HIGH-LEVEL ERITREAN DELEGATION HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER OSMAN SALEH CONDUCTS MEETINGS WITH RUSSIAN OFFICIALS

The high-level Eritrean delegation headed by Foreign Minister Osman Saleh that arrived in Moscow on the 16th of this month held meetings with Russian officials and conducted discussion as regards fostering bilateral relations and regional as well as international issues of mutual interest.

At a meeting it conducted last Tuesday, the delegation extensively exchanged views with the Russian Vice Chairman of the International Affairs Committee in Parliament DUMA, Mr. Alexandr Romanovich, focusing on ways and means of furthering bilateral ties in all domains. In the course of the meeting, Mr. Romanovich asserted readiness to do its level best towards promoting relations of partnership between both countries in the domains of investment, trade and others.

Speaking at a meeting he conducted with Mr. Valery Pak, Vice Minister of Natural Resource and Environment as well as Head of Federal Institute of Underground Resource of the Russian Federation, in which representatives of the Russian Ministry of Economic Development also took part, Mr. Osman Saleh gave briefings regarding Eritrea’s natural resources, especially in connection with minerals. He further outlined the investment prospects in the Homeland.

Moreover, the high-level Eritrean delegation met the Russian Vice Minister of Education and Science, Mr. Benjamin Kaganov, and discussed the potential ground for partnership between both countries in the spheres of education, science and culture. In the course of the discussion, the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation expressed readiness to collaborate with the Eritrean Ministry of Education.

FOREIGN MINISTER OSMAN SALEH’S CURRENT OFFICIAL VISIT TO RUSSIAN FEDERATION INTEGRAL PART OF ERITREA’S ACTIVE DIPLOMACY

Mr. Yemane Gebreab, Head of Political Affairs at the PFDJ, said that the current official visit of Foreign Minister Osman Saleh to the Russian Federation is an integral part of Eritrea’s active diplomacy.

In an interview he conducted with the Arabic language TV service of Russia Today, Mr. Yemane expressed Eritrea’s desire for Russia, as a great and influential nation in the international community, to play effective, active and constructive role in the Horn of Africa. Indicating that Russia’s passive stance for over a quarter century in the region has given rise to negative consequences, the PFDJ official underlined the need for Russia’s enhanced role in the region for the prevalence of peace and stability.

He further pointed out that the current visit of Mr. Osman Saleh is mainly aimed at holding discussions as regards regional and international issues of mutual interest, in addition to expressing Eritrea’s desire to foster relations of partnership in the domains of trade, investment, education, culture and others. The role of Russian firms is vital in this regard, and mutual agreement has been reached as regards achieving concrete bilateral cooperation, Mr. Yemane elaborated.

ERITREAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN AMSTERDAM TO STEP UP EFFORTS WITH A VIEW TO NURTURING NATIONAL VALUES

Eritrean community members in the Dutch city of Amsterdam and its environs asserted that they would step up efforts with a view to nurturing national values among youths, besides taking an initiative to raise their professional competence. They made the pledge at a meeting they conducted last Sunday, during which Mr. Bereket Araya, Chairman of the Community, presented a report focusing on general accomplishments and said that they would put up more endeavors in a bid to inspiring the participation of youth members in State affairs.

In the course of the meeting, community activities concerning public affairs, sports activities and media were scrutinized thoroughly, while a number of seminars were conducted by experts targeting national issues such as the policy of self-reliance, management and institutionalized work, as well as promoting women’s role in national development programs.

The participants of the meeting stated that youths have been demonstrating growing participation in various domains, and that they would strive to encourage the youth to make greater input in State Affairs. They also elected a Managing Committee that would serve for the coming 2 years.

Meanwhile, Eritrean community members in Kampen, Holland, expressed readiness to mount staunch resistance against external conspiracies at a meeting they conducted recently.

Speaking at the meeting, Mr. Solomon Mehari, head of Consular Affairs in the Eritrean Embassy in Holland, gave briefings regarding the objective situation in Holland vis-à-vis political, diplomatic, socio-economic activities and the hostile attempts concocted to sap the momentum of the nation-building process.

The participants of the meeting voiced appreciation for the development accomplishments being registered by the Eritrean people and their leadership. They also explained that they would become primary beneficiaries of the investment opportunities in the Homeland.

CALL MADE FOR STEPPED-UP EFFORTS TOWARDS DOING AWAY WITH HARMFUL CUSTOMARY PRACTICES IN NORTHERN RED SEA REGION

The Health Ministry’s branch in the Northern Red Sea region has called for stepped-up efforts towards doing away with harmful customary practices. It made the call at respective meetings in Foro, Gelalo and the port city of Massawa, during which the negative impact of FGM on the psychology and health of women, was stressed and communal participation is a prerequisite towards enforcement of the national proclamation in this regard.

Speaking at the meetings, Dr. Yohannes Tekeste, Head of the branch office, noted the significance of higher community awareness to this end, and disclosed that instance of FGM has dropped by 13% during the period 1995 to 2010.

Also speaking at the meetings, the Administrators of Foro, Gelalo and Massawa sub-zones respectively stated that efforts being exerted towards doing away with harmful customary practices are on the decline, and that enhanced promotional activities need to be conducted for still more gratifying outcome.

The participants of the meeting on their part asserted that they would enhance participation in such ventures.
“Electricity Supply For Cement Factory, Aligidir And Teseney Agricultural Projects Among Utmost Priorities” President Isaias

It is to be recalled that H.E. President Isaias Afwerki conducted an extensive interview with the national media outlets on the occasion of the New Year 2014, regarding the overall situation of the country and also the regional state of affairs and future scenarios on the 9th of February 2014, in the port city of Massawa. Excerpts of the third part follow:

Efforts have been exerted to extend and also to solve deficit of electricity supply. There has also been an ongoing effort to put in place a network that could be connected to Sudan. What are the upcoming prospects and expectations to be met in this regard?

Engineer Abrahm, head of Electricity Corporation, has given enough briefings about the supply of electricity. Hence, I would not like to repeat what has been said on this regard. However, it is important to mention that plans mapped out to extend supply of electricity remain to be white elephant projects. There may have been various reasons that stand as hindrance. If there is a need to increase the potential supply, there are a number of questions that could be posed. Therefore, to what extent would it be extended and in what shall it be consumed?

Once extended, would it be cost effective? There are huge and ambitious projects that have been carried out in a number of developing countries which are costly to maintain and also of financial burden. There are instances where a supply of one city equals to 10 folds of the overall supply of that of our country. So, we could not follow their footsteps. If we are about to increase such a supply, what are the objectives? What we take in to consideration at this moment is just to alleviate the existing problem. It has been said generators have been weakened and have not been able to generate the needed amount of supply. At times, it has also been said that there is deficit of petroleum. The major problem has, however, been the overall potential of the power plant that could not exceed 80 watt. The same is with that of Belerza electricity supply distribution center. The interconnected system has also been over loaded and it has not met the level of demand. Due to such insufficiency, the cement factory and other industrial plants have remained inoperative. A lasting solution to such a demand is to introduce a better power plant that could meet the overall demand. These are huge issues that demand precautions so as to make a right decision. Before reaching to such a decision, it is a timely issue to see means and ways of alleviating the existing deficit. The cement factory should in the first place have an independent electricity supply. Even though it would not bring a lasting solution to the deficit, the former cement factory should resume production so as to alleviate the increasing demand. As is closely related to all construction works, an increase in the production of cement is among our priorities. Bering in mind that bringing a lasting solution would not be that much easy, projects need to be prioritized as per their importance.

Next ranked priority is Teseney, Aligidir and its environs. There may be a need to secure supply of electricity in Asmara, but our agricultural projects need to be prioritized above everything else. Since various development projects that have been introduced in aloof areas could not be linked to the interconnected electricity supply, these are to be handled as part of the programs that are planned to be carried out at a national level. There should be, of course, an introduction of power plants that could meet timely needs.

As much as possible, there should be an independent network in the western part of the country that stretches up to Haykota and which there by reaches to Omhajer, Gherset, Fanko, Teseney, and Aligidir. There is also a separate plan in the north that goes to Aficho. Taking in to account its importance, this project needs to be implemented as fast as possible. Assab should also have its independent power supply center that corresponds to its minimal demand. We have only been discussing about heat generated electricity supply. As there may be other sources of energy such as solar, wind and other sources of renewable energy, as soon as such projects are implemented in the places with such potentials, we would be able to move towards major national development programs. We should now, in the 2014, work on the cement factory and in the western part of the country in a way which cannot negatively affect major development programs. It has been said that Hirgigo power plant has been renovated. But, there is nothing certain about its sustainability. What could be the final result and as to how the deficit has been alleviated would be seen once the projects are implemented. There are a number of enterprises of higher importance in different parts of the country that relay on the availability of guaranteed supply of electricity. Could such plants be productive without a 24 or 12 hours of sustainable electricity supply? Is the said renovated power plant capable of meeting the demands?

At this moment, supply of electricity for households is not a priority. National industrial plants need to be ranked in the first place. Sustainability of any activity could not be secured unless supply of electricity generated from the interconnected system is increased in the range between 200 and 250 watt. Thus, electricity supply for the cement factory and projects to be carried out in the environs of Aligidir and Teseney should be viewed among the priorities. Finally, we could map out our strategic plan in electricity and generally energy supply. This is what we have been discussing with different partners. This is not only confined to funds alone but also in making right decisions as regards the type of power plant that we are about to introduce. Parallel to such development, we could move on through continuously addressing timey demands.

We could say all construction programs could not be affected if the cement factory starts production at its highest possible potential in a period of time that stretches between March and May. Thus, given the fact that our construction programs would not be interrupted due to shortage of cement, we could map out plans according. Provided that agricultural and other development programs could be implemented in due time, plans could be charted out parallel to the increased supply. To get rid of high expectations, people need to know the actual situation of electricity supply, and concerned bodies should give an updated briefing as regards such a deficit.

To what extent of the overall demand could the electricity supply that is said to be distributed from Sudan cover the existing demand?

We are not solely to relay on Sudan? Any plan mapped out by a particular nation would not have an importance, if any given nation has everything at hand. There would be more economic benefit, if a plan is charted out at Egad, Horn of Africa and generally at regional level. A transnational infrastructure such as of electricity and other services that would be put in place among neighboring countries would open a venue for complementarity. It could be said that we have learned too much from our past experiences. Thus, any tie we develop with neighboring countries should depend in complementing one another.
Encourage Invention And Innovation

Daniel Senere

The world nowadays is all about creativity, invention and innovation as these have become key factors to achieve development and competitiveness in the world. These factors have also become major contributors for social development, growth and economic progress of a nation. It is now one main area any country should strive to organize and hence benefit from if it wants to keep on marching on the road of progress. To this end the culture of invention and innovation is very crucial for changing possible ideas to tangible development schemes by organizations as well as individuals. In this respect countries which have been working on it for decades are now the world’s major economic and political players as they are ahead of many of their compatriots. This basically is investing on the ideas of youth and students and encouraging them through ensuring a conducive environment for them to work on. The simple reason is that any development program that hasn’t laid its foundation in the youth doesn’t have any guarantee for its future.

In our country the culture of invention and innovation is not alien. Improvisations have always been a big part of our culture. However, these improvisations were mostly of the time in small scale and not organized as to make it have a wider national implication. The most significant and conspicuous work in this respect has been the one and only Eritrean Festival which is held every year. Needless to say this by itself can hardly be a proper way to promote the area as it doesn’t provide the necessary requirement the youth need afterwards. In fact the initiative and the kinds of cost for invention we witness in the festivals have been the youth with little or no help from other sources. This fact has always made many wonder what could be accomplished if there was an organized body which coordinate, organize, encourage and help provide the necessary things in the area. Hence the initiative which is now being taken by National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students to organize youth inventors and innovators in clubs is a timely and imperative act.

There have been some attempts to organize invention in the past. But none of them were particularly successful as to be worth mentioning. The lesson of the past experience should therefore converge in the conclusion that no ideas should fail to materialize due to lack of provision and appropriate environment. Organizations and unions like the youth union should be the medium where ideas could be tested, youth inventors could work together by merging their ideas, and efforts that aim at helping and promoting the youth can be directed.

To promote Inventions and Innovations the first and foremost thing to do is to cultivate the culture of invention even further. It’s a fact that in many parts of the developing world local inventions are underestimated, a fact that tends to cripple all personal efforts of creation. We therefore should challenge and face it by including it in all policies or programs and projects to promote local inventive activity. Hence we have to emphasize the importance of the creative work of the inventor and concerned bodies have to give serious consideration to the question of increasing their support to inventor activities. Energy, time or funds spent in such a way should be considered as an investment for the benefit of society. Such an initiative without a doubt will be an impetus for many of our young inventors and innovators.

Initiatives will help to promote and nurture science and research amongst young Eritrean innovators and providing a platform for these youth to interact with each other. This initiative, however should intend to reach out to schools across the country and invite Innovation based projects from young students. Viewed from a much wider perspective, it is important that education systems be oriented in such a way to stimulate creativity in general and technological creativity in particular. Therefore it is not sufficient to have a club or an organization only for its own sake, it is also necessary that our schools be based on the discovery of knowledge and the development of critical attitudes rather than on the more passive absorption of knowledge.

The assurance and continuation of development in any country is nothing more than the upgrading and introduction of new techniques, methods and products in the existing system. Invention and innovation are simply the bedrock of development. So it is not a matter of choice that the government and every concerned body should take up to their duty in creating conducive environment for it to flourish. For the betterment of our future unequivocally depends on keeping our youth inventing and innovating.

Listen for possibilities

“If you should try to understand me Through the eyes of your experiences, Your only understanding will be Misunderstanding. For we have walked different paths And have known different fears. And that which brings you laughter just Might bring me tears. So if you can learn to accept me And the strange things I say and do, Maybe through your acceptance You will gain understanding.”

Anon.
Bisha Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following positions for Bisha site project:

1. Chief Exploration Geologist (01)

**Major Duties and Responsibilities**
- Project Management—Technical—Oversee ongoing exploration programs—provide guidance to Sr.
- Exploration Geologists responsible for day to day activities of the program—plan longer term aspects of the program—monitor schedule—recommend changes if required. Ensure compliance with quality assurance & quality control procedures.
- Project management—Administrative—Provide effective reporting and communication of activities—maintain cost-control checks and balances; monitor costs.
- Acting Manager—during periods when the Exploration manager is off site—manage technical and administrative aspects of the department—manage ongoing exploration programs—budget, and schedule; provide effective communication to Senior Management, operations other departments—government authorities—partner and contractors.
- Exploration Program generation and design—review recommendations for additional and future work through technical evaluation of current and historical data. Identify, evaluate, and recommend exploration opportunities in keeping with exploration strategies and budget.

**Profile: Qualifications and Experience**

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2. Process Plant Flotation Training Supervisor

Number Required: 01

For definite period (1 year)

Position Overview and Key Responsibilities:
- Evaluate the performance of the flotation circuit
- Guide, mentor, support the national operating staff.
- Evaluate the performance of the national operating staff, producing written and verbal recommendations.
- Work on-shift coordinating flotation training while maintaining the integrity of the circuit.

General Information and other requirements:
- Place of Work: Bisha site.
- Type of contract: Fixed
- Salary: As per Company salary scale.
- Additional requirement for Nationals:
  - Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligation and provide evidence of release paper from the Ministry of Defense.
  - Present clearance paper from current/last employer
  - Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, a copy of your National Identity Card etc.).
- Only shortlisted applicants would be considered as potential candidates for an interview.
- Application documents will not be returned back to sender and.
- All applications should be sent through the post office.
- Deadline for application: 10 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.
- Address: Please mail your applications to; Bisha Mining Share Company, P. O. Box 4276 Asmara, Eritrea

Note to Eritrean applicants:
Please send a copy of your application to Ministry of Labor and Human Welfare Department of Labor P.O. BOX 5252, Asmara, Eritrea

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**Vacancy Announcement**

Bisha Mining Share Company
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Asmara, Eritrea

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**Eritrean Nigusse Amlesom ranks 2nd in half-marathon tournament in United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

The persevering racer bagged by 3 seconds from Ethiopian Lesisa Desisa who concluded the competition by 59 minutes and 39 seconds improving his previous record.

Kenyan athletes who consecutively seized the 3rd to 6th ranks dominated the tournament.

Meanwhile, Eritrean Girmai Gebresilasi ranked first in a similar competition in the USA concluding it in 1 hour 3 minutes and 53 seconds. The following 4 ranks were won by Kenyan competitors.

**FOREIGN MINISTER OSMAN SALEH'S CURRENT OFFICIAL VISIT TO RUSSIAN FEDERATION...**

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It is to be noted that Foreign Minister Osman is on a 4-day official visit to the Russian Federation at the invitation of his Russian counterpart, Mr. Sergei Lavrov.

In their meeting yesterday, the two officials asserted that Eritrea and Russia share similar views and stances as regards major regional and international issues, besides agreeing to work jointly towards ensuring peace and stability in the Horn of Africa, as well as combating terrorism and acts of extremism.

Moreover, Mr. Osman met with President Vladimir Putin’s Special Envoy on African Affairs, as well as representatives of Russian firms and held discussion focusing on trade and investment.
Procurement – Notice

PROJECT: Capacity Building for Public Administration of Eritrea

Contract Title: Supply of IT and Communication Equipment

Publication Reference: NAO/2014/009 - HA

The Eritrean Center for Organizational Excellence (ERCOE) intends to award a supply contract for Supply of IT and Communication Equipment in Asmara, Eritrea with financial assistance from the European Development Fund (EDF). The tender dossier is available from:

European Development Fund
The Eritrean Centre for Organizational Excellence (ERCOE)
Asmara office
Hiday Street 748-1
Dembe Sembel - Green Building Block A first floor,
Asmara, Eritrea

and will also be published on the EuropeAid website:

The deadline for submission of tenders is March 31, 2014 at 18:00 local time. Possible additional information or clarifications/questions shall be published on the EuropeAid website:

“The Art Of Learning And Academic...” President Isaias

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How this could be implemented on the ground is a major issue though. What we are planning to do in the respect of electricity supply could not have a major impact towards solving the problem. There are also threats that could come along with it for it is hard to manage what is not in one hands. As every country has its own sovereign choice, when an agreement is reached between two countries, there is a concern whether the supply would be guaranteed or not. Leaving aside such concerns, we have taken initiatives of cooperation based on a good will. What tangible things could we do apart from holding talks and drafting policies? Ours and Sudanese systems of electricity supply is very different. Its nature is also different in terms of technological advancement. Sudanese hydraulic system has vivid advantage over the heat generated energy supply that we are using in here. But, we do also have our own advantage over that of the Sudanese. We should ultimately connect these two systems in the western part of the country. But a guy complains, what would be the amount of watt that could be generated and how much would be the expense? What have been produced from the heat generated sources of electricity demands dollar 0.25 cents per one kilo watt. This is indeed very expensive and we could not expect to buy such a supply with that much expense. Hydraulic system may cost somewhere eight to ten times, although this could differ from country to country as per the vastness of investment activities that are to be carried out. It could also be cheaper. While considering whether Sudanese supply would be cost effective or not in relation to the activities we plan to carry out in this country, we are simultaneously working to connect them by erecting a line that stretches for about 60-65 km. This project may start this year. Once connected, it would not be linked with that of the country’s inter-connected system for supporting infrastructure. This may start in 2014, nevertheless there are other facilities that go parallel to it and thus implementation of such a project may take time. It is however important to notice that such like projects are not aimed at solving major deficit of electricity supply.

Internet and telecommunications services are among the major facilitators of economic and educational activities. Are there plans to introduce advanced technology and also to extend the existing bandwidth?

Apart from being means for dissemination of information, it is really hard to associate such a service with economic activities. There are of course economic activities facilitated through it. There is a huge gap between the perception of corporations, economic philosophies and the reality on the ground. Internet service could give a distorted image. But, this does not mean to undermine the role internet plays in actual economies. Information distributed through the internet is always coupled with issues that could pose threats that are not to be viewed lightly. Developing countries are not at this time, making huge surveillance on internet services. In our case, let alone to control internet traffic, a speedy and vast connectivity could not be achieved as long as fiber optic internet line is not introduced in the country. We are making discussions with Chinese partner companies so as to be connected with the fiber optic line that passed along the Red Sea. After connecting the major cities and remote areas of the country to a fiber optic line inside the country, there would be an effective and smooth connection to a global line. But, there is no economic activity in this country that relies too much on the availability of internet service. What is more is that airlines service is almost in a shaky ground. There is a great potential. A transportation system, marine transport has been relaying on transshipment. It is hard to say our agriculture sector has reached at highest level of production, we have not yet developed marine resources in a way that could make due contribution in the country’s economy. So, there could be no miracle of economic growth that relies solely on the availability of reliable internet service. Once economic growth is realized, internet service or other means of communication could play an important role. This connectivity service could only facilitate but could not bring tangible economic progress. However, until we reach to a higher level of growth in different economic sectors, a reliable internet service should be put in place. A plan that could connect us to our international line has been mapped out to be implemented in 2014. This is not, however, to be decided on our part alone and thus we are working for its realization through a reinforced cooperation with partner companies.

The Game Called...”

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The best way for students to apply the strategy of active involvement during a class lecture is to engage in the psychological action of active listening and physical action of writing notes. Writing down what the instructor is saying is class essentially forces students to pay closer attention to what is being said, and reinforces their retention (memory) of what has been said.

Other strategies in this aspect include: Active Reading Outside of Class, to be on time in class schedules and to sit at the front of the class if possible.

When possible, sit as close to the front of the class as you can. It is much easier to pay attention when you have fewer distractions between you and the instructor.

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to just fold her arms and sit back; you are valuing her needs by letting her pay at her request and you are showing her respect by paying for her. Most of the time you would hear a guy complain that his girl is eating up all his money, because he is always paying. Yet, sometimes you would hear a girl complain that her boyfriend let her pay the bill. If you love each other why should you complain about something that is not that big of a deal?

A relationship is something beautiful and worthwhile that we have to cherish and respect. Nevertheless, we have degraded it and made it seem as meaningless as children’s games. Three things we have forgotten about games are: (1) a game always ends (2) where one always loses (3) and one often cheats. Nevertheless, we have decided to stick rules to it and play the game as it is. Love is a very pure and elevatingpassion that no one can perfectly elucidate in words. So how is it that we can supervise it with rules and still say that we are in love? If one can use the so-called rule book in a relationship and say he or she is in love then that someone is just fooling one’s self. There is no such thing as too much exposure of affection when it comes to love. Leave out the rules and enjoy love as it grows. If you cut the spreading stem of a grape tree it withers and stops growing and if you try to cut the stems in a relationship the love withers and stops growing as well. Besides, we have been given too many rules in our lives to add some more ourselves, don’t you think so?

Milen Dawit
Learning and Academic Success are two very different concepts. It is a incessive or something gifted at birth. There is an academic success art and philosophy and all those who follow it will prosper and succeed. All lucks and chances are removed from the art of success and equa tion. Luck certainly can be useful, but truly successful people create this luck. We should never equate success to luck or chance, rather we have to create our own chances and drive our own path. We will surely confront with lots of ups and downs and good and bad fortunes along the path but none of them should cause too much concern, we just have to continue with our plan. Learn to take the long term view and advantage and we will stand a much greater chance of success. Everyone agrees that Education is not an option, it is the one and best means though which an individual comes to use and capitalize his/her academic potentials to their zenith level. Hence any problem which interferes with one’s learning and teaching needs to be identified and addressed not later, not tomorrow, but now. One thing which must be kept in mind is when we say academic success, it doesn’t solely refer to getting high score in an exam, and it rather goes beyond that to include development in the physical, psychological, social, emotional, behavioral and spiritual areas of the whole self. Notwithstanding, fact that one is gaining and academic success of college level students can be influenced by various personal and situational vari able, factors which are thought and found having a powerful po tential that underlie their effective learning and thereby academic suc cess include: active involvement, active interaction and collabora tion, self-reflection, and utilization of current research.

Research indicates that active involvement is the most fundamen tal and most powerful principle of human learning and college suc cess. It can be considered as stone base for college success, because it provides the basic foundation for all other success strategies in life. To maximize success in college, students need to be active agents in the learning process, not passive sponges or spectators. The basic principle of active involvement in cludes:

- Spending significant amount of personal time on attending class:
- Since the total amount of time spent on the subject is associated with how much students learn and how successful they are in college, this association naturally leads to a very straightforward conclusion. Successful students attend class. College research indicates that there is a direct relationship between class attendance and course grades—as one goes up or down, so does the other. Moreover, your attendance leaves a big impression on your instructor. If you don’t attend class, the natural assumption is that you don’t care and you are not interested in academia. If you constantly excuses, the same impres sion sets to your absence in class can easily be noticed, even if the instructor doesn’t formally take attendance. When you miss class, you miss the lecture and notes, and the notes of another student are never as good. It is very difficult to fail if you have attended each class. However, attending class never makes you smart unless you pay total attention in class, ask ques tions, and take notes.
Relationships have been deprived of their true meaning and are now treated as games. By the way when I say relationship I mean an intimate interaction between lovers. If one gets into a relationship he or she is supposed to be happy and blissful rather that person becomes annoyed and miserable. “How so?” you may ask, well here is the thing every game has its own rules and relationships, like every game, have now been given rules. Where did those rules come from? Hmm...obviously we made them ourselves. I mean no one said that relationships should be this and that, or said that such and such rules shall be obeyed by the people involved in an interaction. Once we find ourselves in a relationship we decide to bind our actions. It is like there is a rule book that endows a to-do list on boys and girls. The rules are so hilarious and so imprudent that I don’t even know why people would want to follow them. You are probably acquainted with them, especially if you are at the exact age, but why don’t I mention some of them.

You sure do know about ‘The move,’ which I believe is the first rule, right? Anyways, as much as a girl wants to grab the guy by his collar and engage with him in a passionate kiss she will never do it. According to rule number one it is the guy who should make that move...allow me to say that it is so idiotic. If you like the guy, grab him by the hair if you want just don’t wait for him to do it. A girl might think that she would be affecting her vanity and disgracing herself if she made the first move, but it is the other way around. She would be showing the guy that she is a woman, who not only knows but also gets what she wants. She would be making sure that she has as much control over their relationship as he. I am not only referring to making moves in an already initiated relationship. Let’s come to asking out, who is most likely expected to ask out, especially in our culture? The dude right? Why? Doesn’t the female pop the question? It is the culture that forbids her from doing it or is it her assumption that culture does not permit her to act in such manners? Culture’s belief does determine how we view everything. Thus, culture, I shall say, is sometimes dangerous and if we only accept without questioning then it will do more damage than good. We shall just take its positives and replace the negatives with behaviors that we think appropriate and advantageous to us.

Not long ago a girl was not permitted to pursue her education beyond the lower grades, especially in Eritrea, nevertheless, these days countless females have and are attending college. Culture is just an act that we use as a solution for the same kind of problems over and over again that in the end it becomes a habit of the people and is accepted as a principle. Hence, if you are a girl, who is head over heels for someone, then get yourself together and bring us a new culture. I myself was once in love; it was love at first sight (and of course I believe in that kind of stuff). He is cute, tall and so masculine. It was a hot summer day and I was taking a bus home when I saw him standing so gracefully a few people away from me. I used to hate taking the bus, however, after that day I began looking forward to getting on the slow, smelly vehicle. He took the same bus that I did, thus, I treated myself with a nice view of him almost every day. No matter how good or bad my day had been just his sight would take every thought away. Every time I saw him I really wanted to talk to him and say something interesting that would attract him. However, I just could find neither the right words nor the guts to do anything. Two years went by, although, it was with great effort I never uttered a word to him. Unfortunately, one day he just vanished and since then I haven’t seen him anywhere. I really wish that I had said something, because things might have ended differently. As a consequence I am now forced to live with what ifs. Girls a little advice; just approach the person you are interested in with a manner that would keep your pride and dignity intact.

Rule two can be applied for a period ranging from after the first date up to more or less a one year relationship. It supposedly says:

(1) If the girl you are interested in always make the first phone call of the day.

If he doesn’t call, the girl, even though her fingers are itching to dial his number, will not try to reach him. She would rather go to her friend’s house and whine about him not calling her. She would say that he has forgotten about her…seriously? He couldn’t let you go home the previous night out of his desire to have you around, but because he has not called you today he has forgotten about you??? His phone might be dead, or he might be in some kind of trouble, or…A lot of reasons can explain for his disappearance for the day. Why should you jump into a thoughtless conclusion? You might think that if you make the call,your pride will be affected or your honor will be tarnished. Let me be the one to tell you that you can never be more mistaken. Thus, instead of whining and making your friend uncomfortable; stop with the childishness, pick up the phone and punch in his number.

Pride is a common failing that has its own rules so I might not know their lower nor a fan of the so called rules so I might not know their order. This one says:

(10) It is the man who should always pay.

Get this, every girl (ok most girls), including me, wants to prove that she does not plan to depend on the guy as long as the relationship lasts. Therefore, when the bill comes to the table, such a girl won’t hesitate to pay. Yet, some people believe that if the girl pays, it is a humiliation to both parties. Girl or boy, be as you may, open minded understand that paying the bill is not as big a topic as most humans make it. Girls, do not expect the guy to pay it just because he is the guy. Boys, don’t expect the girl...
Google unveils smartphone with 3D sensors

Google has unveiled a prototype smartphone with “customised hardware and software” (Google) that enables it to create 3D maps of a user’s surroundings.

The device’s sensors allow it to make over 250,000 3D measurements every second and update its position in real-time.

Google said potential applications may include indoor mapping, helping the visually-impaired navigate unfamiliar indoor places, unassisted gaming.

It has offered 200 prototypes to developers keen to make apps for it.

Google said its Advanced Technology and Projects (ATAP) unit developed the phone as part of a project called Project Tango with June 2014.

High-Tech Glasses To Assist Cancer Surgeons

Scientists have developed particular glasses with high technology that make it easier for surgeons to distinguish cancer cells from healthy cells.

Designed by the scientists at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, the newly invented glasses help surgeons visualize cancer cells, which glow blue when looked through the eyewear.

While cancer cells are difficult to see even under high-powered magnification, the high-tech glasses may provide the guarantee that no stray tumor cells are left behind during surgery.

The glasses were tested for the first time at Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center and Washington University School of Medicine.

UN Chief Urges 3000 More Troops For Car

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has called for a rapid deployment of at least 3,000 troops to the Central African Republic (CAR).

The UN chief told a Security Council session on Thursday that the troops should be deployed in the coming days or weeks.

Ban said the security requirements in the African country far exceed the capability of the international troops currently deployed.

He noted more troops were needed urgently “and the wider international community must share the burden.”

The reinforcement will increase the force to some 12,000.

Ban also pointed a grim picture of the country, saying “it is a calamity with a strong claim on the conscience of humankind.”

The Central African Republic has been hit with a bloody conflict between Christians and Muslims which has so far claimed over a thousand lives.

The violence is escalating day by day despite the presence of French and African troops on the ground.

Christian militia in the CAR has been raging violence against Muslims, many of whom have escaped the country so as not to get killed by the militia.

Many believe the French troops, known as the Sangaris, target Muslims and turn a blind eye on Christian militia, an accusation Paris rejects.

France invaded its former colony on December 5 after the UN Security Council adopted a resolution giving the African Union and France the go-ahead to send troops to the country.

There are many mineral resources, including gold and diamond, in the Central African Republic. However, the country is extremely poor and has faced a series of rebellions and coups since it gained independence in 1960.

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“We’re in the early stages of this technology, and more development and testing will be done, but we’re certainly encouraged by the potential benefits to patients,” said breast surgeon Julie Margenthaler, MD, an associate professor of surgery at Washington University.

Margenthaler is the surgeon who used the glasses in the testing operation, Science daily reported.

In current standard of surgery, the tumor and some neighboring tissue are removed. The tissue which may or may not include cancer cells is viewed under a microscope in a pathology lab.

If cancer cells are identified in the margin tissue, the operation is repeated.

“We’re ready to put early prototypes into the hands of developers that can imagine the possibilities and help bring those ideas into reality,” it added.

Various firms, including Google, have been looking at developing niche technology.

For its part, Google has already unveiled its Google Glass - the intelligent specs due to go on sale later this year.

Earlier this year, the firm said it is also working on a “smart contact lens” that can help measure glucose levels in tears.

Also in January, it bought DeepMind, a UK firm that specialises in artificial intelligence, for £400m.

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Margenthaler stated.

“About 20 to 25 percent of breast cancer patients who have lumps removed require a second surgery because current technology doesn’t adequately show the extent of the disease during the first operation,” Margenthaler stated.

“Our hope is that this new technology will reduce or ideally eliminate the need for a second surgery,” she said.

Google has offered a limited number of prototype phones as part of a development kit to software companies.

Human rights concerns have been rising again in Colombia after an online recording of a military chief revealed his solidarity with a colonel jailed for alleged extrajudicial killings.

In the recording, published by leading newsmagazine Semana on Sunday, Colombia armed forces chief General Leonardo Barrero is heard telling colonel Robinson Gonzalez del Rio that prosecutors’ investigations into the extrajudicial killings is a “bunch of crap.”

The army chief also suggested that Gonzalez, who is facing criminal charges over the killings of two men in 2007, mount a counterattack to discredit prosecutors.

According to local reports, deputy joint chief General Javier Rey revealed on Monday following the revelation by Semana’s weekend report. Barrero also reportedly to have expressed regret over his remarks in the audio recording.

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said the serious allegations made in the Semana report need to be investigated.

The government, however, said it was taking no immediate action against Barrero as he was not directly accused of corruption.

An earlier scandal on extrajudicial killings by Colombia military dubbed as “false positives scandal” broke in 2008.

According to media reports, hundreds of innocent civilians were slain and presented as guerrillas killed in battle by the country’s army in an effort to inflate body counts and receive promotions or other benefits.

Earlier this month, Semana reported that a military spy ring had eavesdropped for 15 months on emails and text messages of government negotiators involved in peace talks with leftist rebels.

Rights Concerns in Colombia Over Leaked Recording

Colombian soldiers (file photo)

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