



# Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

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## Editorial

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Since the onset of the reforms, we have witnessed the rewards of diligence. The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, which began the first round of power generation this year, is one of the successful megaprojects of this period. The Homegrown Economic Reform Agenda, Ease of Doing Business, and Logistics Improvement programs are designed to enhance Ethiopia's economy and facilitate commerce. Efforts have been undertaken to beautify our capital in a manner befitting its name and continental duties. As a result, numerous new career and job opportunities have arisen. The Dine for Ethiopia project is also advancing the country's efforts to become a major tourist destination by promoting the potential of the regions.

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## Key Activities of the Month:

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**May 1, 2022**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed hosted a luncheon for Christian denomination leaders on the occasion of Easter. Leaders of various churches participated in the lunch program and took the opportunity to discuss ways in which the government and the clergy could work together to address Ethiopia's challenges.

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**May 3, 2022**, the Office of the Prime Minister organized a 'each one feed one' event for low-income community members from surrounding areas. During the program, guests were given vegetables produced on the office grounds as well as backyard farming equipment created from recyclable materials. Alemtsehay Paulos, State Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, encouraged participants to use their experience from seeing the urban farming activities within the premises and become part of the



urban farming initiative by producing their own food.

**On the same day**, gardeners, cleaners, messengers and drivers working at the Office of the Prime Minister were shared vegetables that are produced on the grounds to demonstrate the backyard farming initiative.

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**May 7, 2022**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed together with high level federal and regional officials as well as ENDF Generals reviewed the joint military preparedness drill of the Western Command in the Amhara region.

**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed presided over the launch event for the 'Let Ethiopia Produce' movement. The movement, as part of the 10-year development plan for the industry sector intends to address the challenges that producers at all levels confront during the manufacturing process. During the event, 81 micro, small, medium, and large scale industrial enterprises were recognized for their outstanding performance in the sector. Prime Minister Abiy urged industries to work tirelessly, stating that the industry requires years of hard work.

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**May 7, 2022**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed awarded federal level security forces and institutions during the Amhara regional government's thanksgiving and recognition ceremony, for contributions to the law enforcement operations. Prime Minister Abiy stated that coming together for a common cause will allow us to overcome adversity and build long-term prosperity for the country.

**On the same day**, during his brief stay in Bahir Dar, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed reviewed the status of the construction of the bridge on the Abbay

River as well as the construction of a road from Bahir Dar to the new bridge.



**May 9, 2022,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed launched the annual home renovations program for impoverished communities in the Aware area. It is to be recalled that the Prime Minister launched this annual initiative in the first year of his premiership four years ago with the intention of rehabilitating housing for elderlies, the infirm, disabled and the economically disadvantaged sections of society. Since then, every year the home renovations program has ensued prior to the start of the rainy season. This year, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed is utilising the proceeds of sale of his book 'Ye Medemer Menged' to finance the construction of housing units for up to 23 identified individuals in the Aware area.

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**May 10, 2022,** The National Macroeconomic Council met to discuss the economy's first nine months of fiscal year 2014. Despite domestic and international pressures and challenges, the Ethiopian economy has improved over the last nine months, according to the Council. The agricultural sector has seen significant results, particularly in crop production, and the service sector is slowly recovering from the effects of Covid-19. Efforts to boost domestic and foreign direct investment have begun to bear fruit. Loan and savings growth that is directly related to investment has also been recorded. Despite the high demand for foreign currency, Ethiopia was able to repay foreign debt that was due during the fiscal year. 1.4 million new jobs were created. Despite many steps taken over the last three years to reduce inflation to single digits, the challenge



has persisted due to national and international factors, and the government is taking various measures to stabilize inflation.

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**May 13, 2022**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the inauguration of the Soufflet Malt Ethiopia Share Company. The company, located in the Bole Lemi Industrial Park will supply agroprocessing inputs for malt production through 50,000 smallholder farmers. The company is expected to save Ethiopia remittance costs by locally producing barley and other value-chain products.

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**May 14, 2022**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed presided over Addis Ababa University's honorary degree commemoration ceremony, at which AfDB's Akinwumi Adesina and We Build's Pietro Salini received honorary doctorates in agricultural economics and engineering, respectively. Prime Minister Abiy expressed his optimism that African youth would forge such examples of excellence.

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**May 19, 2022,** The Press Secretariat Unit of the Office of the Prime Minister convened the monthly Addis Weg under the theme 'National Productivity.' Productivity was investigated via the lenses of history, work culture, and psychological attitudes toward labor. The roles of citizens, institutions, and government in increasing productivity were also explored. Experts from diverse fields provided their perspectives on the matter, including economics, law, industry, labor, and skills.

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**May 21, 2022,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the first F.D.R.E. Defense War College graduation ceremony. 38 professionals from various backgrounds have been trained and graduated from the college. Prime Minister Abiy urged the graduates to continue their quest for knowledge and to share it with others.

**On the same day,** on its eighth regular session, the Council of Ministers discussed four issues and passed a resolution. Following the reorganization of the federal executive bodies, the Civil Service Commission's regulation regarding the directions to be followed was unanimously approved. It has been decided that from the date of publication in Negarit Gazeta, a regulation will be implemented to ensure that investment incentives are used for their intended purpose. The Council also resolved that the regulation governing the administration of customs warehouses and customs transmitters, as outlined in the current Customs Proclamation, would go into effect on the day of the meeting. Furthermore, it has been decided that the draft regulation establishing the powers, functions, and organization of the Education and Training Authority will take effect on the date of publication in the Negarit Gazeta.

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**May 23, 2022,** As part of the 'Each One Feed One' campaign, the Office of the Prime Minister provided backyard grown vegetables to 220 women from Addis Abeba's 11 sub-cities today. During the event, Teferi Fikre, the Head of the Office of the Prime Minister and Minister of Cabinet Affairs, stated that it is critical to make it a habit to creatively reduce space constraints and create food in our homes. He also stated that expert support in urban farming is accessible at the sub-city, woreda, and kebele levels, and encouraged responsible engagement in producing food at household level through such initiatives.

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**May 25, 2022,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayechew, accompanied by a high level delegation, arrive in Abuja, Nigeria for a two day working visit. Following a colorful official welcoming reception at Aso Rock Presidential Palace by President Muhammadu Buhari, they held a bilateral meeting with the Nigerian counterpart.

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**May 27, 2022,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and his delegation participated in the 15th Extraordinary African Union Humanitarian Summit and Pledging Conference held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. First Lady Zinash Tayachew also attended the opening session,

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**May 29, 2022,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed presided over the 69th graduation ceremony of the Ethiopian Military Academy. Graduates from various disciplines who participated in the Black Lion course were elevated to the rank of second lieutenant. The Prime Minister urged the graduates to work hard in preparation for their future roles as leaders of Ethiopia.

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**May 30, 2022,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the inauguration of a kidney transplant and dialysis centre which is the result of a public private partnership between Dagmawi Menilik Comprehensive Specialised Hospital, under the auspices of the Addis Ababa Health Bureau, and YeAb Medical Center. With a capacity of intaking 90 patients per day at full capacity, the centre complies with international standards in the provision of dialysis service, particularly to sections of society with low to no income. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed commended the endeavours and highlighted that the centre is a demonstration of what individuals and



groups of people can achieve when responding to their professions and inner calling.

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## Press Releases and Statements

*Statement from the National Macroeconomic Committee*

*10 May 2022*

<https://bit.ly/3M5z50e>

*Decisions of the 8<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Ministers*

*21 May 2022*

<https://bit.ly/3N6b7Uz>

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## Quote of the Month

“You are responsible for ensuring Ethiopia's survival. We are much better off than we were yesterday. Even when we were empty-handed, we claimed that Ethiopia would not fall apart. Today, with a dependable Defense Force, we can confidently state that Ethiopia will never fall apart again.”

– **Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed**

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## Photo of the Month





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