



# Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

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## New Horizon of Hope

### Key Activities of the Month

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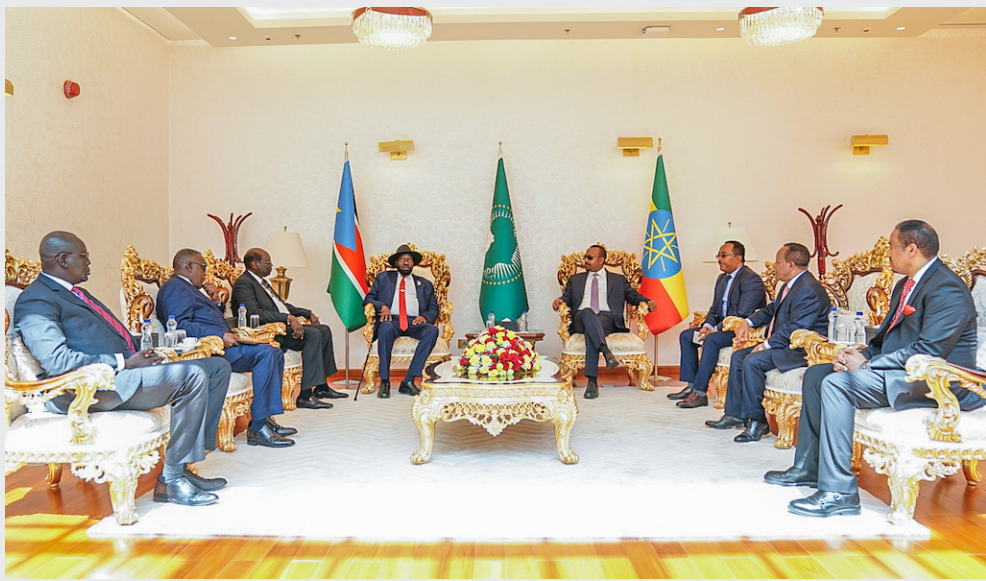


**On 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received Japan's Foreign Minister, Hayashi Yoshimasa for a discussion on bilateral and multilateral issues. In their discussions on bilateral ties, the potential for strengthening trade relations and investments in Ethiopia's five key economic pillars of agriculture, Industry, technology, mining and tourism was raised. Following their meeting, they planted Green Legacy seedlings within Unity Park.

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**On 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, the Council of Ministers in its 23<sup>rd</sup> ordinary session passed various decisions in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, including a unanimous decision to declare a State of Emergency in the Amhara region.

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**On 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received South Sudan's President Salva Kiir Mayardit who arrived in Ethiopia for a one day working visit. During a working lunch held at the Office of the Prime Minister, the two leaders discussed bilateral issues including trade, and infrastructure development as well as regional peace and security issues.

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**On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed conferred with Park Jin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Korea to discuss bilateral cooperation, regional and international issues. Discussions also included enhancing trade and investments between Ethiopia and South Korea.

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**On 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023** and in continued diplomatic engagements, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda at his office. Ethiopia and Rwanda have forged solid and longstanding bilateral cooperation since they established diplomatic relations in late 1970s, with numerous bilateral cooperation agreements signed, spanning across various sectors. Following their discussions, they also planted the Green Legacy seedlings within Unity Park.

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**On 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed presided over the graduation of thousands of commandos that have undergone rigorous training at Bilate Commando and Airborne Training Center. Marking the occasion, the trainees showcased the acquired skills during a large-scale mock exercise. As part of the activities, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed also reviewed and opened an amphitheater constructed by the training center with the capacity of seating in thousands and planted seedlings at the Bilate Center.

Speaking on the occasion, the premier indicated that the elite force is tasked with the dual objectives of stopping battles from occurring and if

pushed into one, then finishing ones that have been started. “Our elite forces will sustain and handover to coming generations a resilient and great Ethiopia,” the Prime Minister stressed.

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## Prime Minister Abiy’s Bilateral Discussions with President of UAE



On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and a high-level delegation welcomed His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, at Bole International Airport.

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Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan held a bilateral meeting with their respective delegations, whereupon both leaders acknowledged the ever-strengthening ties between Ethiopia and the UAE. In particular, they expressed the commitment to build stronger bridges in the benefit of both peoples and for the future generations.

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Alongside the bilateral meeting, the two leaders presided over a signing ceremony of 17 agreements in various sectors, including industry, agriculture, investment and finance. The two leaders also planted Green Legacy seedlings within the Unity Park marking the two nations' mutual commitment to addressing climate change in multifaceted ways. Ethiopia and the UAE are both committed to addressing the global challenge of climate change. Among many initiatives, Ethiopia on its part continues to spearhead the Green Legacy initiative. Meanwhile, the UAE is anticipated to host the COP28 climate change conference this year.

Later in the afternoon, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan officially opened the Water and Energy exhibition at the Ethiopian Science Museum.

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**On 19th August 2023**, the Press Secretariat of the Office of the Prime Minister hosted the occasional ‘Addis Weg’ dialogue platform focused on nationwide activities undertaken annually during the rainy season.

**On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed congratulated Ethiopian athletes participating at the World Athletics Championship in Budapest, Hungary. *“Proud daughters of Ethiopia raise the flag once again at the World Athletics Championship in Budapest. A sweep for Ethiopia in the women’s 10,000mts!”* the Premier tweeted.



**On 21st August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed launched the mid-term performance review of the 10-year development plan during which the Minister for Planning presented results of the evaluation.



**On 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed provided concluding remarks and direction at the closing of the mid-term performance review of the 10-year development plan.

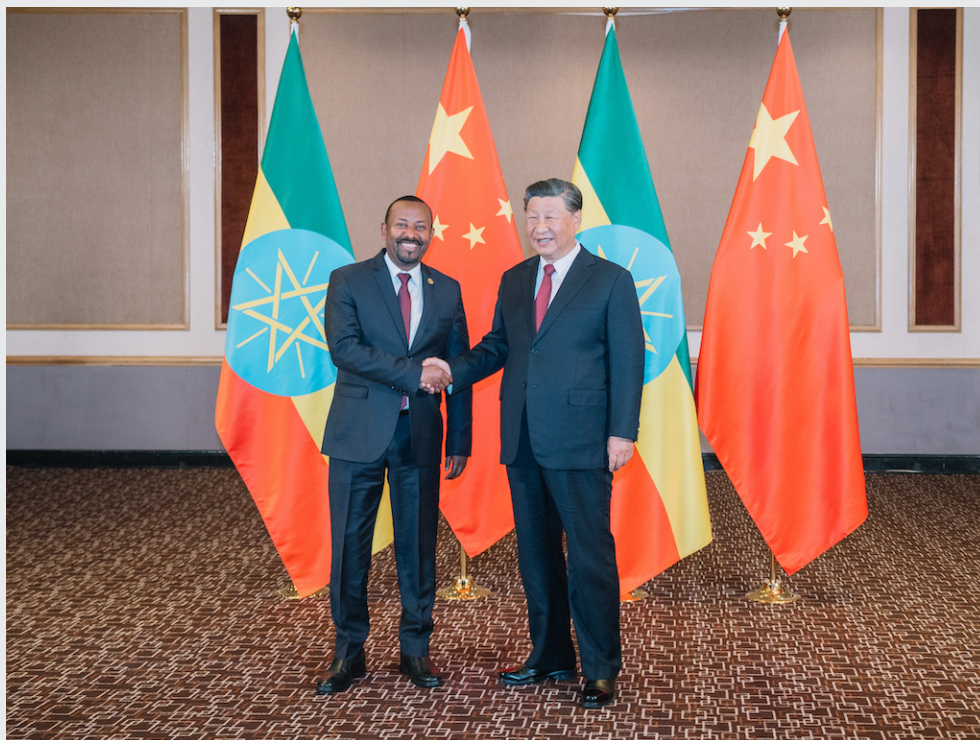
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## **Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed at the 15<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit**

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**On 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew accompanied by a ministerial delegation arrived in Johannesburg, South Africa ahead of the BRICS-Africa Outreach and BRICS Plus Dialogue.

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**On the same day**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with Chinese President Xi Jinping in a bilateral meeting head of the BRICS-Africa Outreach and BRICS Plus meeting in Johannesburg, South Africa. The two leaders expressed mutual interest in further strengthening the relations between both countries and commitment to partnership in multilateral platforms.

Chinese President Xi Jinping expressed admiration for the Prime Minister's leadership in spearheading national development and vowed to support progress in peace and development endeavors, in the areas of reconstruction as well as in enhancing investments and trade ties. President Xi Jinping also indicated that China will suspend payments on debt maturing in the period 2023/2024 as part of the common framework agreement.

On his part, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed expressed that Ethiopia is grateful for the immense support that China has provided over the years. The Prime Minister added the Comprehensive Strategic Cooperative Partnership between the two countries is a strong basis for mutual growth and development in many areas.

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On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023, Ethiopia's bid to join the BRICS family was endorsed during the 15th BRICS Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa. It is to be recalled that Ethiopia has made an official request to join the BRICS group, which embraces Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed shared "it is a great moment for Ethiopia as the BRICS leaders endorse our entry into this group today. Ethiopia stands ready to cooperate with all for an inclusive and prosperous global order. Ethiopia's endorsement to join the BRICS bloc will contribute a lot to realizing South-South cooperation"

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On the same day, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed held discussions with his Indian counterpart Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the BRICS-Africa Outreach & BRICS Plus meeting. In a mutual expression of commitment to deepening relations, especially with Ethiopia's entry into

the BRICS group, the two leaders agreed to strengthen political cooperation as well as economic cooperation in the areas of agriculture, technology, trade and investments.

Ethiopian and India's contemporary relations span seven decades while the historic ties between the countries date back to 2000 years of recorded history, Prime Minister Abiy indicated.

In his remarks on the final day of the BRICS-Africa Outreach & BRICS Plus meeting, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed emphasized that a reformed multilateralism entails inclusivity, cooperation and diversity of voices and interests by amplifying the voices from various corners of the globe. The Premier also added "we can collaboratively work for an equitable and peaceful world."

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In the early evening of **24th August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed visited the new Ethiopian Embassy Residence in Pretoria. During his initial 2020 visit to South Africa, the Prime Minister had given direction for the development of quality property by Ethiopian Foreign Missions abroad and the mission in South African had accordingly constructed and finalized the Embassy resident. During the visit, the Premier indicated that the experience of building and completing high quality Ethiopian projects at speed should be a value that should be reflected in all Government and individual Ethiopian projects outside of Ethiopia. Alongside the visit, the Premier and his delegation planted [#GreenLegacy](#) seedlings in the yard.

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**On 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed congratulated female athletes at the World Athletics Championships Budapest 2023 who claimed gold and silver in the women's marathon. "*Together we are destined to achieve many more great feats,*" the Prime Minister shared.

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**On 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed welcomed back members of the Republican Guard that had been away on intensive training as part of security sector capacity building.

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**On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and First Lady Zinash Tayachew handed over keys to homes built over the rainy season. In early May of this year, the 2023 annual home renovations program was launched by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. The building which has been constructed in a speedy manner considering quality also includes shops for retail.

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**On 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed met with executives of the Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions (CETU) to discuss on enhancing better work relations.

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On 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023, the Council of Ministers in its 24<sup>th</sup> ordinary session passed various decisions in the presence of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.

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## Statements

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers  
<https://bitly.ws/TtHT>
- 24<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers  
<https://bitly.ws/TyKQ>

## Video of the Month



Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's remarks during the BRICS Plus Summit in South Africa <https://bitly.ws/TtAc>

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## Quote of the Month

“A reformed multilateralism entails inclusivity, cooperation and diversity of voices and interests. By amplifying voices from various corners of the globe, we can collaboratively work for an equitable and peaceful world. And the BRICS could be one key initiative responding to the repeated calls for a new multilateralism if it pursues the path of inclusivity.”

– Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

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## Photo of the Month



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