 'Dine for Sheger' and 'Dine for Ethiopia' tourism sector development initiatives, the 'Dine for Generations' flagship projects aim to develop 8 tourism destinations nationally.



At the conclusion of the day, the Prime Minister planted Green Legacy seedlings with students at Gaamo Bayra special boarding school in Arbaminch city.

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On **July 4 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed planted saplings in Nyangatom Woreda, South Omo Zone as part of the Green Legacy initiative. “Our Green Legacy initiative aims to cover each corner of the country. Our efforts here aim to avert the threat of drought and will bear fruit through sustaining these activities by planting edible seedlings,” the Prime Minister stated.

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On **July 5 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated the new Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation (EBC) media complex headquarters in Shegole area of the capital Addis Ababa.

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## The 2015 Ethiopian Fiscal Year Performance Report by Prime Minister Abiy

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On **July 6 2023** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed presented the 2015 Ethiopian fiscal year performance report of the Government to the House of People's Representatives. He also responded to questions posed by the MPs. Addressing the parliament, the Prime Minister elaborated at length about the growth trends of Ethiopia's economy which has kept its momentum and the country's growth is tangible.

“We have to assess our progress in the context of the current world economic development. According to the estimate given by the IMF, not the Government of Ethiopia, the growth of the country is 6.4 percent this year,” the Prime Minister pointed out.

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On **July 8 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed issued a statement entitled ‘Let's Plant Our Future Today’ to mobilizing the planting of 500 million saplings overnight across Ethiopia on 17 July 2023.

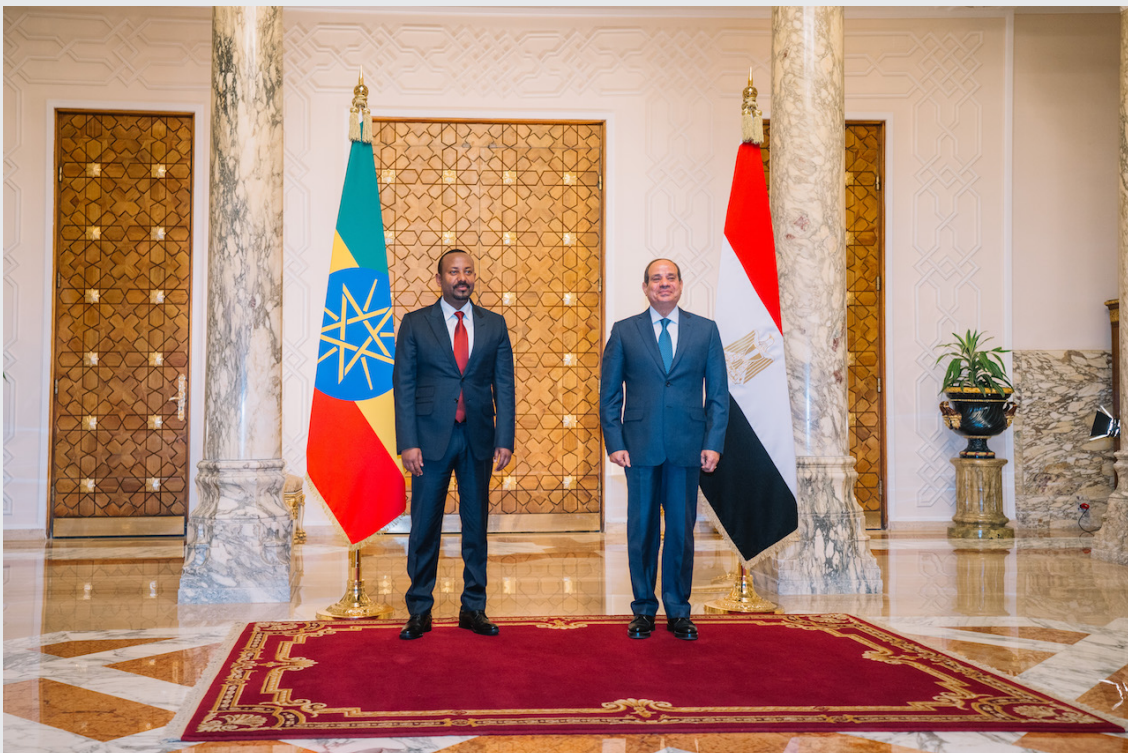
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On **July 10 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed hosted the IGAD Quartet Heads of State and Government meeting on the early morning in Addis Ababa. The premier also planted Green Legacy seedlings alongside the IGAD Quartet Heads of State and Government meeting at the Office of the Prime Minister.

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On the evening of **12<sup>th</sup> July 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed was received by President AbdelFattah ElSisi at the Executive Office of the President of Egypt for bilateral talks. The two leaders discussed key bilateral and regional issues of interest to both parties in a spirit of cooperation.

“I am pleased to have met with President Abdelfattah ElSisi in Cairo, Egypt



for talks marked by the spirit of cooperation on bilateral and regional issues of mutual interest,” Premier Abiy tweeted.

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On **July 13 2023**, as an outcome of the bilateral meeting in Cairo, a joint statement on Ethiopia-Egypt relations was issued. The two leaders reiterated their mutual political will to enhance the bilateral relations between their two countries, politically, economically and culturally.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the ‘Summit of all neighboring countries of Sudan’ in Cairo earlier in the day. In his remarks, the Prime Minister acknowledged and appreciated initiatives that had been started to bring relief to the Sudan crisis, including the Summit in Egypt. He further underlined on such processes that would need to align with the IGAD led and African Union supported existing initiative towards a resolution of the conflict in the Sudan.

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## **Green Legacy’s Nationwide Campaign for Planting 500 Million Trees a Day**

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On **July 17 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew launched the Green Legacy 500mil in a day tree program by planting apple trees together with staff of the PMO and persons with disabilities early in the morning.

In his second planting for the day, Prime Minister Abiy also joined elementary and high school students in Yeka Mountains of Addis Ababa for the Green Legacy 500 million tree seedlings in one day attempt. Furthermore, the Prime Minister planted his Green Legacy print with elderly mothers and fathers for the third time on the day of the five hundred million seedlings planting program.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced that Ethiopia has made history by planting over 566 million tree seedlings from dawn to dusk, breaking its own record. In an announcement he made in the evening, the Premier congratulated Ethiopians who participated in planting the seedlings.

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On **July 19 2023**, The Council of Ministers, chaired by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed discussed various issues in its 22<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting and passed resolutions.

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On **20 July 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held a phone call with President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine on bilateral and international matters of mutual interest. “I held a phone call with President Zelensky today to discuss bilateral and international matters of mutual interest as well as the means and ways of bringing peace between Ukraine and Russia,” the Premier wrote on his social media channels.

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On **July 21 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received a message from President Xi Jinping. The message was delivered by Wang Yi, Director of



the Office of the Foreign Affairs of the Communist Party of China, who was in Addis Ababa for a working visit.

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## Official Visit of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed to Italy and Russia

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On **July 23 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the International Conference on Development and Migration in Rome, Italy. Given its strategic position in the Horn of Africa, Ethiopia, is a source, transit, and destination for migration. Accordingly, Ethiopia has taken several policy, legal and institutional measures to enhance migration governance, as well as to address irregular migration and human trafficking. Prime Minister Abiy also thanked his counterpart Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni for convening the International Conference on Development and Migration.

“While labor migration is a source of employment and livelihood for migrants, and a resource for their country of origin, addressing irregular migration and crime of human trafficking need to be addressed from the root causes through investments and clear actions for poverty alleviation in source countries,” the Prime Minister underscored.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed unveiled a memorial plaque in the street of Rome, Italy in honor of the heroic Ethiopian athlete Abebe Bikila. Abebe Bikila is a source of national pride and a national gem, the Prime Minister shared on his social media channels on the occasion. The memorial plaque was produced in Ethiopia and shipped to Italy ahead of the Prime Minister's visit through his initiative to memorialize the success of Ethiopians of global stardom.

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**On July 24 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed participated in the leader's working lunch of five which included Ethiopia, Italy, Djibouti, Somalia and Kenya. The session convened to establish areas of common interest for structured cooperation among the countries.

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On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed emphasized the need for a new and robust agricultural global financing model during the United Nations (UN) Food Systems Summit +2, which is essential for food security, job creation and economic growth.

“In Ethiopia, beyond policies and strategies, we have been actively implementing numerous initiatives with the overarching goals of enhancing agricultural resilience, ensuring food self-sufficiency, and combating climate change,” the Prime Minister underlined.

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On **July 27 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed arrived in St. Petersburg, Russia, ahead of the second Russia-Africa Summit. Upon arrival he laid

flowers at the ‘Monument to heroic defenders of Leningrad’ honoring the fallen during the Second World War.

**On the same day** he was warmly received by President Vladimir Putin at the Konstantinovsky Palace for bilateral talks. During the discussions, both leaders acknowledged the longstanding and historic relations between the two countries and expressed commitment to enhance trade ties, collaborate in the field of agriculture and manufacturing industries.

Moreover, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed expressed his gratitude to President Vladimir Putin for the warm reception and candid discussions. “With our historical ties as a basis, Ethiopia and Russia will continue enhancing bilateral relations and economic cooperation,” the Prime Minister shared.

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**On July 29 2023**, the Prime Minister reviewed an urban agriculture shed in Bole sub-city as part of the initiative he has been championing for over two years. Urban agricultural practices are fast becoming one way to improve nutrition and income in cities.

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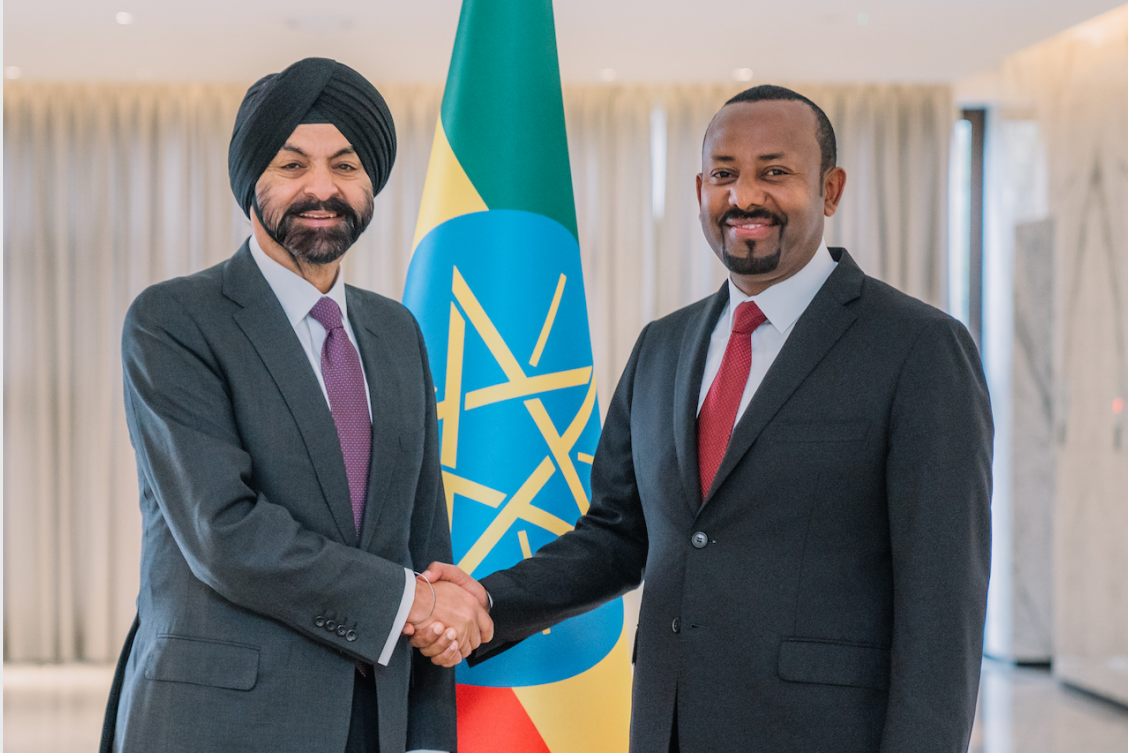


**On July 31st 2023**, the Premier received South African Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor at the Office of the Prime Minister for discussions that centered on further enhancing diplomatic ties, augmenting economic and trade relations, collaboration on science and technology education as well as on common regional and global development issues. Following the



completion of the meeting, they planted green legacy seedlings within the PMO compound.

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**On the afternoon of the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received at his office World Bank President Ajay Banga who arrived in Ethiopia earlier in the day for a two-day visit. During a bilateral meeting held together with their delegations, the Prime Minister provided an overview of the overall economic reforms underway and the progress of Ethiopia's home-grown economic reform agenda.

The World Bank President on his part commended Ethiopia's focus on key development goals despite many challenges encountered domestically and in the global arena.

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## Statements

- **Statement on 500mil Seedlings in a Day Attempt**  
<http://bitly.ws/PwuU>
- **Joint Statement on Ethiopia - Egypt Relations**  
<http://bitly.ws/PJwv>
- **22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**  
<http://bitly.ws/Pwry>

# Spot of the Month

- Our aim is to break our own record!

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## Quote of the Month

“Green Legacy means a lot of things to us. It will increase our agricultural production and make us self-sufficient in food. It allows us to produce food two or three times more cheaply. It fills the rivers to their limits and ensures that irrigation and drinking water are not cut off. It increases the forest cover and adjusts the climate. It is what keeps our Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam healthy.”

– Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

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## Photo of the Month



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