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New Horizon of Hope

Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Key Activities of the Month

Premier Abiy Ahmed's Visit to the Ancient Fasiledes Palace and Its Surroundings



On April 1, 2023 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited Fasiledes Palace, one of the UNESCO inscribed historical heritages located in Gondar City of Amhara region. During the visit, Prime Minister Abiy said that this place holds the most wonderful art and handicrafts made by the forefathers.

“Fasiledes, Axum, Lalibela and other ancient artifacts show how our fathers were capable of consolidating knowledge and wisdom. Fasiledes Castle shows that there were people who were enlightened and could see the unseen” the premier pointed out.

He also hoped that the decision to use the income generated from the sale of his book “Generation Medemer” for the maintenance of Fasiledes would help to renovate and pass the heritage to the next generation.



On April 2, 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Visited Daga St. Stephanos Monk’s Communal Monastery situated on the outskirts of Bahir Dar city. Daga St. Stephanos Monk’s Communal Monastery has a history of at least 700 years, Prime Minister Abiy indicated.

On the same day (April 2, 2023), Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited Gorgora, one of the three prospective tourist attractions which is being completed under the “Dine for Ethiopia” initiative.

Speaking at the occasion, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said Gorgora is the result of the combination of many things and is a place where “we mark our history, our opportunities, our dreams and our past.” According to him, the Gorgora project will be inaugurated after three months and it will be open to visitors.



On April 6, 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed hosted the annual Iftar dinner at the Grand Palace in honor of impoverished community members observing the Ramadan fast. During the occasion, the participating impoverished community members appreciated the Prime Minister for hosting the Iftar considering that Ramadan is a month of compassion and collaboration among humanities.



On April 8, 2023 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed attended the graduation of cadets and postgraduate officers at the Hurso Peacekeeping Contingent Training School of the Ethiopian Military Academy. The premier congratulated these 23rd Guba course and post-graduation candidate officers. Speaking at the ceremony, the premier stated that the officers have an immense role to make their country strong and proud.

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed issued a message on the government's intent to integrate all regional Special Forces either into the national army, or the federal or regional police. Noting that the national defense force is being built on a solid foundation through the reforms and now through repeated battles, the Prime Minister said it is imperative to strengthen this defense force centrally and make it sufficient for all parts of the country.

On April 10, 2023 the Council of Ministers, in its 19th regular session, discussed draft proclamations and passed decisions in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.



On April 11, 2023, a round-table discussion as part of 'Addis Weg' forum prepared by the Press Secretariat of the Office of the Prime Minister was held under the theme: "Shaping Generation Medemer." The event brought together policy makers, educators, psychologists and other sections of the community.

Professor Birhanu Nega, the Minister of Education and who was present at the discussion said that in order to cultivate the next generation, families, community institutions and schools should create enabling environment for knowledge. They have to also discharge their responsibility to develop skills and teach them how to live together, the minister stressed.



On April 12, 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held discussion with Slovenia's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Tanja Fajon on ways of deepening bilateral ties between the two countries.

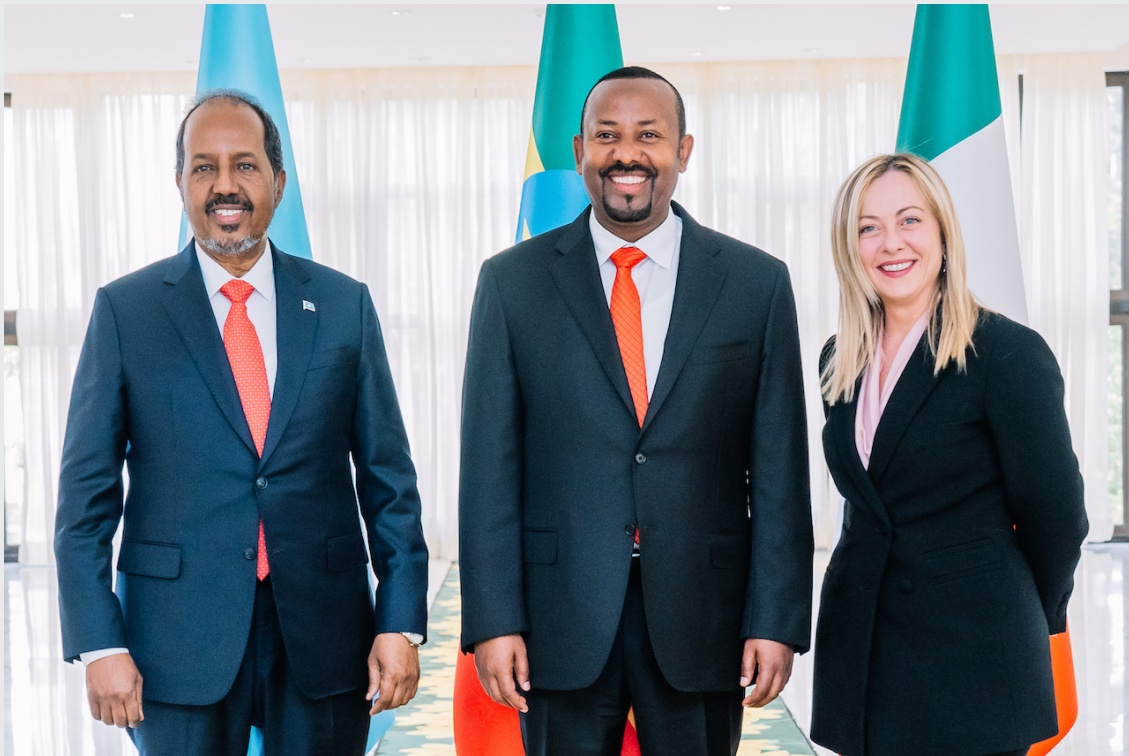


On April 13, 2023, on the occasion of the Easter and Eid al-Fitr holidays, the Office of the Prime Minister in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, shared holiday supplies for a total of 220 people, including low-income workers in the office.

On April 14, 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited various associations that engaged in "Yelemat Tirufat", a development campaign, which focuses

on nutritional opulence. “Yelemat Tirufat” development campaign was launched last year November 2022 by the prime minister himself aimed developing nutritional opulence. The traditional food container, *Lemat*, represents a link between farmers, pastoralists, and consumers.

Prime Minister Abiy's Trilateral Discussions with the Leaders of Italy and Somalia



On April 14, 2023 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed his Italian counterpart Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni at Bole International Airport.

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has also received President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud of Somalia, who arrived in Addis Ababa in the afternoon.

On 15th 2023 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held discussion with his counterpart, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and President of Somalia, Hassan Sheikh Mohamud. Prime Minister Abiy's discussion with the leaders of the two countries was aimed at strengthening the tripartite cooperation. The leaders also discussed ways of strengthening their cooperation on infrastructure and economic issues, it was learned.

On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended his best wishes of Easter celebration to all Ethiopian Christians. In his message, the Prime

Minister stressed the need for decision about ending conflicts and disagreements through reconciliation that have arisen in Ethiopia.

On April 15, 2023 following the conflict that erupted in neighboring Sudan, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed called on sister Sudanese parties to exercise self-control, stop fighting and return to dialogue.



On April 16, 2023 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew hosted the annual Easter meal in Addis Ababa at Unity Park for the elderly and individuals from low income households.

On April 19, 2023 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended best wishes to all celebrating Fichee Chambalalla, the New Year festival of Sidama people. Fichee-Chambalaalla marks the New Year in Ethiopia's Sidama people's distinctive calendar. Fichee-Chambalalla was inscribed in 2015 by UNESCO on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.



On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and a delegation of high-level government officials arrived in Nekemte town of Oromia region to hold discussions with the community members. Abba Gaddas, Haadha Siinqees, religious leaders, government officials and others warmly welcomed the prime minister upon his arrival.

During the discussion, Prime Minister Abiy underlined the need for a common responsibility to ensure peace, which is imperative for the people to turn their faces towards development. “We have a common responsibility to ensure that our people turn their faces towards development by securing peace. I am grateful to the people for my stay in Nekemte (town) and for the discussion,” he wrote on his Face-Book.

On April 20, 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed said in a message he conveyed in connection with the 1444th Eid al-Fitr, that “we should stand together not only during prayers but in confronting challenges facing the country.” Prime Minister Abiy also stressed on need to be mindful of peace, love, unity, and brotherhood while celebrating the Eid al-Fitr holiday.



On April 23, 2023, Ethiopia marked a milestone by closing a chapter of war and celebrating the conclusion of the historic peace agreement in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. The day was commemorated under theme: “Enough With War - Let’s Celebrate Peace.”

In his keynote address to the event, the Prime Minister said Ethiopia’s peace agreement signed in Pretoria, South Africa is a lesson to the neighboring countries and all other African countries. Peace doesn’t need excuses, Abiy said, stressing the need to give utmost priority to peace.

On April 27, 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed expressed his condolences on assassination of Girma Yeshitila, Head of Amhara regional Prosperity Party Branch Office.



On April 29, 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and regional presidents inaugurated the first of the Dine for Ethiopia initiatives - Halala Kella Resort located in the South West region.

Statements

- **On the Government's intent to integrate all regional Special Forces**
<http://bitly.ws/CLxG>
 - **Decision of the 19th Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers**
<http://bitly.ws/CT2S>
 - **Easter Holiday Message**
<http://bitly.ws/D8cI>
 - **Eid al-Fitr Holiday Message**
<http://bitly.ws/DPh6>
 - **Decision of the 20th Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Ministers**
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Quote of the Month

“Let's remember them (the conflicts and wars) once and for all so that the mistakes of the past created by the chance of history do not darken our hope for tomorrow. Let's get rid of the obsession with vindictiveness. Let's

manage our emotions so that differences of opinion don't go beyond the table and become the starting point of a fight."

– Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

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