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New Horizon of Hope

Key Activities of the Month



On 1st December 2023, ahead of COP28, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with his Belgian counterpart Prime Minister Alexander De Croo at the Ethiopian Green Legacy Pavilion in the UAE. The two leaders discussed current domestic issues and bilateral cooperation.



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conferred with Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (UK), Tony Blair, on the sidelines of COP28.



On the sidelines of COP28, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed also received at the Ethiopian Green Legacy pavilion the President of Cuba, Miguel Diaz-Canel. The two leaders discussed global climate change commitments, bilateral cooperation and national development endeavors.



In his COP28 keynote address **on December 1, 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed stated that no country can effectively confront the climate challenge if debt is a burden.

“This is why the G20 must work to implement bolder and timely debt relief plans to help the most affected countries overcome debt distress, address climate change, and pursue more equitable and sustainable economic growth objectives.”

On 7th December 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed paid a visit to Axon Medical Center which specializes in stroke and neuro-critical care through state of the art technology.

Following his visit, the Prime Minister said that the importance of medical centers is becoming critical in the world as the fatality rate of the people is increasing from stroke and neuro-critical. Therefore, Prime Minister Abiy

Ahmed called for the proliferation of institutions like Axon Medical Center to save the lives of many patients in Ethiopia.

On 8th December 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conveyed a congratulatory message on the 18th Ethiopian Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples Day. The day was colorfully celebrated under the theme “Diversity and Equality for National Unity” in Jigjiga, capital of Somali Region.

In his message, the Prime Minister expressed his firm belief that the celebration would help to build a shared narrative of national unity in the country as far as Ethiopianness means a national identity centered on multi-national unity. For the premier, it is a path through which we can get away from the single narrative built on nationalism intent on dividing and weakening the country.

“It is a governing narrative that enables one to build one political and economic community which is firmly placed on a constitutional system by amplifying our social history instead of our political history, focusing on today’s and tomorrow’s opportunities rather than in the past,” Abiy explained.

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on the 41st Extraordinary Session of the IGAD

On 9th December 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed left for Djibouti City to attend the 41st Extraordinary Session of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

During the 41st Extraordinary Session of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government on Sudan, Prime Minister Abiy expressed continued commitment to support a peaceful resolution to the conflict in the neighboring country which has been going on for several months.

The Prime Minister who is also shared on his X page: “I thank my brother President Ismail Omar Guelleh for hosting the 41st Extraordinary Session of the IGAD Assembly of Heads of State and Government on Sudan.” Ethiopia remains committed to supporting a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Sudan, he reaffirmed.

It is to be recalled that as part of the IGAD, Ethiopia has been actively engaged in supporting a process for the peace and stability of the Sudan.

On 10th December 2023, houses built in Asosa town of Benshangul Gumuz region through the National voluntary program and coordination of the Office of the Prime Minister were handed over to the community. Similarly, classrooms and library built for the school which is part of the ‘Education for Generations’ movement in Asosa zone, Ura district has also been handed over.

On December 12th 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared on his social media page the progress of this year's summer wheat production and the plan to cultivate more than 3 million hectares.



On the same day, the Office of the Prime Minister (PMO) launched and held the first “Perspectives” PMO Occasional Lecture Series featuring world renowned development economist Professor Jeffrey Sachs. The lecture held at the Ethiopian Science Museum was entitled “Financing Sustainable Development: Challenges and prospectus in a fragmented world.”



On 16th December 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the celebration of the 88th anniversary of the founding of the Ethiopian Air Force. At the occasion, Prime Minister Abiy said that the Ethiopian Air Force has made a remarkable and far-reaching reform in all spheres. “The efforts we have made to build infrastructure and equip the Air Force with modern equipment; to be self-sufficient in technology and to produce qualified and professional human capital is testament to the effectiveness of our reforms,” he underscored



The Prime Minister also praised a military air show jointly presented by the air forces of Ethiopia and the United Arab Emirates on the occasion, adding that it “showed the level we can reach if we work together.” Prime Minister Abiy also pledged to continue to lead Ethiopia to prosperity in all sectors.

On 19 December 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed emphasized the investments in the Green Legacy Initiative, pointing out that seedling preparations are underway for next year’s planting season.

On 20th December 2023, the 26th regular meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed discussed various issues, passed a decision and referred to the House of People's Representatives.



On 22nd December 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed reviewed the progress of the Koysha Hydroelectric project earlier in the morning, which is the second largest hydropower plant under construction in Ethiopia, next to GERD, and with installed capacity of 1800MW.

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Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared, “our national clean energy endeavor is unparalleled as we possess the first and third largest hydroelectric dams in Africa, the GERD and Koysha respectively,” the premier underscored. He added that as we inaugurate the nearby Chebera Elephant Paw Lodge within the Chebera Churchura National Park, the Koysha Dam and its vicinity will also contribute to the tourism potential of the area.

PM Abiy Ahmed on the Inaugural Ceremony of Elephant Paw Lodge



On 23rd December 2023, Chebera Elephant Paw Lodge, the second destination developed through Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed’s ‘Dine For Ethiopia’ initiative was inaugurated. The inauguration ceremony was also attended by high level government officials, regional chief administrators and, as well as invited guests.



Speaking at the event, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said that we will consolidate our endeavors of building a better Ethiopia by turning the country’s blessings into tangible



Prime Minister Abiy also called on second-generation Ethiopians to come home in three-rounds while the premier was inaugurating the Chebera Churchura Elephant Paw Lodge located in the heart of the Chebera Churchura National Park.

On 25th December 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed sent warm Christmas wishes to all international friends of Ethiopia and the global community at large. In his Christmas message, Prime Minister Abiy shared “I extend my well wishes for a joyous Merry Christmas and holiday season.”

On 26th December 2023, Prime Minister Abiy noted that the development activities being made in increasing irrigated horticulture production are showing remarkable results as evidenced through papaya productivity endeavors. “Our ten year perspective plan for agricultural development seeks to expand horticulture development, which includes fruits, among other key focus areas for the sector,” the prime minister revealed.

On 27th December 2023, Prime Minister Abiy underscored that this year’s summer irrigated wheat progress is much more advanced than that of last year and the results so far have been impressive. “We are succeeding in our efforts to secure our food sovereignty by farming more than once a year. Our endeavors in all areas will lay the foundations for prosperity,” according to the premier.



On 28th Demeter 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo and his delegation for a discussion on securing peace and stability in the Sudan.

On 29th December 2023, Prime Minister Abiy pointed out that under the ‘Bounty of the Basket’ {Ye Lemat Tirufat} program milk, poultry and meat production rates have marked good results in the last Ethiopian calendar year. This national program is being implemented to improve dairy, poultry, egg, honey, fish and meat production, Prime Minister Abiy shared on social media.

“In the past Ethiopian calendar year, milk production, poultry and meat production rates have marked good results as per the plan. Nevertheless, it requires concerted efforts to ensure better productivity results in the current year,” the premier noted.

Statements

- **26th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**
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Video of the Month



Chebera Elephant Paw Lodge – A naturally endowed treasure trove!

Quote of the Month

“The second-generation Ethiopians are invited to come to their country in three rounds from the end of December 2023 to beginning of September 2024.”

-Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

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