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New Horizon of Hope

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Key Activities of the Month



On May 2nd 2023, a six-day book fair organized by the Office of the Prime Minister opened at Abrehot Library, in Addis Ababa. During the book fair, a permanent "Prime Ministerial Corner" was also unveiled at Abrehot Library, which avails books written by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed since the far-reaching reform began to readers as well as other documentation works by the Press Secretariat.

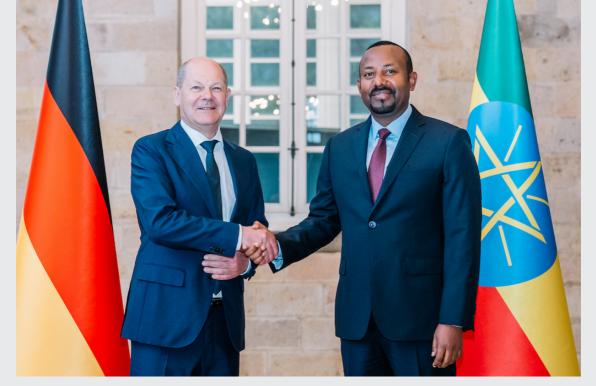


The launching of the book fair was attended by the head of the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Cabinet Affairs, Alemtsehai Paulos, Prime Minister's Social Affairs Advisor with the Rank of Minister, Deacon Daniel Kibret, and the Head of the Press Secretariat at the Prime Minister Office, Billene Seyoum, among other officials and participants.



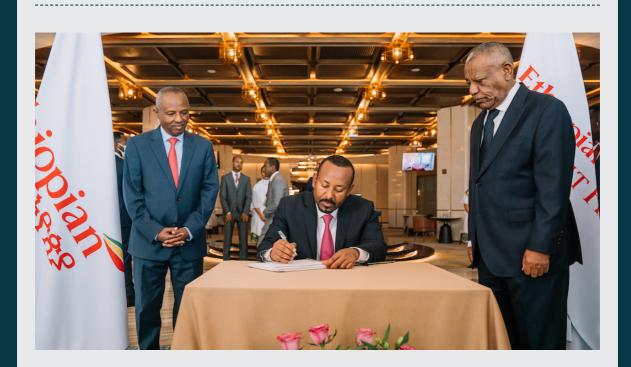
On May $4^{\rm th}$ 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed convened the national macroeconomic committee to review current progress and evaluate future actions.

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conferred with the Special Envoy of the President of the Sovereign Council of Sudan on current affairs of that country.



Later that evening, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received German Chancellor Olaf Scholz at the Grand National Palace, who was in Ethiopia for an official working visit and the two sides held discussions. During the occasion the two leaders exchanged views on enhanced partnership between Ethiopia and Germany in addition to regional and multilateral issues.

On 5 May 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed issued a message on the 82nd Patriots Victory Day. In his statement, Prime Minister Abiy stressed on the need for creating national wealth and getting rid of poverty in Ethiopia. Abiy believed the freedom that has been secured by the forefathers must be supported by enhanced national wealth, unity and hardworking.



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated the second phase of Ethiopian Skylight Hotel, which is owned by the Ethiopian Airlines Group, the largest aviation group in Africa. Premier Abiy tweeted that "The grand opening of Ethiopian Skylight Hotel Phase II is a testimony that Addis Ababa is a key continental hub for travel with adequate facilities to cater to a global audience."

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Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on 6th May 2023 opened an expo under the theme "Let Ethiopia Produce" with the view to revitalize the country's industry sector. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that Ethiopia has created an enabling environment for the manufacturing industry.

"To build a prosperous and conducive nation for all, we need to grow our industries, create capacities, overcome challenges creatively and by doing so we can make Ethiopia among one of the largest economies," the Prime Minister also twitted.



On May 7th 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed launched the Agriculture and Science exhibition at the Science Museum in Addis Ababa under the theme "from the lab to the field."

"We have been making extensive investments in the agricultural sector to catalyze Ethiopia's development. The science and application of our agriculture is on display at the Science Museum exhibition to foster knowledge, inspire innovation & motivate private sector investments," the Prime Minister stated.



On the same day, the six-day book exhibition organized by the Office of the Prime was concluded in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.



On May 8th 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received the Maltese Foreign Minister Ian Borg. The two have explored ways to enhance trade and investment ties between Ethiopia and Malta.

On May 11th 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received at his office the Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of South Sudan.

On May 12th 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed delivered a speech during the Defense Ministers of African countries' session which was held in Addis Ababa to discuss the current peace and security situation in the continent.

Noting that Africa is a land of abundant wealth, the premier twitted "ensuring peace and security in Africa is hence a priority issue in order to turn this wealth into tangible potential for prosperity." We all have a shared responsibility with the leading role to be played by continental Chiefs of Defense and Heads of Safety and Security, he added.



On May 13th, 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew launched the 2023 annual home renovations program for impoverished communities in the Aware area of Addis Ababa city.

On May 14th 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed reviewed the Labor Market and Migration Information System, which was developed and put into operation by the Ministry of Labor and Skills. In his remark after the visit, the premier said the labor market and migration information system, operationalized by the Ministry of Labor and Skills is crucial to fill foreign employment gaps and avoid problems which citizens have been facing abroad.



On May 18th 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held discussion with Colombia's Vice President, Francia Márquez. "Pleased to welcome to Ethiopia Francia Márquez, Vice President of Colombia," Prime Minister Abiy said, adding that "Our two countries will work to strengthen bilateral ties and explore opportunities for collaboration in various areas."

On May 18th, 2023 the Council of Ministers quarterly performance evaluation of the fiscal year and progress on institutional delivery began in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.

On May 20th, 2023, the Ministerial quarterly performance review led by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed concluded with a presentation on the 2nd Home Grown Economic Reform Agenda and directions set by the premiere for future action.



On May 22nd, 2023 Prime Minister Abiy officially launched the third nationwide skills competition in Addis Ababa. "Being solutions oriented is essential to transform Ethiopia. A nationwide skills competition has begun today where young people with different skills and abilities are presenting their creative works," said the Prime Minister.

On May 23rd 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced that in the fifth year of the Green Legacy Initiative, seedling preparations are underway to enable the 6.5 billion that the nation will plant collectively this year. The share of seedlings for fruit trees is also substantially higher this year, he also pointed out.



On May 25th 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Organization of African Unity and its successor, the African Union.

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Statements

- Patriot's Day Statement <u>http://bitly.ws/FuYK</u>
- Statement on Africa Day 2023 http://bitly.ws/FuWb

Quote of the Month

"Today, our continent and our African Union is 55 members strong and is fast becoming a critical voice in the global arena. We have come a long way in promoting and defending an African common position on issues of interest to our continent and our people."

- Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

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