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New Horizon of Hope

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's (PhD) Key Activities of the Month

On January 3, 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated the Gode Irrigation Infrastructure Project in the Shebele Zone of the Somali region. Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, the Prime Minister highlighted that development activities in the Gode area encouraging and progressive. The Prime Minister added that our focus must remain steadfast on development—the path that unlocks opportunities, improves livelihoods, and transforms communities.

The Premier further elaborated that the efforts to harness water resources of the country for Ethiopia's development are yielding promising results. For instance, he pointed out that following the national reforms, the country has tripled the 350,000 hectares of land cultivated by agriculture in the Somali region.

One of the key priorities to boost agricultural production and productivity has been the development of irrigation systems. Previously unused land is now being cultivated through irrigation. Notably, the Gode Irrigation Infrastructure Project in the Shebele Zone of the Somali Region has created more than 27,600 hectares of irrigable land.



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed toured the Shabeely project which is part of the Dine for Generations initiative in the Somali region, covering 380 hectares. The Prime Minister noted that the project has immense potential for future expansion. No matter which corner of our country we visit, he said we are met with boundless opportunities and hope.



Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed also reviewed a local car assembly company in Jigjiga city of Somali region that assembles Jetour vehicles for the local market. The facility spans a total area of 22,000m², with a current production capacity of ten cars per day.



On January 4, 2025, during his visit to Jigjiga, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed also reviewed the progress of the 10 km Phase 1 corridor development works already underway. As a growing city with the potential to become a major hub, Jigjiga is undertaking large-scale corridor development projects totalling 30 km, along with smart city initiatives.



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed witnessed the Horn Afrique Poultry Farm, based in Jigjiga City, is actively participating in the national “Bounty of the Basket” initiative with 52,000 chickens. And currently, it has been producing 35,000 eggs per day. Before the launch of this national drive, the region’s annual egg production was capped at 3.5 million. Current estimates now project annual production of 56 million eggs.

On January 6, 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended condolences over the death of the veteran Ethiopian politician Bulcha Demeksa. In a message shared on social media, the Prime Minister characterized Bulcha as a principled individual who openly articulated his beliefs and was devoted to fostering unity among people.

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended holiday wishes to Christians celebrating the occasion. The Prime Minister reiterated the government's unwavering commitment to peace and reconciliation, drawing parallels from what the Birth of Christ has conveyed.



Moreover, on the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared holiday gifts with low income staff members of the Office of the Prime Minister and orphaned children the PMO is helping to raise.



On January 7, 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew held an Ethiopian Christmas lunch program and tour for the elderly and impoverished sections of society at the National Palace.



On January 8, 2025, following the Federal Council of Ministers' supervision of national project implementation at the regional level, a debriefing meeting was convened by H.E. Adem Farah, Head of the Democracy System Building Coordination Centre with the rank of Deputy Prime Minister and Vice President of the Prosperity Party, at the Office of the Prime Minister today. During the meeting, field supervision leads presented their assessments and findings. This supervision and feedback process forms part of a broader approach to systems strengthening, aimed at identifying gaps and evaluating performance at the zonal and woreda levels.

On January 9, 2025, Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen Tiruneh presided over an emergency meeting of the Disaster Risk Management Council to address a pressing issue—the growing threat of earthquake hazards in three districts across the Oromia and Afar regions. Since September 2024, the risks associated with seismic activity in the East African Rift Valley have escalated, requiring our immediate and focused attention, the Deputy PM shared on his social media pages. He added our top priority is clear: we

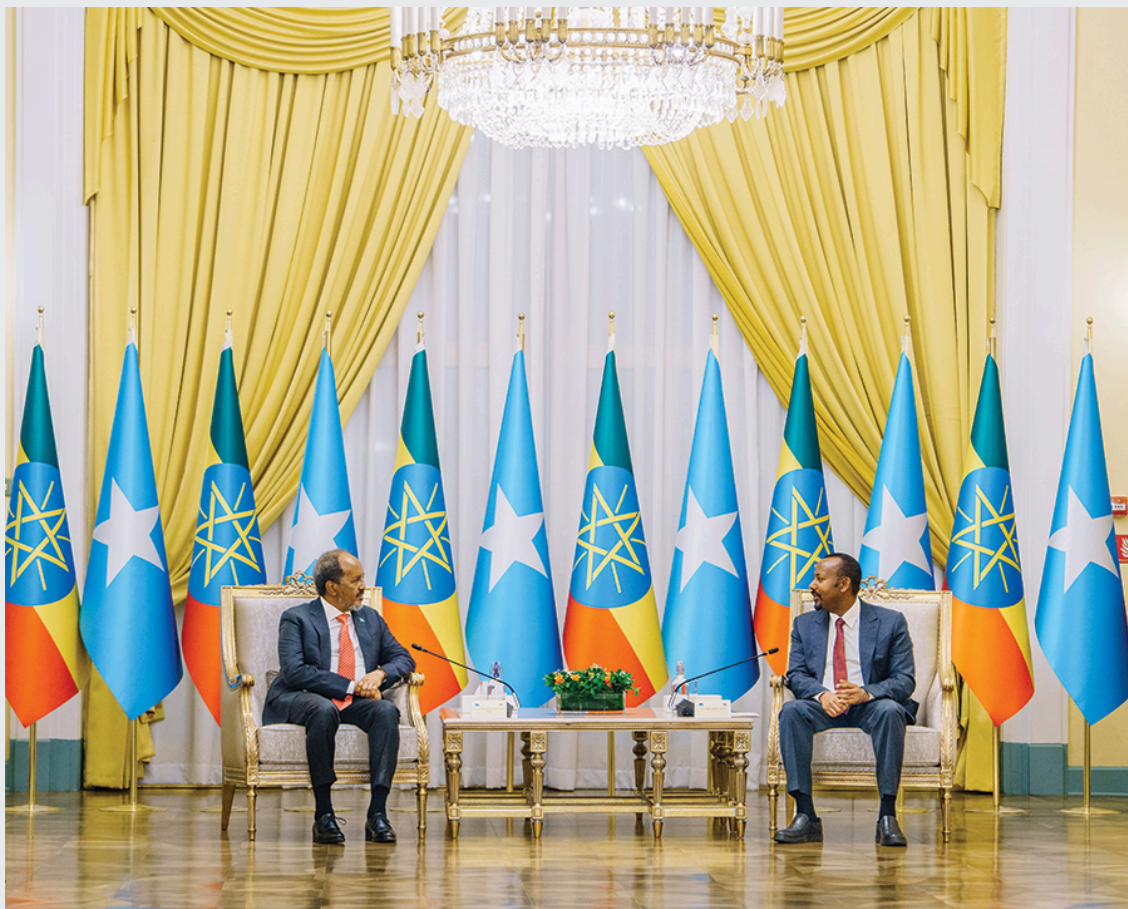
must take proactive steps to protect our people and safeguard their property.



On January 10, 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed launched the Ethiopian Securities Exchange (ESX), a major step toward modernizing the country's financial sector. The ESX will create a transparent marketplace for securities trading, enhancing access to long-term financing and driving investment-led growth under the Home-Grown Economic Reform II (HGER II).

Speaking at the launching ceremony, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed called on companies to invest in Ethiopia — a fast-growing economy with immense potential and a dynamic trajectory toward prosperity.

Prime Minister Abiy's Bilateral Diplomatic Engagement with Somali President



On January 11, 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, at Bole International Airport, on his working visit to Ethiopia. He later received him at the National Palace, where the two leaders held bilateral talks with their respective delegations. Following the discussions, the two sides issued a joint communiqué reaffirming their commitment to restoring and strengthening bilateral relations through the full reinstatement of diplomatic representation in their respective capitals.



On January 12, 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed bid farewell to President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud of Somalia as he wrapped up his trip to Ethiopia. “This afternoon, I bid farewell to President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud following productive discussions on deepening cooperation and strengthening bilateral ties during his working visit to Ethiopia,” the Prime Minister underscored.



On January 14, 2025, the Council of Ministers chaired by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, deliberated on various issues and passed decisions in its 41st regular session.

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared on his social media channels that the summer wheat productivity is progressing very well.



Also on the same day, Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen Tiruneh officially launched the National Movement for Integrated Basin Development, a bold initiative aimed at harnessing the country's soil and water resources to ensure sustainable natural resource development and prosperity and indicated the need for collaboration to harness soil resources for prosperity by expanding basin development efforts.



On January 15, 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, First Lady Zinash Tayachew, Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen Tiruneh, along with high-level regional and federal government officials, visited ongoing development projects in the historic city of Gondar. Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said the progress of the renovation works at Fasilides and the corridor development initiatives in the city of Gondar is truly encouraging.



On January 16, 2025, Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen Tiruneh visited the Addis Ababa University Institute of Geophysics, Space Science and Astronomy. He emphasized that the government is committed to empowering research institutes by fostering a robust presence equipped with advanced technology and skilled personnel.

On January 18, 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed sent Timket (Ethiopian Epiphany) holiday best wishes to Ethiopians celebrating the festivity.

On January 20, 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared how Green Legacy initiative in fruit-bearing trees is off to a promising start.



On January 24, 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated the coal washing plant of ET Mining Development Co., Ltd., established in the South West Ethiopia Region, Dawuro Zone. This facility not only enhances national coal production but also provides significant employment opportunities for local residents, the Prime Minister stated.



On January 25, 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew accompanied with other high-level government officials left for Jimma city and reviewed of the Jimma Abba Jifar Palace Renovation, the Jimma Dine for Generations Project and other development activities.



On January 26, 2025, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited various development projects in Agaro and Beshasha towns, including road construction, tea leaf cultivation, schools, the Agaro corridor development, and an avocado oil processing plant.



On January 27, 2025, Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen Tiruneh opened an exhibition and workshop focused on Ethiopia's digital transformation

journey and future initiatives during which he also unveiled two key draft strategies. On the occasion he noted that while the first phase of Digital Ethiopia 2025 concludes, he noted that the government is preparing to launch the Digital Ethiopia 2030 strategy, setting the stage for the next five years of innovation and progress.

Statements

- **41st Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**
<https://bit.ly/40RupX2>
 - **Christmas Holiday Message**
<https://bit.ly/4aCbgM0>
 - **Timket (Ephiphany) Message**
<https://bit.ly/3WHlZij>
 - **Joint communique issued by the governments of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the federal republic of Somalia**
<https://bit.ly/4gh6VIT>
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Video of the Month



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