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# Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

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## New Horizon of Hope

### Key Activities of the Month

On April 1, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held discussions with political parties with the intention to gather feedback and critiques of undertakings in recent years. The Prime Minister shared on his social media pages that the meeting was of paramount importance to identify necessary corrections and adjustments for policy input, and determining the type of cooperation needed moving forward.



**On April 3, 2024**, in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, the Council of Ministers discussed various issues and passed resolutions during its 28<sup>th</sup> regular session.

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**On April 4, 2024**, in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, “Startup Ethiopia” was held. Premier Abiy posted on X that recognizing the youth as the nation's engines brimming with innovative ideas, policy support for the ecosystem is vital to translate ideas into reality. He added that the aim of “Startup Ethiopia” is to cultivate an environment conducive to youth entrepreneurship, fostering innovative problem-solving businesses. Despite current challenges, numerous initiatives over the past five years have been actively addressing these hurdles, paving the way for abundant opportunities, according to him.

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**On April 5, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended best wishes on the celebration of Fichee-Chambalaalla, the New Year festival of Sidama people.

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## Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Official Visit to Rwanda



**On April 6, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew arrived in Kigali, Rwanda on an official visit during which he held bilateral talks with President Paul Kagame. On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and his delegation also visited Rwanda's Institute for Conservation Agriculture.

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**On April 7, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed stated that Ethiopia stands with the people of Rwanda as you commemorate ‘Kwibuka30,’ as the country paid solemn tribute to genocide victims after 30 years.

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**On April 9, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed extended best wishes to Muslims who celebrated the 1445<sup>th</sup> Eid al-Fitr holiday and reiterated Ethiopia’s vision to repair historical fractures and strengthen multi-national unity.

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**On April 11, 2024,** the Council of Ministers chaired by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, in its 29th regular session passed a decision on some bills to become effective and referred to the House of Peoples’ Representative for approval.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited the ‘Startup Ethiopia Exhibition’ and shared that the exhibition showcases the aspirations, ingenuity, and innovation of participants in the ecosystem.

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**On April 17, 2024**, the Council of Ministers, in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed approved the draft Transitional Justice Policy and referred the federal civil servants draft bill to the House of People’s Representative for approval.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared on social media pages, plastic and waste pollution threatens our environment, ecosystems, and health. The Prime Minister added that by consuming consciously, disposing responsibly, and choosing sustainable alternatives, we can preserve our natural world for generations to come. He also called on the public to be united to keep our cities and environment clean.

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**On April 18, 2024**, the Prime Minister alongside Ministers for Labor & Skills, Defense, Mining, Industry, and Innovation visited industries involved in local vehicle production, energy and telecom sector components such as high-tension and electric cables, and textiles. With manufacturing as a cornerstone of our economy, the Made in Ethiopia campaign shines a spotlight on our most productive local producers.

Following his visit, Prime Minister Abiy shared that boosting metal production is integral to Ethiopia's industrial development policy and that with foreign direct investments, Ethiopia is advancing local manufacturing of top-notch high-tension cables and electric towers, catering to the telecom and electricity sectors.

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**On April 20, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed delivered a speech at a public rally held in Wolkite town, Central Ethiopia region, in support of the ongoing multifaceted national reforms. Speaking at the occasion, the premier stressed the need for realizing prosperous Ethiopia through concerted efforts and consolidating national unity.

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**On April 24, 2024,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed presided over the National Security Council meeting which issued a statement on the current national security affairs of the county.

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**On April 25, 2024,** the Council of Ministers chaired by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed in its 31<sup>st</sup> regular session, endorsed regulations as well as policies and referred a proclamation to the House of People's Representatives.



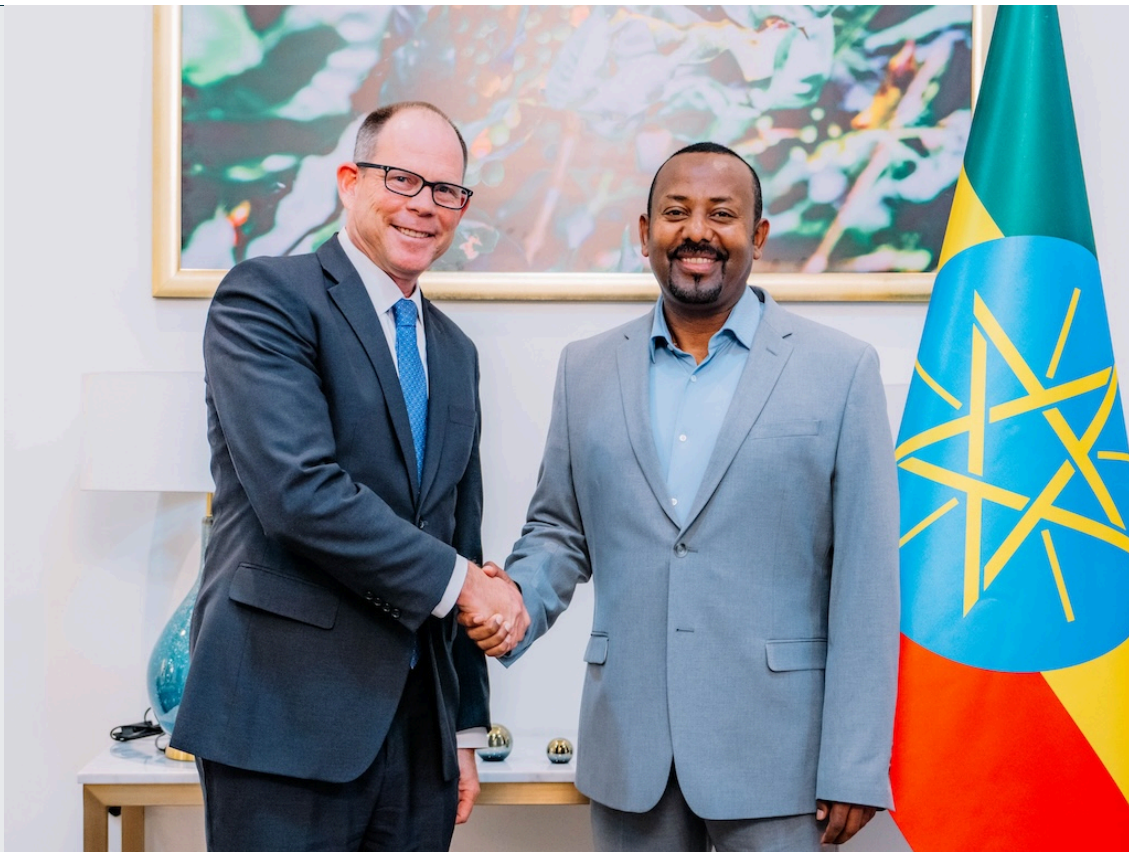
**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conferred with his Libyan counterpart Prime Minister Abdul Hamid Al-Dabaiba. During the meeting, the two leaders engaged in discussions regarding regional peace and stability, economic cooperation, workforce exchange, and other areas of mutual interest.

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**On April 26, 2024**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed unveiled plans to construct modern, clean, and dignified public restrooms, with a strong emphasis on community involvement in their construction. The initiative, named 'Clean Ethiopia,' includes a fundraising component under the theme 'Clean Cities – Healthy Lives.'

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met Mark Suzman, CEO of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), and his team. Following the discussions, the premier stated that BMGF's vital support in agriculture, health, nutrition, inclusive financial systems and other areas is invaluable to Ethiopia's development. "We are looking forward to strengthened partnerships ahead and other areas of cooperation," the prime minister revealed.

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**On Sunday, April 28, 2024**, Office of the Prime Minister (PMO) launched a digital telethon for 'Clean Ethiopia'. Everyone has been invited to join the "Clean Streets - Healthy Lives" movement by contributing into the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia account 1000623230248 and the National Bank of Ethiopia USD account 0101211300016.

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On April 29, 2024, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and his delegation arrive in Nairobi, Kenya for the International Development Association (IDA) 21 Replenishment Summit. In his remarks, the Prime Minister stated that Ethiopia's resilience amidst challenges is evident through structural economic reforms, prioritizing macro stability and productivity. Spearheaded by the National Dialogue Commission, dialogue and reconciliation are central to our peace aspirations. With a focus on accessible education and youth empowerment, Ethiopia aims to create over 2 million new jobs, while prioritizing universal energy access, digital transformation, and environmental stewardship through initiatives like the Green Legacy Initiative, he added.

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**On April 30, 2024**, the Prime Minister reconvened with the leadership of the Addis Ababa City Government and corridor leads to discuss the progress. These initiatives are not just about construction; they are about transforming our city into a more liveable, vibrant, and sustainable environments, he shared on social media. He further elaborated that by enhancing the aesthetics, greenery, and infrastructure, the corridor development is not only addressing public health concerns but also generating employment opportunities for residents.

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**On the same day and on the occasion of the upcoming holiday,** Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared food items with low income staff members of the Office of the Prime Minister and also with orphaned children the PMO is helping to raise.

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## Statements

- **28th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**  
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  - **29th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**  
<https://bit.ly/3xRKNuy>
  - **30th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**  
<https://bit.ly/49Tkx0b>
  - **31st Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers**  
<https://bit.ly/44jwgnJ>
  - **Fichee-Chambalaalla Message**  
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  - **Eid Message**  
<https://bit.ly/44hRvGk>
  - **Statement of the National Security Council**  
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## Video of the Month



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