



Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

PMO Newsletter | June 2024 Issue

New Horizon of Hope

Key Activities of the Month



On May 2, 2024, The Office of the Prime Minister ceremoniously transferred the 'Dine for Ethiopia' projects spearheaded by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed to the Amhara, Oromia and South West Region and conducted a signing ceremony for the management and operation agreement of the 'Dine for Ethiopia' lodges, by Ethiopian Airlines, operating under its renowned Skylight Hotel brand. It is to be recalled that three of the four projects (Halala Kella Lodge; Chebera Churchura Elephant Paw Lodge and Wonchi Eco Lodge) have been recently inaugurated, with the Gorgora project completion and inauguration in the pipeline.

The 'Dine for Ethiopia' initiative, championed by the Prime Minister, aimed to bolster tourism, a cornerstone of our national homegrown economic

reform program. These projects rallied public support during the financing stage, generated numerous jobs during construction, and kick-started extensive infrastructure development. They stand as symbols of innovative project management and swift completion. Entrusting their operation and management to our national flag carrier, Ethiopian Airlines, promises not only enhanced service but also an avenue for international tourism promotion.

On May 4, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conveyed his best wish message to all Ethiopian Christian faithful for the Easter holiday. In a message he shared on social media, the premier stated “every year, we celebrate the sufferings of Jesus Christ endured during the Holy Week, before the feast of His Resurrection.” Comparing Ethiopia’s unprecedented challenges with the sacred days of the week, Prime Minister Abiy expressed optimism that would resonate widely in the country.

On May 5, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew hosted the annual Easter meal at Unity Park for the elderly and individuals from low income households.



On the same day, the Prime Minister also hosted a luncheon for employees working on the Chaka project.

On May 7, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed convened with the macroeconomic committee to address a spectrum of issues related to the implementation of the homegrown economic reform agenda.



On May 8, 2024, early morning Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, Speakers of the House, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Oromia Regional President arrived at the newly built Nekemte airport to a warm community welcome.



On May 9, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed inaugurated the 2024 "Made In Ethiopia" expo, a platform showcasing locally produced goods and fostering sustainable market connections. In his address, the Prime Minister highlighted the importance of embracing domestic products as a cultural norm.



Also on the same day, Deputy Prime Minister Temesgen Tiruneh emphasized the need for continuous implementation of comprehensive development plans to realize the goal of making our country a symbol of



On May 10, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed led the inauguration of the Gada Special Economic Zone (SEZ) construction, overseeing the signing of a memorandum of understanding between CCECC and the Oromia Regional State for the development of the Lume free trade zone within the Gada SEZ. During his address, the Prime Minister emphasized the need to replicate agricultural successes in the industrial sector, underscoring the importance of policy support and robust infrastructure for the zone's future operations.

Situated 65 Kilometers east of Addis Ababa, this initiative aims to boost exports, establish a trade logistics center, and allure foreign investments, fostering industrial, trade, investment, and urban development.



On May 11, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed who is also president of Prosperity Party convened the party's executive members to conduct a nine-month performance review in Gorgora.



On May 12, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew, along with regional presidents, inaugurated the Abay River Bridge, a remarkable infrastructure project overseen by the federal government which commenced 4.5 years ago.

This modern bridge spans 380 meters in length boasts a width of 43 meters, featuring three lanes on each side alongside a dedicated bicycle

lane. Destined to be a defining landmark of Bahir Dar City, the Abay River Bridge promises to catalyze economic growth and connectivity in the region.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said that “the Abay Bridge inaugurated today in Bahir Dar City marks a significant step towards fostering stronger interpersonal connections and boosting trade opportunities. Yet, beyond its physical structure, our vision extends to bridges that bridge divides, uniting people from opposing sides for a shared future”, the Prime Minister elaborated. He added it’s about crafting narratives that transcend regional boundaries, uniting us as a cohesive whole. “Our mission is to dismantle restrictive mindsets and narratives that serve as barriers, fostering unity and cooperation among all,” the Premier pledged.



On May 13, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed convened with Federal leadership to receive updates on project statuses in the Gondar city of the Amhara region. The first project under review was the Megech Dam, initiated over a decade ago but stalled due to project malpractice. Its completion was intended to address Gondar city’s drinking water challenges, yet demand continues to outpace supply. Additionally, progress on the Azezzo to Gondar 11km road was assessed, with a directive issued for the urgent completion of the remaining 4 Kilometers. The Prime Minister emphasized the need for enhanced supervision, involving regional government engagement, and urged community members to safeguard peace to facilitate the finalization of vital public infrastructure.

On May 15, 2024, Minister of Councils in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed in its 32nd regular session, passed decisions on a number of economic, diplomacy and social affairs.

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conducted a brief visit to the Ministry of Urban and Infrastructure Development to observe the initiatives undertaken within its premises and to gain insights into the urban progress it oversees. Following his visit, the Prime Minister noted that improving office ergonomics and creating conducive environments in government offices have been ongoing priorities.



On May 17, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Defense Engineering Industry Corporation visited the manufacturing activities of Ethiopia's Defense Engineering Industry Corporation. The Prime Minister wrote on social media page that the gains Ethiopia has made in the agricultural sector are now being replicated in the industrial sector. Following structural reforms and leadership changes at the Defense Engineering Industry Corporation, Premier Abiy stated that they are undertaking remarkable work using reverse engineering to develop strategic weapons, rockets, and tanks. "The capabilities we are developing are helping us realize our prosperity and offer hope for our nation and the continent, he said. By building on our successes, we must accelerate progress in all sectors and fields, supported by our abundant human capacity", the Prime Minister elaborated.

On May 18, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed unveiled the Defense Specialized Referral Hospital situated in Bishoftu city. The premier shared through his social media channels: “we inaugurated a state-of-the-art facility featuring a molecular laboratory, bone densitometry center, biomedical engineering department, and various essential medical services such as dialysis, neurology, and pulmonology.” He also pointed out “it is one of the leading hospitals in our nation, serving as an emblem of the ability of generations to bring visionary projects to life for the benefit of citizens.”



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy shared on X that the launch of the ‘Stride Ethiopia’ Expo marks a significant and hopeful beginning for our ICT sector, a promise that was clearly evident during my recent visit to the ICT Park. He added this event underscores our commitment to technological innovation and growth, reflecting the potential and ambition that characterize Ethiopia's journey into the digital age.



On May 19, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew inaugurated the Sheika Fatima Bint Mubarak School for the Blind. In his message posted on social media pages, the Prime Minister congratulated the First Lady Zinash for the fruition of a citizen centered establishment putting the vulnerable at heart, following the success of the schools built throughout the nation through the Office of the First Lady.

On May 20, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed appointed Aisha Mohammed (Engineer) Minister of Defense, Abraham Belay (PhD) as Minister of Irrigation and Lowlands, and Mohammad Indris, with the rank of State Minister for Democracy Building Center Coordinator, respectively.



On the same day, a book titled "Meskerem to Meskerem," containing the speeches and messages of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, was launched at Friendship Park Phase 2. Students read and presented selected pages, sparking discussions, while professionals from various fields shared their insights on the content. The book features 91 messages and speeches delivered by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed from October 2022 to September 2023 at various national events, international conferences and public holidays.



On May 21, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew along with high level officials visited cultivated lands

particularly, an irrigation based wheat farm in Oromia region. The Prime Minister posted on social media pages that over the past few years, we have had the opportunity to expand our summer wheat endeavors, ensuring we do not miss our regular rainy season production. He added Today's showcase is testimony to continuity in the regular cycle. Agriculture requires strong investments, and the amount of land we are cultivating is increasing steadily, Prime Minister Abiy elaborated.



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew witnessed the remarkable progress made on the Sof Omar project. He shared: “when we launched the book “Generation Medemer” last year, we dedicated the proceeds from sales in the Oromia Region to developing the Sof Omar area.” Bale, with its rich history and natural endowments, is a high-potential area, the premier said. Its attractive landscapes, coupled with infrastructure development and improved connectivity, can catalyze further growth. Nearby Dinsho Park adds to the area's appeal. The inspiring start of the Sof Omar project underscores the importance of strong project management, he said, adding that this progress is already boosting employment and will accelerate living standards in the community.



On May 23, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed launched the annual low-cost housing program for impoverished communities. Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister stated that today may mark the last demolition we will undertake in the Aware area, which is rapidly transforming through our low-cost housing initiative launched six years ago. The living environment has been problematic, with shanty houses and inadequate toilet facilities for residents, he revealed. “We will complete construction of this new residential complex in September, creating a conducive and green environment, and elevating the standard of living.” This initiative benefits not only the impoverished but also real estate developers in the area, the Prime Minister indicated. This year’s construction of low cost housing has been partially supported by the VISA Foundation.



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received at his office Wang Tongzhou, Chairman of China Communication Construction Company (CCCC) which is engaged in various construction activities in the country. The Prime Minister shared the various national potential areas that warrant further engagement and investments from CCCC.



Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed **on the same day**, also officially launched the Ethiopian Federal Police's EFP Citizen Engagement App, which will enable citizens to easily give tips on crime. This initiative is part of the Digital Ethiopia strategy, which aims to deliver essential services to citizens, the prime minister said. He added that to achieve its full potential, all sectoral

work must be supported by Digital Ethiopia. “Over the past six years, the Federal Police has transitioned from analogue to digital systems. In our increasingly populated city, active citizen engagement is crucial.”

Available on the App Store and Play Store, this app enables citizens to actively participate in preventing criminal activities by providing tips via photo, video, voice, documents, or direct calls. Prime Minister Abiy also urged all citizens to be proactive in securing our neighborhoods and cities.

On May 24, 2024, Office of the Prime Minister (PMO) announced the availability of all volumes of the annual Prime Ministerial speech books for download on our webpage, including the recently launched one.

On May 26, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed disclosed that preparations are in full swing as Ethiopia is approaching this year's Green Legacy planting season. Planting sites are being prepared and seedlings continuously being cultivated, indicated the Prime Minister. “Our annual program, aimed at promoting environmental sustainability, combating climate change, reversing deforestation and reducing land degradation involves communities, schools, and organizations working together to plant billions of trees.”

On May 29, 2024, the Council of Ministers discussed various issues and passed decisions during its 32nd regular session.

Statements

- **32nd Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**
<https://bit.ly/3V6ra9W>
 - **33rd Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**
<https://bit.ly/3wXVI5I>
-

Video of the Month



Sof Omar Development

Copyright © 2023 FDRE Office of the Prime Minister - All rights reserved
Tel.: +251 111 241161 || +251 111 241182 || P.O.Box: 1031 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Email: info@pmo.gov.et | Lorenzo Te'azaz Road

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

