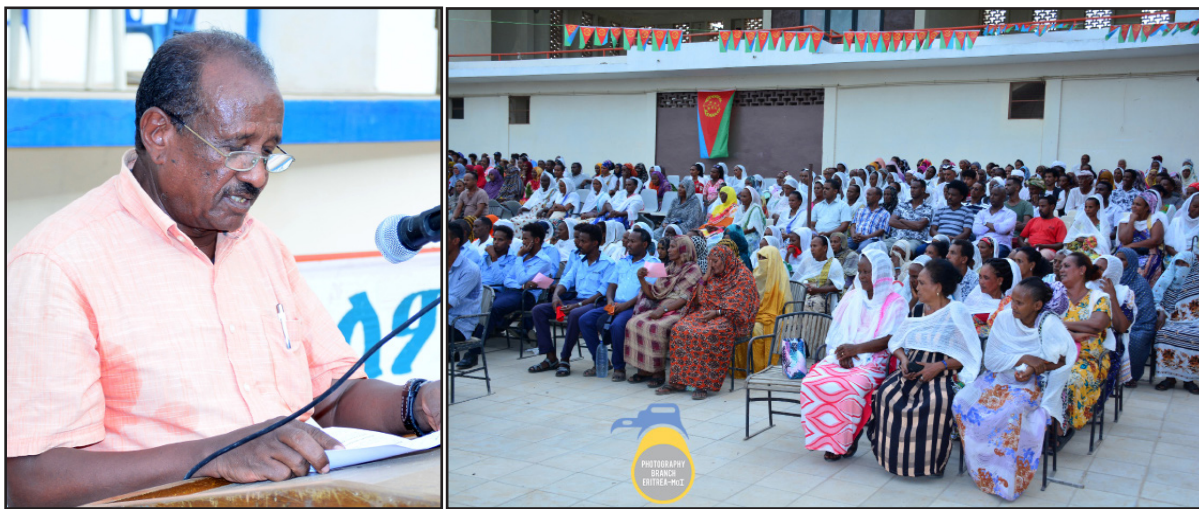


WORLD BLOOD DONATION DAY OBSERVED



International Blood Donation Day was observed in the port city of Massawa, Northern Red Sea Region, on 11 June under the theme "Let's Share Life through Blood Donation".

Mr. Tewelde Tesfazgi, chairman of the National Blood Donors Association branch in the region, stated that over the past eight years, the association has been actively engaged in raising public awareness and understanding of the importance of blood donation in saving lives,

as well as increasing the number of voluntary blood donors. He noted that due to sustained and strong awareness-raising activities, the number of voluntary blood donors is steadily increasing.

Dr. Zemui Mekonnen, Medical Director at the Massawa Hospital, provided an extensive briefing on the benefits and importance of voluntary blood donation. He emphasized that, beyond spiritual satisfaction, voluntary blood donation also has

significant health benefits for donors.

Mr. Rezene Feseha, Director General of Social Service in the region, called for an integrated effort to increase the number of blood donors at all levels in the region.

The event was highlighted by cultural programs commemorating the day.

TRAINING FOCUSED ON INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY

The National Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disability branch in the Southern region, in collaboration with the National Union of Eritrean Women branch, provided training to 20 women caring for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The training focused on the advantages of organization, administration, and laws regarding disabilities.

The training, held on 11 and 12 June, addressed the consequences of stereotypes and backward outlooks on disabilities, as well as approaches society could take in rehabilitating citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Mr. Yonas Yemane, head of administration and finance of the association branch in the Southern region, called for an integrated effort to increase public understanding of the causes and proper treatment of citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Mr. Desale Hagos, head of the association branch in the region, stated that the association is earnestly working with partners to improve the daily lives of children with disabilities.

The National Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disability was established in 2006 and operates under the auspices of the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare.

SOCIAL SCIENCE TRAINING TO STUDENTS



Social science training was provided to 3,744 junior and high school students, including 2,329 females, in the Central Region. The training program was organized by the National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students in collaboration with partners.

The training included topics such as nation and nationality, youth and national service, the meaning and concept of ideology, politics, philosophy and religion, as well as the history of the National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students.

The objective of the training was to develop the overall

understanding of the youth and enable them to play a significant role in national affairs.

Speaking at the event organized on 8 June, Mr. Saleh Ahmedin, chairman of the union, reminded the trainees to have a positive influence on their peers and announced that similar training programs would be organized.

In other news, the national association of designers donated 29 units of blood to enrich the blood supply of the National Blood Transfusion Service. The donation was made in connection with Martyrs' Day on 20 June.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY ACTIVITIES BY DIASPORA NATIONALS

Eritrean nationals in the US and Saudi Arabia have conducted public diplomacy activities.

At a seminar organized in New York, Mr. Berhane Gebrehiwet, Chargé d'Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy, provided an extensive briefing on the current situation in Eritrea. Mr. Berhane highlighted that due to the strong resilience and steadfastness of its people, Eritrea currently stands at a promising stage, preserving its peace and stability.

Mr. Berhane further stated that the fourth front of the Eritrean Diaspora has emerged victorious against external hostilities by consolidating unity and strong resilience. He called on the nationals to take advantage of the opportunities being provided and participate in national development programs.

In related news, Eritrean communities in the cities of Jazan, Khamis-Mushait, and Al-Namas in Saudi Arabia held meetings to

discuss the current situation and strengthen their connection with their homeland through enhanced unity and organizational capacity.

The participants engaged in extensive discussions on the reports presented and elected 15-member executive committees in each city. They also expressed their commitment to preserving peace and stability in their homeland and staying true to the expectations of the martyrs.



Ambassador Sophia Tesfamariam's Statement at the Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly

Permanent Representative of the State of Eritrea to the United Nations

At the Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on Agenda Item 28, Entitled: "Elimination of Unilateral Extraterritorial Coercive Economic Measures as a means of Political and Economic Compulsion"

Mr. President,

Let me first thank you for convening this plenary meeting of the General Assembly on a subject of serious concern, with detrimental ramifications to many member states and millions of people across the Global South.

I associate my remarks with the statements delivered by the distinguished Delegations of Uganda, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the G77 and China, as well as Nigeria and Venezuela on behalf of the African Group and the Group of Friends in Defence of the United Nations Charter respectively. Let me briefly state the following in my national capacity.

Mr. President,

The application of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion don't only contravene the fundamentals of the UN Charter and the general principles of international law, but they are inhumane and immoral policy malpractices of its architects, aimed at impoverishing and depriving nations. Neither the norms of international relations nor the rules of international trading system justify the application of such egregious policies dictated at the whim of the proponents of global hegemony. These powers

have been unapologetic with their intentions and deeds, as this is expressly stated in their foreign policy toolbox, to compel those who don't conform with their self-professed ideals.

Mr. President,

My country, Eritrea, has been a victim of illegal and unjust sanctions and it continues to endure unilateral coercive measures targeting its most critical sectors, including the economic and national security ones. The ulterior political motives are too evident to merit explanation. Among the bundles of the illicit measures, in 2021, Eritrea was excluded from the SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Transactions), a system used to conduct international financial transactions.

The country is further sustaining illegal unilateral sanctions imposed by the US Administration. Only few weeks ago, the European Union renewed the imposition of such measures against Eritrea in its pursuit of advancing perceived geopolitical objectives which have been proved to not only be flawed, but are contributing to regional destabilization. The crippling socio-economic effects of these illegal sanctions to the country's developmental programs are indeed colossal.

Mr. President,

All forms of unilateral coercive measures must be immediately lifted and the injustices and damages endured by the affected nations need to be rectified. Against the globally agreed development



goals underpinned by the motto of "leaving no one behind", unilateral coercive measures attest to the contrary as they are impoverishing those in the Global South and widening the development gap. Sovereign equality of all nations and their right to development as enshrined in the UN Charter must be fully respected. Any unilateral resort outside of the cardinal principles of the UN Charter need be rejected and repealed in totality.

Mr. President,

In closing, Eritrea expresses its strong solidarity with all those unjustly affected nations and peoples, and calls for the categorical lifting of the unlawful embargos imposed on the brotherly people of Cuba for over 60 years, and delist the country from the so-called 'state sponsors of terrorism.'

I Thank You!
New York, 13 June 2024

Eritrean National Cycling ...

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Two-time Eritrean national champion Merhawi Kudus will be vying for his third title in this year's competition. Having secured victories in 2018 and 2022, Merhawi has demonstrated his ability to perform at the highest level on the domestic cycling circuit. With his recent strong showings at prestigious international events such as the Tour of Japan and the Tour of Turkey, he has further bolstered his credentials and proven that he has the potential to match the impressive record of three-time Eritrean champion Daniel Teklehaimanot, who claimed the national title in 2011, 2012, and 2016. All eyes will be on Merhawi as he seeks to solidify his place among the true greats of Eritrean cycling by securing a historic third national championship triumph this year.

Two-time African champion Henok Muluberhan, who currently rides for the Astana Qazaqstan team, is also expected to be a prominent contender in today's race. Henok has demonstrated his versatility and all-around abilities with impressive performances on flat terrain, hilly stages, and sprints. His well-rounded skillset, tactical acumen, and race-reading capabilities make him a formidable challenger for the national title. As an experienced

rider with a proven track record at the international level, Henok will undoubtedly be closely watched by his rivals as he aims to add the Eritrean National Championship to his growing list of accomplishments.

Given his fiery competitive spirit and impressive talents, Natnael Tesfatzion is another star who can roar to victory. Apart from the other international riders, the local riders are expected to challenge the professional contenders sternly. If they emerge victorious, the local riders have an opportunity to study abroad, which has seemingly given them added motivation and determination to upset the more established professional athletes. Therefore, unexpected things could happen for the big favorites from the domestic riders.

The 2024 Eritrean Cycling Championship is set to feature a robust field of participants across various categories. In the elite and under-23 men's road race categories, 129 riders registered to compete. Meanwhile, the elite and under-23 women's categories have attracted 22 athletes. The junior men's categories have seen a strong turnout, with 133 riders signed up. Complementing this, the junior women's categories have 14 participants registered. All in all, 309 riders have put their signature to participate in this year's Cycling Championships.

From Social Media



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JUNE 12 IN THE #HISTORY OF #ERITREA

- On **June 12, 1991**, then Provisional Gov of **#Eritrea** announced that all liberation front factions were dissolved & invited their members to return to work in the gov. Many **#ELF** factions returned to Eritrea but then gov of **#Ethiopia** allowed EDM & Saghem Qetsel to operate in Ethiopia.
- On **June 12, 1998** Ethiopia announces that it intends to deport those Eritreans who are considered a threat to national security.
- On **June 12, 1998**, **#TPLF** led **#Ethiopia** began the first wave of arrests and deportations of people of Eritrean origin in Ethiopia. On July 9, 1998 PM Meles Z. said, 'Any foreigner, whether **#Eritrean**, **#Japanese**, etc., lives in Ethiopia because of the goodwill of the Ethiopian government. If the Ethiopian gov says 'Go, because we don't like the color of your eyes,' they have to leave.' The deportations continued at an average of 1,000 per week as of 1998 until ended. 18% of deportees were from Tigrai and 62% from Addis Ababa. (34.4%) were homeowners and many owned very substantial homes.
- On **June 12, 2016** TPLF-led **#Ethiopia** unleashed an attack against Eritrea in **#Tsonora** Front. On June 14 & 26, Eritrea requested an urgent meeting of **#UNSC** as the act was a threat to regional & int'l peace & security. UNSC never acted. Ethiopia admitted that it sustained heavy casualties.

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SpotLight

Equalizing Access to and Participation in Education

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Education: a fundamental right, driver of growth, and catalyst for development

Education is internationally recognized as a basic human right and it is indispensable for the exercise of other rights. Moreover, it is distinguished as one of the most powerful instruments for reducing poverty and inequality, and it sets the foundation for driving sustained socio-economic growth and inclusive

development. In the words of the United Nations, “Education is the key that will allow many other Sustainable Development Goals... to be achieved. When people are able to get quality education they can break from the cycle of poverty. Education therefore helps to reduce inequalities and to reach gender equality.”

development. In the words of the United Nations, “Education is the key that will allow many other Sustainable Development Goals... to be achieved. When people are able to get quality education they can break from the cycle of poverty. Education therefore helps to reduce inequalities and to reach gender equality.”

Despite its far-reaching importance and multifaceted benefits, there continue to be massive inequalities and disparities in education worldwide, both within and between countries. The unfortunate reality is that, notwithstanding commendable progress in many areas, hundreds of millions of children in countries around the globe are out of school and millions of people of all ages remain illiterate.

lack access to learning and education, it serves to dramatically undermine the great potential, overall capacity, and general well-being of a nation’s people, particularly it most precious and valuable resource – its youth and children. All of society is impacted, indeed hurt, when its people, especially children, are unable to get educated.

This article highlights Eritrea’s longstanding efforts and ongoing progress to equalize access to and participation in education for all.

enforcement of strong legislation prohibiting child, underage, and forced marriage, harmful practices which historically have disproportionately impacted girls, as well as the construction of gender-segregated toilet and latrines, the development of community-based communication and sensitization programs, and the establishment of boarding schools.

In recognition of the differing life conditions and experiences of women and girls, as well as



gender gap is being progressively narrowed. Significantly, parity between girls and boys has been achieved within middle education and it is almost fully achieved in pre-primary and secondary education. Furthermore, although at the primary and tertiary levels participation is higher among boys than girls, discrepancies are being erased at an encouraging pace.

Eritrea has also devised and implemented a broad array of other programs and measures that aim to comprehensively promote inclusion and equal opportunities for all. These include the provision of highly subsidized and free learning materials and educational resources for those in need, financial and material assistance to vulnerable households to keep children enrolled in and attending school, adult extension and outreach learning programs, and literacy and skills programs for the incarcerated. The mother language policy, which mandates multilingual education based on the mother language from pre-primary until the end of elementary level, developed by the Ministry of Education, has not only played a key role in preserving heritage and culture, it has led to more equitable access for all ethnolinguistic groups and greater enrolment, retention, and comprehension.

Additionally, selected schools in some parts of the country provide regular meals to students, an important social protection tool that is associated with a range of health and learning benefits. With the substantial expansion of the national roads network, public transportation services have been

greatly improved, in the process helping ease travel and attendance for students. As well, in remote regions, historically characterized by rough, difficult terrain, the government has provided donkeys to many youths living with disabilities in order to help them reach school, while bicycles have been extended to other students that must walk considerable distances.

Nomadic populations and other hard-to-reach groups, which contribute to the rich diversity of Eritrea, have also received opportunities to learn, the majority for the first time, through the establishment of boarding facilities and mobile schools in remote areas. In the year 2021/22, for instance, a total of 65 schools served nomadic communities, with 10 being boarding schools. Through close cooperation with elders and respected community leaders, the MoE has developed special academic schedules that are specifically tailored to align with nomadic groups’ lifestyles and migratory patterns.

Eritrea has also established formal education services for children with disabilities, such as the vision and hearing impaired, while efforts also continue to be made to integrate children with developmental disabilities into mainstream schools, through the creation of special classrooms.

Ultimately, Eritrea’s efforts and progress to equalize access to and participation in education are helping to promote positive developmental outcomes and improve lives nationwide.



Equalizing access and participation in Eritrea

In Eritrea, education is regarded as a core, essential element for inclusive, sustainable development, a central pillar of society, and a fundamental right to which everyone, regardless of distinction, is entitled. The national policy provides for access to education free-of-charge to all Eritreans, extending from the primary to the tertiary level, while basic education until the eighth grade is compulsory by law (for both boys and girls).

Since achieving its independence three decades ago, Eritrea has made considerable efforts and directed significant investments to enhance the participation of girls in education. This includes the enactment and

seeking to redress past inequities and historical disadvantages or discrimination, a raft of progressive and affirmative action measures have been developed to increase enrolments, strengthen retention and promote completion, and raise overall levels of performance and achievement. Additionally, in several parts of the country, organizations, such as the National Union of Eritrean Women and National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students, have conducted tutorial programs and other educational support initiatives, delivered free-of-charge for students, to enhance and improve the participation and achievement of girls within middle and secondary schools.

Across all levels, female enrolment continues to steadily grow and the historically huge





Eritrean National Cycling Championship: A Pinnacle Event in the Eritrean Cycling Calendar



Habtom Tesfamichael

The Eritrean National Cycling Championship, an annual event on the national cycling calendar, commenced its activities on Thursday with a time trial competition. The Road Race will be held today, June 15th, 2024. This year's edition features a highly competitive field. In addition to the promising domestic riders, over 20 high profile riders from World Tour, Continental, and Pro-Continental teams will be participating. Both the men's and women's categories will be contested.

Given the caliber of athletes set to take the start line, the outcome of the championship is challenging to predict. Fans and spectators can expect an exciting and closely contested event that showcases the depth of cycling talent in Eritrea.

Dominant Performances from World Tour Riders in Time Trials

The national cycling championship kicked off with time trials on Thursday. Men's Elite and U23 tackled a demanding 36km course over two laps, while Women's Elite and U23 raced an 18km circuit. Additionally, Junior Men were slated to complete an 18 KM lap, and the junior women were scheduled for a 15 KM single lap course.

As anticipated, riders from the World Tour teams dominated the

time trial discipline. Time trials are a brutal test of physical prowess and meticulous equipment optimization. The experience these top professional riders possess, coupled with their access to cutting-edge time trial bikes, proved to be a significant advantage.

Amanuel Gebreegziabher Retains Elite Men's Time Trial Title

Amanuel Gebreegziabher, the defending champion and member of the American Liddle Trek team, successfully defended his title in the Men's Elite category. He finished the 36-kilometer course in a remarkable time of 43 minutes, 32 seconds, and 29 microseconds, averaging an impressive speed of 49.6 km/h. Henok Muluebrhan (Astana Qazaqstan) and Biniam Girmay (Intermarche-Circus-Wanty) followed closely behind, securing second and third place, respectively. Amanuel's consecutive victory marks him as the only rider to achieve this feat since Daniel Teklehaimanot's back-to-back wins. Daniel holds the record for winning the time trial event at the Eritrean National Cycling Championship on five occasions - in 2011, 2012, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Ammanuel has amassed an impressive 7,578 kilometers of racing in 2024, achieved across 49 competition days. This total distance surpasses any other Eritrean rider's annual mileage, underscoring his

prodigious work rate and competitive schedule.

Following his successful defense of the national time trial title on Thursday, he expressed confidence and readiness for the road race event scheduled for today. Amanuel will look to replicate his previous road race victory at the Eritrean National Cycling Championship, which he secured in 2014 with the Asbeco team.

Adiam Dawit Defends Women's Time Trial Title

In the women's 18-kilometer time trial, Adiam Dawit from the Denden Club secured her second consecutive national title. She completed the course in 26 minutes, 37 seconds, and 26 microseconds at an average speed of 40.5 kilometers per hour. Adiam's dominant performance also earned her the gold medal in the under-23 categories.

In the junior men's event, Nahom Efriem from Eritel emerged victorious, clocking 23 minutes and 16 seconds at an average speed of 46.4 kilometers per hour. Meanwhile, Adiam Isack, from the Southern Region, claimed the junior women's title.

The Road Race: An Anticipated Showdown

As anticipation builds for today's road race, cycling enthusiasts eagerly await a thrilling spectacle. The field will feature not only the nation's top domestic talents but also several world-class riders that fans have grown accustomed to watching compete at the highest levels of the sport. Cycling fans who regularly watch these riders compete on television are expected to fill the streets of Asmara to witness the battle unfold live and in person.

Leading the charge of World Tour riders are Amanuel Gebreegziabher and Natnael Tesfatzion, who compete for the American Lidl-Trek team. They will be joined by a formidable trio from the Intermarche-Circus-Wanty team - Biniam Girmay, Mewael Girmay, and Aklilu Arefaine, as well as Hienok Muluebrhan from Astana Qazaqstan.

In addition to the World Tour Team riders, the field is studded with accomplished riders from Continental and Pro-Continental teams. Eritrean cycling legends



Merhawi Kudus and Metkel Eyob, representing the Malaysian Terengganu team, will be among the favorites. Other big names include Dawit Yemane (crowned champion in 2021) and Yuel Habteab from the German Bike Aid team, Natnael Brhane (champion of 2015 and 2019), and Pietros Mengs (runner-up in last year's championship) of the Turkish Beykoz team.

Nahom Zeray from the Q36.5 team and Aklilu Gebrihiwet and Even Yemane of the Philippine 7-Eleven team further boost the star power. Looming large over the proceedings is the defending champion, Awet Aman, who now plies his trade at the UCI World Team level.

According to the National Cycling Federation of Eritrea's schedule, the elite and under-23 men's race will consist of 17 laps covering a total distance of 173.4 kilometers. Meanwhile, the elite and under-23 women's race will feature eight laps covering 81.6 kilometers. The junior men will compete in an 18-lap race covering 112.2 kilometers, and the junior women will race over four laps totaling 40.8 kilometers.

Among the Elite contenders, Biniam Girmay is one of today's road race favorites. His performances thus far suggest he has the legs to stay with the peloton until the closing stages. If he can manage that, his teammates

at Intermarche-Circus-Wanty, Aklilu Arefaine, and Mewael Girmay could be crucial in setting him up for a powerful sprint finish.

However, a pure sprint finish is uncommon at the Eritrean National Road Race Championship. The demanding course often leads to attacks and breakaways throughout the race, making it a test of tactics, endurance, and raw power. This could favor riders with a solid all-around skill set.

In 2022, the race was decided not by a sprint finish but rather by a successful breakaway. That year, Merhawi Kudus and Nathaniel Tesfazion escaped the peloton and stayed away until the finish line, securing the top two podium positions through an attritional, non-sprint conclusion to the event.

Last year, an unexpected turn occurred in the race's closing stages. As the prominent contenders closely watched one another, Awet Aman and Pietros Mengs seized the opportunity to make a decisive move. With approximately 4 kilometers remaining, the two riders managed to break clear of the peloton and sustain their attack until the finish line. Their impressive resilience and opportunism culminated in Awet and Pietros securing the gold and silver medal positions.

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SpotLight

20 Years of Celebrating Giving: Thanks you, Blood Donors!

Sona Berhane

Every year on June 14th, the world celebrates World Blood Donor Day. This year marks the 20th anniversary of this important occasion, a time to reflect on achievements, address challenges, and envision a future



with universal access to safe blood transfusion. The 2024 theme, “20 years of celebrating giving: thank you, blood donors!” resonates deeply in Eritrea, where, for decades, the National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS) has played a crucial role in ensuring safe blood transfusion throughout the country.

The aim of this year’s global campaign is fourfold: to recognize and thank millions of voluntary blood donors who have saved lives globally, to showcase national

safe collection, processing, and distribution of blood products. The institution’s journey has been one of remarkable progress.

From its humble beginnings utilizing rudimentary equipment and techniques, the organization has undergone significant

development. In the early 1980s, the central laboratory began storing blood in solar-powered refrigerators and implementing more advanced compatibility tests. Following Eritrean independence in 1991, a proposal was drafted to modernize the country’s blood bank services. This crucial step led to medical personnel being sent abroad in 1997 for training in advanced blood transfusion procedures.

A pivotal moment came in 2002 with the establishment of the

transfusion practices. These policies were subsequently revised in 2006 and 2011, reflecting the organization’s commitment to continuous improvement. These years witnessed a period of rapid development. The NBTS’s laboratory expands its capabilities by introducing component separation, allowing for the fractionation of whole blood into its core components – red blood cells, platelets, plasma, and cryoprecipitate. Each component has specific therapeutic applications, enabling a more targeted approach to patient care. Additionally, highly sensitive and specific ELISA diagnostic machines are incorporated to enhance the screening process for transfusion transmissible infections (TTIs) in donated blood. Furthermore, the crucial role of data and quality management systems is recognized, leading to their establishment to guarantee the continued safety and high functionality of the NBTS’s operations. The Quality Management department meticulously produces and implements essential documentation, including quality manuals, standard operating procedures, clinical guidelines, and medical criteria for blood collection. The Data Management plays an important role in ensuring the complete confidentiality of donor information while maintaining a strict and ethical code of conduct within the NBTS.

In 2007, recognizing the potential blood shortages due to the rarity of Rh-Negative blood types within the Eritrean population, the Donor Service department took the initiative to establish a dedicated Rh-Negative Donors committee. The committee focused on recruiting and retaining Rh-Negative blood donors, a group whose blood is particularly valuable for patients with the same Rh-Negative blood type. Shortly thereafter, a committee for Rh-Positive Donors was also formed, ensuring a comprehensive approach to blood donor recruitment and management. In 2011, both the Rh-Negative and Rh-Positive committees merged to form the National Voluntary Blood Donors Association of Eritrea (NVBDAE). This consolidated organization plays a critical role in raising public awareness about the importance of blood donation, actively recruiting new donors,

and organizing promotional events throughout the year. The NVBDAE’s tireless campaigns have significantly increased blood donation rates by targeting many sectors, including students, youth, sports clubs, members of various government organizations, and religious institutions. Consequently, 100% of the blood donations registered in 2023 were the result of voluntary blood donations. This year, the NVBDAE is presenting the very first issue of its periodical titled “ልዝላ ህይወት” and releasing it during the World Donor Day celebrations.

In 2010 and 2013, the NBTS was inspected by the South African Bureau of Standards and, fulfilling the requirements of ISO 9001-



2008, was certified and found to satisfy the required standards.

Ever since its establishment, the NBTS was set on an upward trajectory of progress and advancement. Despite the significant developments, however, challenges were encountered. Data from 2015 reveals that the annual blood collection reached only 58% of the target. Furthermore, the COVID-19 pandemic severely impacted blood donation in 2019 and 2020, leading to a near halt in transfusion services. However, the robust framework of the NBTS and strong network of voluntary donors proved invaluable. By adhering to strict COVID prevention protocols, the NBTS managed to collect around 400 units of blood during this critical time.

In 2023, a remarkable achievement was reached. The NBTS not only met its target of 12,000 units, but surpassed it by collecting over 15,000 units of blood. And in 2024, the facility was able to procure an advanced laboratory machine to aid in

the sensitive process of platelet extraction.

This year’s World Donor Day celebrations, held at the Eritrean Police Force headquarters, will be a time to honor the dedication of blood donors across the country. It will also serve as a platform to highlight the ongoing challenges faced by the NBTS and encourage continued public support for this vital service.

“The NBTS has come a long way, overcoming challenges and consistently exceeding targets,” explains the facility’s medical director, Dr. Yohannes Tekeste. “This year’s celebration is a testament to the collective power of dedicated healthcare professionals, selfless blood donors, and a nation

committed to ensuring the well-being of its citizens.”

Looking ahead, the NBTS remains steadfastly committed to its goals of expanding its reach and securing a sustainable blood supply for all Eritreans. Through continued collaboration with international partners and ongoing public awareness campaigns, the NBTS aims to ensure that every patient in need has access to safe blood transfusion.

As Eritrea celebrates World Donor Day 2024, the NBTS extends a heartfelt thank you to all existing blood donors, and encourages all eligible individuals to consider the lifesaving gift of blood donation. By joining this dedicated community, you can play a vital role in strengthening Eritrea’s healthcare system and ensuring a healthier future for all.

*To learn more about becoming a blood donor, or to find out more about the NBTS and its activities, please call 08214677.



blood program achievements and challenges, to promote regular, unpaid blood donation to ensure universal access, and to foster a culture of blood donation among youth and the public, increasing donor pool diversity and sustainability.

The NBTS plays an indispensable role within Eritrea’s healthcare system. Established in 2002, the National Blood Transfusion Center (NBTC) serves as the central hub for the

NBTC, a new, autonomous facility dedicated to coordinating and overseeing all blood transfusion services nationwide. The following decade saw continued collaboration with the Swiss Red Cross (SRC), which played a vital role in shaping the NBTS’s current operational structure.

The NBTS adheres to strict World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines, implementing WHO-based policies in 2003 to ensure safe and secure blood



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 - Ability to work with drives and different software if necessary.
 - Ability to work in relevant job type mechanical, electrical, auto electrical and instrumentation if necessary.
 - Perform regular inspection in order to detect potential problems before they cause a breakdown.
 - Control downtime by ensuring the best techniques is being used to repair the breakdown.
 - Stand by during ship loading operation until ship loading is completed.
- Planning and Scheduling
 - Responsible for forecasting of maintenance and repair of all allocated equipment and keeping a record of all engine hours for all AMSC equipment in Massawa (including LV and GE)
 - Ensure that critical spares/parts are in stock.
 - Maintain the inventory for all AMSC equipment spare parts and request replacement where necessary.
 - Track the use of maintenance and repair parts and order accordingly.
 - Track and identify machines with chronic problems and recommend necessary actions.
 - Required to interface with maintenance scheduler and planner. Liaise daily port equipment maintenance Supervisor and discuss the work to be done.
- Health and Safety
 - Attend Health and Safety Practices.
 - Ensure knowledge of Health and Safety policies, procedures and practices.
 - Attend the daily toolbox/safety meetings.
 - Responsible for ensuring that work area complies with the Health and Safety standards.
 - Report and act on hazard identified or potential hazards to the port operation.

- Administration
 - Responsible for ensuring that required information for the weekly and monthly reports is provided timeously to compile in the overall Planning report.
- Profile: Qualifications and Experience
- Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents
 - Technical Diploma
- Working Experience – Nature & Length
 - 3 – 4 years’ experience in heavy equipment like cranes and other mobile equipment used at a port.
- Technical Skills
 - Computer Literacy (MS Office – limited requirement, In-house software system – limited requirement)
 - Technical skill
 - Figure analysis skill
 - Problem-solving skill
 - Safety reporting and actions
- Behavioral Skills
 - Communication (English and a Local language advantage)
 - Behavioural relations skill
 - Teamwork
 - Integrity
 - Cultural Diversity
- General Information and other requirements:
 - Place of Work: Massawa
 - Type of contract: Indefinite Period
 - Salary: As per the Company salary scale
- Additional requirements 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 to the sender.
 - 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;
 - Asmara Mining Share Company,
 - P. O. Box 10688 Asmara, Eritrea
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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Asmara Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position;

Carpenter

Number required – (03)

Type of contract – definite (3 months)

Major Duties and responsibilities.

- Perform all wood work to support construction including building form-works and roof wood works.

TASK DESCRIPTION Expanded TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Read blueprints, drawings and sketches to fully grasp requirements
- take measurements and calculate the size and amount of wood material needed \cut, shape and smooth lumber and other material (e.g. fiber glass) according to measurements
- build window frames, doors, staircases and frame buildings by using raw wood materials or pre-constructed items
- lay out floorings, roofing's or drywalls ensuring they are leveled and compatible
- carve and assemble furniture, cabinets, shelves and other items and install them where designated
- inspect places and conduct repairs or maintenance
- build scaffolding and other construction structures

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents

- Diploma/ Trade Certificate in carpentry

Working Experience – Nature & Length

- A minimum of 5 years' in similar role
- Demonstrable ability to interpret building and construction

Technical Skills

- Ability to manage one's own activities on or ahead of schedule and on or below budget.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and presentation skills.

Behavioral Skills

- Ability to interpret construction drawings

General Information and other requirements:

- Place of Work: AMSC Sites
- Type of contract: definite Period (3 months)
- Salary: As per the Company salary scale

Additional requirements for Nationals:

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Asmara Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position;

Data Clerk

Number required – (01)

Type of contract – definite (3 months)

Major Duties and responsibilities.

- Coordinate and monitor all phases of construction activities and provide support for estimation and procurement of construction materials.

TASK DESCRIPTION Expanded TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Coordinate, monitor and inspect work of construction contractor for assigned projects.
- Review contract documents, architectural drawings and specifications to maintain familiarity with assigned projects and insure construction contractor's full understanding of documents.
- Review contractor shop drawings and provide comments on conformance/non-conformance to architect.
- Act as liaison between architect and contractor.
- Conduct on-site observation and spot-checks of work in progress
- Ensure contract compliance by the contractor, such as conducting tests specified in contract and installing materials/equipment as specified in contract, and report deficiencies to project Manager, architect and contractor.
- Provide reports on all on-site matters, including third party inspections, progress, safety concerns, and causes for delay.
- Maintain job-site files, documents, reports and daily log; prepare periodic reports.
- Attend all job-site meetings as representative or in conjunction with construction Manager.
- Review requests for progress payments submitted by construction contractor and forward with recommendations.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents

- Diploma/Trade Certificate in Construction or equivalent

Working Experience – Nature & Length

- A minimum of 5 years' experience in similar role
- Demonstrable ability to interpret building and construction

Technical Skills

- Ability to manage one's own activities on or ahead of schedule and on or below budget.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and presentation skills

Behavioral Skills

- Ability to interpret construction drawings

General Information and other requirements:

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Q and A

"A Society Without Culture is like a Person Without a Backbone"

Sabrina Solomon

Introduce yourself to our readers.

I am Abraham Siltan, and was born in 1980. I started my career as a designer when I was 12. I left home to do my national service in 1999. I have also been working as a fashion design teacher for around a decade and have been the chairman of a small designers group for around seven years. I'm currently the president of the fashion show association in Central region.

How did this career start?

It started when I was so young, watching parents and grandparents sewing and knitting. It didn't take me long to be completely into designing.

Fashion designs are popular forms of representation of societies and their culture, and many designers are striving to create designs that promote traditional and modern outfits that represent Eritrea. Our guest today, Abraham Siltan, a designer, shares his opinions and experience in this realm.

When you are teaching the young, you are mentoring them and so you do everything you possibly could to be the best example for them.

Tell us more about the designers association you're currently the



open fashion show week was held where 45 designers and 45 models participated. Eight were male. When a designer is about to hold a fashion

norms of the society in their works. It's disgraceful for the nation and its society to have people that expose themselves solely because it's trendy in western countries. As a society, we don't really have the need to get little girls wear very inappropriate and over sexualized outfits exposing parts of their bodies. That's not us, and we don't need to do it just because someone with different social background and moral at the other end of the globe wanted to do it.

In a world that constantly changes, what's the greatest challenge that Eritrean designers are facing?

The greatest concern these days is the identity crisis that the world is facing. I believe that we are in a battle to preserve our culture and history as the fashion industry of the west is hunting the youth down. It's crucial for us as a society to know where we come from, why we wear what we do and how it describes our identity. A society without culture is just like a person without a backbone. That's why we have the duty to fight the Western cultural attacks on Africa.

Our main goal is to preserve our culture and our identity through the outfits that we wear. We're trying to teach people that most of the outfits that we see people wearing on the streets are not ours and don't



I started out by knitting and sewing and eventually grew up to creating pieces and designs.

I have never taken any formal course regarding my career. I have developed my career through experience and research. And my curiosity drives me to keep on learning more.

How does teaching young students feel?

Great! We have so far taught about 1600 students. Since designing plays a big role in presenting our roots, we teach our designers about the core values of our culture and identity. The course isn't just about how to sew or design, but also about the traditional outfits of the nine ethnic groups and the two religions in Eritrea. The journey has been very interesting.

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The National Association of Fashion Designers came up as a means of having a united working relations between designers. So in 2015, a small group called 'Hekol' was formed. Hekol, a Bidawyet word for 'the first moon,' was formed with a goal to have designs that acknowledge and promote our culture and identity. After working in the group for 18 years, the National Association of Fashion Designs was formed in 2022 under the auspices of the Ministry of Sports and Culture. We have about 200 members in Central region who are made up of 140 designers and 40 models. We win when we work together, and the association has been a platform for growth and unity. We have done some extraordinary works as a group, and we're still working harder and better. For the first time in 2022, a national

show, they have to first pass the sensor that the association has set. The rule is that the designer must not have inappropriate fashion designs on stage that jeopardize our cultural background and norms as a society. I don't want this to be confused with 'not making modern designs.' The purpose is to encourage designers to incorporate the core values and



resonate with our values.

Many Eritrean designers respect the core values of our beliefs. And we have come a long way in spreading the belief that 'we are described by what we wear.' There might be some designers who are more interested in making money than in preserving and promoting our culture, and, for this reason, they tend to blindly follow the upcoming fashion trends in the world. But I do believe that the majority of our designers have the basic and common understanding of creating designs that go beyond financial benefits.

Do you think we have what it takes to be able to compete and connect with the rest of the world through our culturally specific outfits?

We have nine ethnic groups with 18 different traditional and cultural outfits of both genders. This is very advantageous for us. We can introduce our history through those nine unique and beautiful cultural dresses. Fashion designing, guided by the right concept of identity, can help us shine and connect to the rest of the world.

On top of that, the designers and models are like ambassadors of the society where they represent their culture, history, heritage and values through the dressing styles. In 2022, for instance, I went to Uganda to participate in a fashion design competition where Eritrea won first place from 19 countries as the best exhibitor of 2022. We have a culture that speaks for itself and we, as designers, have the responsibility to use our talents in a way that will preserve the essence of our uniqueness.

Any plans for the future?

The association is still growing. In the future, we want to open platforms for plus-size models where people of different body shapes and sizes can participate with different designers. For now, we are following the international law of fashion models regarding height and body weight. The society is very much open to the idea of fashion shows and designing's. We are trying to expand the knowledge of dressing the right way and designing the correct way. We have a goal to preserve our culture and identity and represent our nation through our fashion design industry. I hope we work hand in hand, and we get more support to make our dreams come true.