

ERITREA NATIONAL FESTIVAL 2023 COMMENCES



President Isaias Afwerki has officially opened Eritrea National Festival 2023, on Sunday, 13 August at the Expo Compound.

The opening ceremony was attended by Ministers, senior

Government and PFDJ officials as well as members of the Diplomatic community, and invited guests.

President Isaias observed the various sections of the festival including art exhibitions,

entertainment sections as well as programs depicting the unity in diversity of the Eritrean people during which he received briefings.

President Isaias also visited the technical innovation exhibits

that college students and other individuals had set up, and he showed his enthusiasm and encouragement to everyone who participated.

The festival that will be open until 20 August under the theme “Heroic Feat Anchored on Cohesive Ranks” will feature programs depicting the cultural and natural resources of the six regions of Eritrea, exhibitions portraying the progress of various Ministries and companies, photo exhibition displayed in cooperation with the Ministry of Information

and Ministry of Defense, innovation section, children’s programs, book shop, bazaar, educational and entertainment programs, talent show as well as other activities.

The visitors of the festival expressed their satisfaction with the festival’s beginning, which was cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They emphasized the festival’s importance in demonstrating the unity in diversity of the Eritrean people and urged all citizens, in particular families, to pay it the respect it is due.



NATIONAL STUDENTS' SUMMER WORK PROGRAM

The participants of the students’ summer work program in Ali-Gidir area are conducting commendable activities in redressing the environment and controlling the prevalence of communicable diseases.

According to Mr. Mohammed-Jime’e Mohammed Ali, director of Ali-Gidir secondary school, the students are conducting water and soil conservation and clearing mosquito breeding areas.

Ms. Akberet Yosief, managing director in the Ali-Gidir administrative area, on her part said that the students have renovated over one kilometer dirt road in the area.

Ms. Tsigereda Zemichael, representative of the National Union of Eritrean Women in the administrative area, also commended the strong participation of the students in general and female participants in particular for their strong participation in the program.

Ali-Gidir administrative area is located about nine kilometers west of Teseney town.

Similarly, Mr. Fesehatsion Tekie, coordinator of the students’ summer work program in the Northern red Sea Region said that major activities have been conducted through the students’ summer work program across the region.

Mr. Fesehatsion said that the program that is being carries out in four sub-zones of the region includes construction and repairing of terraces, construction of water diversion schemes, planting tree seedlings, roads maintenance among others.

So far, Mr. Fesehatsion said that over 37 thousand terraces and 3 thousand 524 meter cube of water diversion schemes have been constructed, about 130 thousand meters of terraces have been repaired and that 85% of the set out program has been implemented.

The studnts’ summer work program is being participated by 1 thousand 525 students and coordinators.

ERITREAN NATIONALS IN WASHINGTON HOLD SEMINAR

An Eritrean delegation composed of Ambassador Mahmud Ali Hirui, Governor of the Gash Barka Region, Ambassador Abdella Musa, Governor of Anseba Region, and Ms. Asmeret Abraha, Governor of the Northern red Sea Region, conducted seminar to nationals in Washington DC and its environs on the objective situation in the homeland.

Mr. Berhane Gebrehiwet, Charge d’Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy in the US, said that the seminar was a continuation of the gathering and festival in Seattle and commended the

interest the nationals demonstrated to participate in the seminar aimed at strengthening the bond of nationals with their homeland.

Noting that Eritrea has emerged victorious from the long years of external hostilities and ensured its national sovereignty, Ambassador Mahmud Ali Hirui gave detailed briefing on the short and long term development programs in terms of opportunities and challenges.

Ambassador Mahumd also gave detailed briefing on Eritrea’s role

in ensuring peace, stability and cooperation among peoples in the region.

Ambassador Mahmud also explained on the national investment and development programs and called on the nationals to take advantage in groups or individual levels in the investment opportunity being provided to nationals residing inside the country and abroad.

The delegation also gave proper answer to questions raised by the participants of the seminar.



Re: False Allegation that Warrants Accountability

Minister Osman Saleh letter to Ambassador Federico Villegas – President of the Human Rights Council

OM/2/0331/2022

Since 2012, Eritrea has been targeted through politically-motivated UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) resolutions and mandates. The underlying purpose and objectives of these campaigns were, and remain, the vilification, isolation and destabilization of the country for wider political aims.

In this respect, the Special Rapporteur's Report to the 47th Regular Session of the UNHRC in Geneva last June transcended the usual vitriol to add a new dimension and thereby widen the scope and duration of the deplorable witch-hunting campaign against Eritrea.

As it happened, the "Special Rapporteur" (SR) falsely and irresponsibly accused Eritrea stating, among other things:

".. The Special Rapporteur also received information and reports that Somali soldiers were moved from military training camps in Eritrea to the frontline in Tigray, where they accompanied Eritrean troops as they crossed the Ethiopian border. It is also reported that Somali fighters were present around Aksum. The Government of Somalia denied the participation of Somali soldiers in the Tigray conflict..."

At the time, Eritrea had duly put

on record its strong objections to the mendacious Report which was evidently culled from – as it was sadly the pattern with previous Reports – innuendos and dubious sources without proper validation on their veracity and underlying motives.

The facts of the matter were otherwise patently clear. The truth is Eritrea has, and continues to make, modest contributions to Somalia's ongoing efforts of building and buttressing its defense architecture through training of Special Ground and Naval Forces as well as other related capacity-building programmes. This is an integral part of the aspirations and ongoing national endeavours for a safe, peaceful and prosperous Somali Nation that occupies its rightful role and place within in the Horn of Africa. It is, indeed, part and parcel of reinvigorated dispensation of collective security forged between Member States to enhance regional peace and

stability

And, contrary to the allegations peddled in the SR Report, it must be underlined from the outset that not a single Somali trainee was deployed, at any time, in the war that raged in Tigray and other regions in Northern Ethiopia in the last two years. The Somali trainees were fully and solely engaged in the intense training programme during their stay in Eritrea; both until their official inauguration on 12 November 2022 which was graced by the presence of Somalia's President, H.E. Hassen Sheikh Mahmud, and their subsequent departure to their country.

The mendacious allegations of the Special Rapporteur are in contravention of the Code of Conduct for Special Procedure Mandate-holders of the HRC. In particular, the SR's conduct is in breach of Article 6 (a) on Prerogatives, which stipulates: "The mandate holders must

establish facts, based on objective, reliable information emanating from relevant, credible sources that they have duly cross-checked to the best extent possible". The SR has also violated the provisions of Article 8 (a) on Source of Information and failed to be guided by "the principles of discretion, transparency, impartiality and even-handedness".

In the event, the SR should accept responsibility for submitting a fallacious report to the HRC in violation of "the principles of accountability.... in which the principles of independence, impartiality and objectivity are compromised". The indelible fact is, the SR has failed in his duties to collect objective and reliable information from a wide range of primary and secondary sources.

Against the backdrop of these unacceptable realities and in view of deplorable practices of maligning Eritrea on the basis of

false accusations often prepared in cahoots with Eritrea's arch-enemies, Eritrea requests the Human Rights Council for:-

Full retraction of the false Report (A/HRC/47/21) submitted by the SR to the UNHRC Session last June;

Application of appropriate measures of dismissal of the SR for dereliction of duty;

Ultimately, the termination of this unwarranted tool of harassment against the country.

Excellency, I request that this letter be shared with all HRC members.

Sincerely,

Osman Saleh, Minister
Asmara, Eritrea
11 January 2023

cc: HE Volker Türk
UN High Commissioner for
Human Rights

LOCAL NEWS

PROMOTING OCULAR HEALTH THROUGH SURGICAL INTERVENTIONS IN THE SOUTHERN REGION

Mr. Yemane Tsegai, the head of Non-Communicable Diseases Control at the Ministry of Health branch in the Southern region, has reported a significant surge in successful eye surgeries.

Mr. Yemane further elaborated that a total of 517 patients across Tserona, Mai-Aine, Senafe, Segeneity, and Adi-Keih sub-zones have undergone various eye-related surgical procedures. These surgeries, performed by Eritrean medical professionals based within the country, have been met with commendable outcomes.

In the past, eye surgeries were exclusively conducted at the Mendefera Referral Hospital, which inadvertently posed challenges for patients in terms of both time and added expenses. Mr. Yemane emphasized the importance of decentralizing eye surgical services to various sub-zones to address these concerns effectively.

According to official documents provided by the Ministry of Health branch in the region, a noteworthy achievement has been realized over the past four years. Specifically, a total of 3,771 patients have undergone cataract surgeries within the region, further illustrating the commitment to advancing ocular health.

The expansion of eye surgery services to various sub-zones within the Southern region reflects a concerted effort to improve accessibility and affordability, ultimately contributing to enhanced eye care for the local population.

ERITREAN AIR FORCE COMMAND WRAPS UP SPORTS WEEK

The sports week hosted by the Eritrean Air Force Command concluded on August 11th.

During the culminating event, which saw the participation of senior Air Force commanders and distinguished guests, Major General Teklai Habteselassie, Commander of the Eritrean Air Force, extended his congratulations to all participants and organizers of the sports competition. He emphasized the importance of sustaining such events in the future.

In his address, Major Amanuel Tesfagergis highlighted the pivotal role sports plays in nurturing skilled youth and fostering unity among

staff members. The sports week, which engaged approximately 400 athletes, featured a range of activities including football, volleyball, athletics, and more.

Major Amanuel expressed gratitude to all those who contributed to the successful execution of the sports week.

The event concluded with the presentation of awards to the victors of the various competitions. Major General Teklai Habteselassie and Colonel Abraham Okbaselassie, Chief of Staff of the Eritrean Air Force, were on hand to distribute the awards to the deserving winners.



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REPORTAGE

Welcome to Eritrea Festival 2023

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On the morning of Sunday, August 13, 2023, the Expo Grounds hosted cultural displays representing all nine ethnic groups of the country. Cultural performers from various regions of the country lined up in two rows at the gates of the Expo grounds to welcome President Isaias, ministers, honored guests, and members of the diplomatic corps in Eritrea. This vibrant display of culture and the warm reception for the leadership and esteemed guests marked the official commencement of the much-anticipated festival.

The jingling sounds of cultural performers' ornaments, captivating dances, ululations, and horn whistling, along with the harmonious blend of traditional musical instruments and rhythmic drum beats, create an atmosphere that allows one to appreciate Eritrea's rich cultural heritage. The festival promises even more astounding performances within the pavilions of regional administrations and other exhibitions.

At 8:45 AM, President Isaias officially inaugurated Festival Eritrea 2023. Accompanied by ministers and members of the diplomatic corps, President Isaias toured all pavilions and observed the cultural presentations that marked the opening of this grand festival.

During his visit, President Isaias closely observed the exhibits by children, showcasing innovative and inventive works that reflect Eritrea's investments in the education sector. These creative endeavors of children and youth serve as representations of the country's commitment to education.

Each of the six regions of the country proudly displayed a diverse array of agricultural products, cultural treasures, artifacts, wildlife resources, tourism attractions, maritime wonders, and mineral resources in their respective pavilions.

Throughout the week-long festival, the cultural displays from all six regions remain accessible from 8 AM to 6 PM. Additionally, nightly performances by various

cultural troupes add a colorful touch to the festivities. Bazaars, offering items at discounted prices, are also part of the celebratory atmosphere.

Festival-goers have the opportunity to experience a wide range of exhibits, including cultural rituals from the Nara and Kunama ethnic groups of the Gash-Barka region. The traditional ways of life of all nine ethnic groups are also showcased through various means.

The Nara ethnic group's traditional ritual known as "Wa," predominantly practiced around Tambora village, "Guleyta" in Koyota village, and "Furdi" in the Santorata area, continues to thrive and is upheld by the residents of these regions. Similarly, the Kunama ethnic group's cultural rituals like "kundura" in Kona and Tagudan areas, "Kolo Kasha" near Kuluku, and "Shata" in Geifaninero are preserved practices. Many of these captivating cultural rituals are stunningly performed on the Expo grounds.

The regional pavilions offer a comprehensive depiction of cultural and natural riches, primarily focusing on architectural marvels and tourism assets. For instance, the Anseba region's pavilion showcases the art deco buildings of Keren, Geleb, and Elabered, as well as significant historical sites like the Hamelmalo and Rora-Mensa'e trenches from the struggle for independence. Religious festivities and artifacts such as Maryam Dearit and Mariam Debresina are also highlighted, alongside the region's breathtaking landscapes and wildlife.

Festival Eritrea 2023 also provides insight into the marine environment of Eritrea. The Eritrean Dive and Tour Service introduces visitors to diving and touring opportunities in islands such as Nakura, Dehil, Durgella, Durgam, Dessie, and Shumha, among others. This service equips divers with necessary gear and offers comprehensive dive training in line with international standards.

With over 1200 km of coastline, Eritrea boasts a captivating world



filled with vibrant colors, diverse life forms, and awe-inspiring wonders. Islands adorned with coral reefs, varied flora and fauna, wetlands, lagoons, and

timeless beauty define this coastal paradise. The pristine waters make Eritrea's coastline a coveted destination for diving enthusiasts.

Established in 1994, the Eritrean Diving and Tour Services Institution has been facilitating safe diving experiences for explorers and divers from around the world, allowing them to uncover the splendor of Eritrea's marine world.

At the pavilion of the Northern Red Sea Region (NRSR), Mr. Daniel sheds light on efforts to promote date production in the region. Date palm cultivation began in 1996 through the initiatives of two exemplary individuals in Dogoli and She'eb. This endeavor gained momentum through training and the importation of select date varieties. The Ministry of Agriculture has given particular attention to date palm trees, resulting in the import and development of over nine select varieties through tissue culture, yielding promising results. Date palm cultivation has now expanded to five sub-zones of NRSR, including Afabet, She'eb, Ghinda'e, Massawa, and Foro.

The central region's pavilion showcased a diverse range of exhibits, encompassing art deco buildings, cultural performances, and folk traditions. Similarly, the southern regions, along with the Southern Red Sea region, captivated audiences with traditional cultural displays, historical sites, relics, and artifacts. The regional villages from all six regions provided insight into the traditional lifestyles of the country's diverse ethnic groups, offering Expo visitors an immersive experience akin to touring the entire country.

A photography exhibition by the Ministry of Defense highlighted the heroic feats of Eritreans in the fight for independence and safeguarding national sovereignty. Photographs and sculptures capturing the resilience of the Eritrean people adorned the Expo grounds.

The book fair, designed to cultivate a reading culture among Eritrean society, was an integral component of the festival. Writers presented their works at discounted prices, spanning

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OPINION

Benefits of Teaching Children Cultural Values

Bsrat Tesfay

Values are one of the main elements of culture and refer to the core principles and ideals upon which an entire community or society exists and relies upon for existence and harmonious relationship. That is why they were targeted by colonial powers that used various mechanisms to impose their own values while undermining the values of the people they colonized.

Eritrea has values that are characterized by, among others, honesty, hospitality, trust, loyalty, self-reliance, cooperation and diligence. These values are learned at home, school, neighborhood, and the society at large and help the Eritrean society to live in peace and harmony. The values encourage the individual not

socialization.

Socialization is the process of learning norms, values and beliefs of a society, and it is an effective means of ensuring the continuity of a society. The main socialization agencies are parents, schools, religious institutions, work places, and the media, including social media. The most significant agency is inarguably the family, and this places a lot of responsibility on parents, who should pay close attention to their children's cultural development at the earliest age. Parents, intentionally or unintentionally, play a role in passing on the values of the society to their children. Mothers, in particular, are the main agents of transmitting cultural values from generation to generation. Eritrean mothers have raised children that grow up to be heroines and heroes in the



kindergarten to high school, engage in activities such as poetry recitation, dances of the nine Eritrean ethnic groups and drama that promote the nation's history and its values.

Nowadays the social media is

to guide their children in using high tech gadgets.

During Independence Day celebration and Martyrs' Day, it has become a culture among children aged 5-4 to gather in their neighborhoods and draw

or present artworks that reflect the events. Therefore, adults, in general, and Eritrean parents, in particular, should encourage children to participate in such events, and they need to always look for best ways to tell children the incredible history of Eritrea.



only to be guided by them but also to feel and respect the needs of others.

The values served as the foundation for the Eritrean people to fight for social, political and economic justice. During the liberation struggle, they helped to identify the game plan of the colonizers, which was to divide and rule. Guided by the values, the freedom fighters who came from the nine ethnic groups fought and paid the ultimate price to liberate Eritrea

The same values continue to guide the initiatives aimed at building the nation in post-independence Eritrea, and their sustainability is ensured through

struggle for independence and for its preservation.

While Eritrean parents are playing the key role in transmitting the values, schools also engage in developing, among students, interest in and appreciation for Eritrean history and Eritrean cultural values. For instance, students sing the national anthem every morning during the flag hoisting ceremony, and this is crucial for them to develop the love and respect for their identity and country. The events that are held at schools on the occasions of Independence Day and Martyrs' Day are meant to further deepen students' appreciation for their history. Students, from

the most widely used socialization agent all over the world. High tech gadgets such as cell phones, laptops, and iPods, which are popular among the youth, are increasingly threatening families and schools as the main agents of socialization.

There is no question that these gadgets play a significant role in facilitating communication, school work and other daily activities, but they have proven to have major side effects. For instance, many games and other applications that are meant to entertain the user may not be compatible with the values of the society. They are mostly designed based on the cultural values of the West. Therefore, parents need

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various genres such as history, academics, entertainment, philology, and more. The same pavilion showcased artifacts created by women artists, including ceramic pieces, bridal adornments, necklaces, household items, traditional attire, and other creations that radiate the ingenuity of women artists.

Attendees of Eritrea Festival 2023 expressed their joy at the revival of the festival, which was temporarily suspended in 2019 due to the COVID-19 outbreak. People from diverse backgrounds

flocked to the Expo grounds to partake in the diverse array of shows.

Since its inception in Bologna, Italy, in 1984, Eritrea's festival has continued to unite Eritreans. Following the nation's independence, the festival was re-launched in 1992 at the Asmara Expo grounds, becoming a platform to celebrate Eritrea's profound cultural values and natural treasures, fostering unity among citizens nationwide and showcasing Eritrea's remarkable assets. Festival Eritrea 2023 will remain open until August 20, offering a platform for cultural performances and other captivating displays.





Eritrean Athletes Poised to Leave Their Mark at the 19th World Athletics Championships

**Tesfaldet Mebrahtu Translated
By Habtom Tesfamichael**

Scheduled for August 19-27, 2023, the 19th World Athletics Championship is set to unfold in Budapest, Hungary. Amid the array of nations participating, the Eritrean national athletics team stands ready to engage with a squad of six gifted athletes. Fueled by an unflagging devotion to their sport and buoyed by past accomplishments, these athletes are primed to showcase their prowess, upholding Eritrea's distinguished legacy in athletics.

Eritrea boasts a storied history in the World Athletics Championships, replete with noteworthy feats that have captivated its populace and gained global acclaim. The nation's initial foray in 2009 witnessed Zeresenay Tadesse, a remarkable Eritrean athlete, securing a silver medal in the fiercely contested 10,000 meters competition.

In 2015, Eritrea enjoyed an unprecedented moment of glory when Ghirmay Ghebreslassie clinched a gold medal in the marathon event held in Beijing. Ghirmay's triumph underscored Eritrea's burgeoning prominence in long-distance running, a testament to the nation's unwavering commitment to nurturing and cultivating athletic talents.

With the 19th World Athletics Championships looming, the Eritrean national athletics team readies to build upon this legacy of distinction. Comprising six athletes, this squad stands as a formidable force, poised to compete across diverse disciplines.

Among the women representing Eritrea, the accomplished Olympian Nazriet Woldu stands out. Nazriet, a consistent performer in recent years, emerges as a strong contender for a medal in the women's marathon. Notably, her remarkable achievements encompass a fourth-place finish in the preceding World Athletics Championships held in Oregon. This was preceded by her record-breaking feats in Degu, South Korea. Impressively, just two months after her Oregon endeavor,



Nazriet Woldu

she claimed a bronze medal in the Sydney Marathon.

Nazriet, adorned with numerous national records, enjoys worldwide recognition as a leading luminary in the sports arena. Her stellar showing in the esteemed Boston Marathon, culminating in a top-six placement, has propelled her into the spotlight. Bolstered by her rich experience and a string of marathon triumphs, widespread anticipation heralds her ascent to the medal podium this year. This sentiment reverberates in the words of Livingstone Abraham, coach of the Eritrean national athletics team, and echoes the consensus among various experts. Diligently primed for the impending event, Nazriet stands in excellent physical form. Having recently joined Eritrea's national athletics squad following rigorous training alongside luminaries from around the globe, she exudes confidence in her abilities. Nazriet attributes her international training to furnishing her with invaluable insights into her competitive standing.

This year carries unique significance for Eritrea, marking the debut of two female athletes representing the country in the World Athletics Championships. Alongside Nazriet in the women's marathon stands Dolshi Tesfu, a rising star in Eritrea's athletic panorama. Dolshi's marathon performance underscores



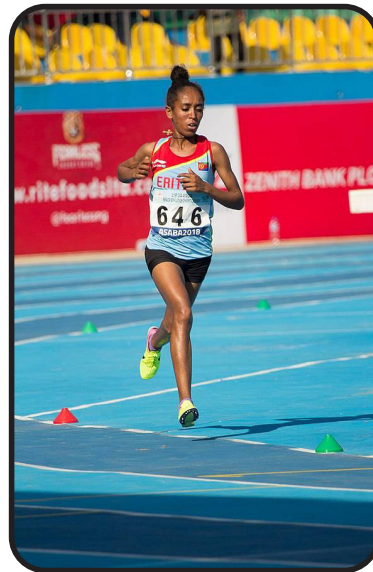
Goitom Kifle

steady advancement, typified by her remarkable second-place finish clocking 2:21:35 in the Rotterdam Marathon. This time remains the fastest by any Eritrean female athlete.

Her maiden marathon in the Valencia Marathon last year solidified her standing as the fastest Eritrean

athlete. Additionally, Dolshi's silver medal at the East African Half Marathon Championships in Massawa and her Eritrean record-setting run at the Asmara Half Marathon in 2022 further underscore her prowess. These Olympian athletes' feats are poised to usher in glory for both their names and Eritrea at the World Athletics Championships, with the women's marathon slated for August 26th.

Eritrea's male marathon runners have carved out a legacy of remarkable victories across a spectrum of competitions. Once hamstrung by limited team numbers in international events, the nation has now made strides, with over ten representatives set to don Eritrea's colors. Notably, the Eritrean national athletics team heads to Budapest this year armed with a full contingent of athletes, including a reserve player. This augmented participation plays a



Dolshi Tesfu

pivotal role in nurturing collaboration and cohesion.

In the realm of men's marathon, Eritrea touts an impressive lineup of athletes, each armed with distinct strengths and laurels. A standout in this ensemble is Merhawi Mebrahtu, who shall represent Eritrea in the fiercely competitive 10,000 meters event.

Olympian athlete Oqbe Kibrom notably holds the distinction of recording the fastest marathon time among Eritrean athletes this year. His journey in athletics commenced after Eritrea secured gold at the World Athletics Championships through Olympian Girmay Gebreselassie. This former cyclist showcased his extraordinary capabilities in the Barcelona Marathon, clocking an impressive 2:05:51 – the fastest Eritrean marathon time of the year.

Oqbe Kibrom further etched his name in Eritrea's annals by setting a national marathon record in the 2020 Valencia Marathon.

Recent years have witnessed



Merhawi Mebrahtu

Oqbe Kibrom's participation in prominent events like the Tokyo Olympics and the Oregon World Athletics Championships. The latter saw him grappling with a hamstring sprain mere days before the competition's commencement. Nonetheless, the Olympian athlete assures of his prime health status and top-tier fitness. He extols the virtues of training alongside three fellow Eritrean athletes, a union cultivated over several years, stressing their collective readiness to etch their names and bring honor to their nation. "We're all in excellent shape, poised to leave a lasting impact both as individuals and representatives of our homeland," he asserts.

Among the esteemed athletes representing the Eritrean national athletics team, Olympian Goitoom Kifle occupies a seasoned role. Laden with high expectations, Goitoom is poised to play a pivotal role in the team's performance. His standout achievement includes a remarkable personal best of 2:05 in the 2021 Valencia Marathon, a testament to his exceptional abilities and unwavering dedication. Notably, Goitoom further showcased his mettle with a commendable sixth-place finish in this year's race held in Degu, South Korea. His consistent achievements and notable showings have cemented his reputation as a formidable athlete on the international stage.

Berhane Tsegay, triumphant in the national half marathon hosted in Mendefera last year, is diligently preparing for the impending championship. His laurels



Oqbe Kibrom

encompass securing first place in the Copenhagen Marathon last year and clinching a bronze medal in this year's Degu Marathon in South Korea, underscoring his exceptional talent and competitive spirit.

Merhawi Kesete, a proud ambassador of the Eritrean national athletics team at the 2019 World Athletics Championships in Qatar, is poised to embark on a fresh odyssey as part of the national team – this time in Hungary. An erstwhile race witnessed Olympian Ezekiel Tewolde setting a national record in the Amsterdam Marathon. Merhawi Kesete, having achieved a personal best of 2:06, further bolstered his stature by securing a top-five finish in Japan this year.

The national team's footprint extends robustly to the 10,000m track event through Merhawi Mebrahtu, marking the athlete's inaugural engagement in this category during the current year. The preceding year witnessed this athlete competing in the 5,000 meters at a similar event staged in Oregon. Moreover, Merhawi Kesete seized a silver medal at the Under-20 World Athletics Championships in Cali, Colombia, last year.

Zeresenay Tadesse, an Olympic stalwart, occupies a prominent echelon in Eritrea's and global athletics history. Revered as the pioneer in securing gold, silver, and bronze medals for Eritrea across prestigious events like the World Athletics Championships, World Cross-Country Championships, Olympics, and World Half Marathon Championships, his legacy remains indelible.

A beacon in recounting the annals of Eritrean athletics, Zeresenay Tadesse extends heartfelt well wishes to the Eritrean national team as they brace for the forthcoming World Athletics Championships. He exudes confidence, affirming, "These athletes have already carved their mark and earned distinction for themselves and their nation through their exceptional performances. I trust they will return as victors, transcending any hurdles in their path."



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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Bisha Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position for Bisha site project.

1. **Position: Mining Operation Superintendent**
Department: Mining
Number required: One (01)

Primary Purpose

- Plan, direct and coordinate all activities of the Mining Operations section including mine production, drill and blast, dewatering and any works associated with the mine.

Essential Functions

- Ensuring that mining outcomes are met through a safe and efficient use of resources (human and capital), in accordance with company’s objectives.
- Accountable for delivering individual and team production targets, coaching and mentoring the team with optimization efficiencies and continuous improvement.

TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREAS
Safety, Health & Environment

- Actively promoting, coordinating, and supervising responsible work practices including maintaining a high standard of housekeeping at all times and providing feedback on Safety, Health and environmental matters
- Ensure all safety performance measures are achieved
- Housekeeping maintained at a high standard within your area.
- Play an active role in all incident investigations to ensure the root causes are identified and where applicable, work practices adjusted accordingly.

People

- Conduct communication meetings and contribute to the sharing of knowledge and information to the national workforce.
- Demonstrate leadership and encourage personal behaviour that will uphold Bisha’s Core values.
- Have regular performance tracking discussions, listen to team member’s improvement ideas and provide constructive feedback.

Productivity

- Act as Mining Manager as directed.
- Provide leadership and direction to the team.
- Coordinate the department’s resources - people, equipment, consumables and facilities into a proper mine planning system to achieve the mining equipment utilization and cost management objectives as set out in the yearly budget.
- Development of all mine operations expense and capital budgets, including workforce planning.
- Develop, maintain and improve area and work standards and procedures.
- Review and approve Mining’s operational training packages in conjunction Mine trainer and On Crew Training Supervisor

Technical Accountabilities

- Monitor pit development, haul road construction and dump management and as per the sites LOM closer
- Ensure accuracy to plan in a timely manner as defined by the 3 Monthly and Weekly Plans provided by short term engineers.
- Reconciliation of all costs within L&H and D&B. Report on performance.
- Ensure GET consumables and tyres are under budget and strive to deliver a cost reduction of 20% of the yearly budget.

Qualifications:	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A degree in Mining Engineering, preferred but no essential & Minimum of 20 years’ experience in diversified high level hard rock mining operations, Preferred	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum 15 years of experience in open pit mine environment. 10 years being at a senior management level, Able to understand priorities and utilize equipment to deliver outcomes as per the mine plan, Extensive experience across the broad range of mining equipment, Frontline Management & Business Management
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Computer Literacy (Word, Excel, Power Point), Experience with Surpac & Blast Map Software, Awareness of geotechnical and wall stability geologies, Excellent understanding of Load & Haul, Drill & Blast for optimization opportunities, Extreme attention to detail, Certificate 4 Trainer and Assessor, Problem solving and solution implementation & Frontline Management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Live and breathe Bisha Core Values, Interpersonal skills, Ability to work under pressure, Results oriented, Good interdepartmental communication, Ability to work in multi-disciplinary environment, A commitment to safe work practices, Self-motivation and organisation and planning skills, Strong communication skills, written and oral, A willingness to transfer knowledge to a national workforce & Ability to mentor the workforce.

2. **Position: Condition Based Monitoring Supervisor**
Department: Process Plant
Number Required: One (01)

Primary Purpose

- The Condition Monitoring Supervisor is responsible for analyzing and reporting the health of plant equipment to proactively identify component, equipment and system issues and recommend corrective actions.
- Utilization of predictive maintenance programs and techniques to include vibration analysis, thermograph, oil analysis, ultrasound, ultrasonic and equipment condition monitoring technologies are critical to the success of this role.
- This position works closely with Process, Maintenance, Reliability team and Engineers to identify and resolve equipment related issues.

Task description expanded to core performance areas

Planning

- Ensure Condition Monitoring Program in the Process Plant is done in an efficiently and safely.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Developing, Implementing and managing Vibration database, Thermograph program, Ultrasound thickness program & Oil Analysis program for all plant assets,
- Perform Laser alignment tasks for critical and non-critical assets.
- Reports any major changes in equipment condition to the Plant engineer and maintain data in the computerized system and produces regular reports.

Analyzing and Reporting

- Carry out equipment performance analysis and check for equipment deterioration.
- Conduct analysis of routine VA, IR, NDT, data
- Report Oil Analysis results and associated corrective maintenance recommendations.
- Provide remote troubleshooting support to field technicians.
- Implement test procedures and special analysis of failure modes

Planning & Scheduling

- Execute PMO “Preventive Maintenance Optimization” and PMDB “Predictive Maintenance” projects
- Managing CBM weekly and shutdown activities
- Follow through direct management decision and present data in support.
- Ensure that the information system is updated and review the quality of the feedback

Support the Reliability Function

- Consults with Reliability Team on recommended corrective actions.
- RCA participation-provides relevant vibration and oil analysis history to support root cause analysis efforts.
- Execute or support root cause analysis exercises.
- Engage or support RCM studies on critical assets presenting performance issues.

Health and Safety

- Ensure Knowledge of health and safety policies, procedures and practices
- Managing Daily Toolbox and safety meetings
- Responsible to ensure that work area complies with the health and safety standard

General

- Relieve the Process Plant Maintenance Reliability Supervisor.
- Perform other duties related to this function to ensure the reliability of plant rotating equipment
- Coach and support the execution team in the development of comprehensive standard jobs
- Promote good Behaviour and world best engineering practices
- Train and coach national Technicians in his role

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Qualifications	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from an internationally recognized institute/university.Minimum Education: Tech/Vocational Cert/Apprenticeship or Secondary School Education, followed by addition Mechanical Trade Training with significant experience in the mechanical engineering discipline. An engineering degree would be an advantage.VA Cat II is a must, ML II, IR I, laser alignmentRCM, ARP, RCFA skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">7-9 years of experience in condition monitoring and reliability maintenance in mineral Process
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
Computer literacy (MS Office - Intermediate, excel); Vibration analysis and data base setup and management; Thermography analysis and reporting; Oil analysis reporting and corrective action; Ultrasound trends; Reliability centered Maintenance knowledge; Fault findings; RCA participation; Problem solving skill; Supervisory Experience; Safety reporting and actions; NDT and laser alignment	Communication (English); Assertiveness; Interpersonal Relations; Integrity; Prioritizing skills & multi-skilling; Ability to work towards strict deadlines; High level of accuracy; Good cultural awareness; Self-motivation.

3. Position: Auto Electrician
Department: HME Maintenance
Number Required: One (01)

Primary Purpose

- Responsible for electrical activities to maintain and or repair HME in the Workshop.

Task description expanded to core performance areas

Planning

- Follows the “Planned Maintenance Schedule”.
- Follows daily job cards.

Implementation of the plan

- Identify the highest priority for each day and focus on completing relevant tasks.
- Carries out actual maintenance and repairs of Workshop in an efficient and effective way to minimize downtime. Makes use of Electronic Technical (Cat ET) system to diagnose problems.
- Performs regular inspections to detect potential problems before they cause breakdowns.
- Comply with mine’s cardinal rules and other safety, environmental or other rules and standards as directed. Identifies any hazards in the workplace.
- Removes defective parts and examines form and texture of parts to determine causes of failure.

Reporting

- Compile daily; progress auto electrical reports as requested.

Qualifications	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Formal Trade for Ex-Pats (Auto electrician)Grade 12 for locals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">3 - 5 years relevant experience
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
Computer Literacy (MS Office – Intermediate,), Attention to detail, Analytical skill, Electrical experience, Problem solving skill	Communication (English); Assertiveness, Interpersonal Relations, Integrity, Prioritizing skills & multi-skilling, Ability to work towards strict deadlines, High level of accuracy, Discretion, Self-motivation

4. Position: Hose Fabricator/Fire System Technician
Department: HME Maintenance
Number Required: One (01)

Primary Purpose

- Ensuring that Hose manufacturing within the Bisha group is completed to an acceptable standard. Training of BMSC national artisans in order to ensure growth and development of the section.
- Installation of FSS on new equipment and the testing and certification

of systems on Bisha fleet.

- Maintaining relevant stock levels to ensure optimum service.
- Reporting on hose failures and FSS issues.
- Essential functions
- Ensuring the efficient and safe functioning of the BMSC Hose Manufacturing facility and ensuring that FSS are maintained to international standards.

Main functions

- Supervising and coordinating activities of workers engaged in Hydraulic Hose making and Fire Suppression System Maintenance in order to minimize downtime, repeat work and damage to BMSC Assets.
- Ensuring that accurate records are kept of work completed
- Carrying out RCA and reporting findings for hose failures and fire incidents on BMSCs Assets

Task description expanded to core performance areas

- Effectively managing the hose and FSS teams.
- Recording hose manufacturing activities accurately, including build designs, stock usage, and failure modes.
- Ensuring the availability of all hose-making components are in place to reduce wait times, and potential failures.
- Ensuring sufficient stock levels to maintain standard FSS maintenance practices, including (but not limited to) standard annual testing programs.
- Designating storage location for hose and fire suppression spare parts
- Maintaining all BMSC Assets associated with the on-site manufacture of hydraulic hoses.
- Liaise with HME Planning section with regards to FSS annual testing program

Qualifications	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum Technician certificate in Diesel Mechanic, Ansul FSS Certification & Hose manufacturer training and certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minimum Technician certificate in Diesel Mechanic, Ansul FSS Certification & Hose manufacturer training and certification
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
Basic Computer Knowledge, Attention to detail, Analytical skill, Report Writing, Understanding of FSS installation and maintenance, Understanding of Hose manufacture.	Communication (English); Assertiveness, Interpersonal Relations, Integrity, Prioritizing skills & multi-skilling, Ability to work towards strict deadlines, High level of accuracy, Discretion, Self-motivation.

General Information and other requirements:

- Place of Work: Bisha.
- Salary: As per Company salary scale.
- Type of Contract: Indefinite

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 will be considered as potential candidates for an interview.
- Application documents will not be returned to sender.
- All applications should be sent through the post office.
- Deadline for application: 10 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.

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“Bees are insects that repair the harm caused by people.” Mr. Asmelash Asghedom

Mussie Efriem

Please, introduce yourself.

My name is Asmelash Asghedom. I am a veterinarian and have a veterinary pharmacy in Mendefera. In addition, I work as a beekeeper and now am chairman of Mendefera Sub-zone Beekeepers' Association. I have around 30 honeybee hives.

You started off as a general veterinarian; so where did your interest in breeding bees come from?

Well, I've always been interested in beekeeping, and being a veterinarian gave me a great opportunity to learn more about it. It all started in 1998 when I was assigned as an animal resource representative in Adi-keyih sub-zone, where I took a series of courses on beekeeping and gained a lot of field experience. This coincided with the Ministry of Agriculture's initiative to give away honeybee hives to interested individuals. And I happened to be at the best location not only in the country but East Africa as a whole for the production of best quality honey.

This is because of the availability of tahbeb shrubs, which are known for their high volume of nectar. While I was involved in a number of farming activities, I was also gathering information about the traditional and modern methods of breeding bees. Then Daniel Emilo, a Cuban expert with many years of experience on breeding bees, came here to Eritrea. He spent three years in Eritrea and I personally learned a lot from him.

You've recently launched a book. What prompted you to write it?

The primary reason for my involvement in beekeeping is my

Our guest today is Mr. Asmelash Asghedom, a veterinarian and farmer who has recently written a book to raise the public's awareness about beekeeping. He is an exemplary farmer who has done his share in restoring the environment by planting thousands of trees in various locations.

attachment to my surroundings. I like to live in a naturally adorned green environment. I enjoy planting various plants in my apartment. I've planted thousands of trees at my home village, Adi Shilomn, Emni Hayli sub-zone, Southern region, in Mendefera and other locations. I installed a water tank and bought water to water the plants. I never expected anything in return for my energy and money other than to see the environment getting restored and the beautiful view it provides.

And what I like the most about the bees is their tremendous contribution to the environment. Bees pollinate our plants and help plants to survive by preventing inbreeding. They are very important to the sustainability of agriculture. At least one-third of the human food supply from crops and other plants depends on insect pollination, which is mainly done by bees. Without bees, the amount and diversity of fresh produce would go down, and human nutrition would almost certainly suffer. Crops that would be too expensive to hand or robot-pollinate would most likely be lost or survive only with the help of dedicated hobbyists. Bees are insects that repair the harm caused by people.

In certain countries, farmers pay honeybee keepers to place their hives on their farms in order to boost the fertility of their crops. In our society, however, we seem to be more concerned about the negative impact that bees may have. In any case, it's up to us to place beehives at safe spots, at least three kilometers away from any human habitat. We could easily avert any danger by taking such preliminary

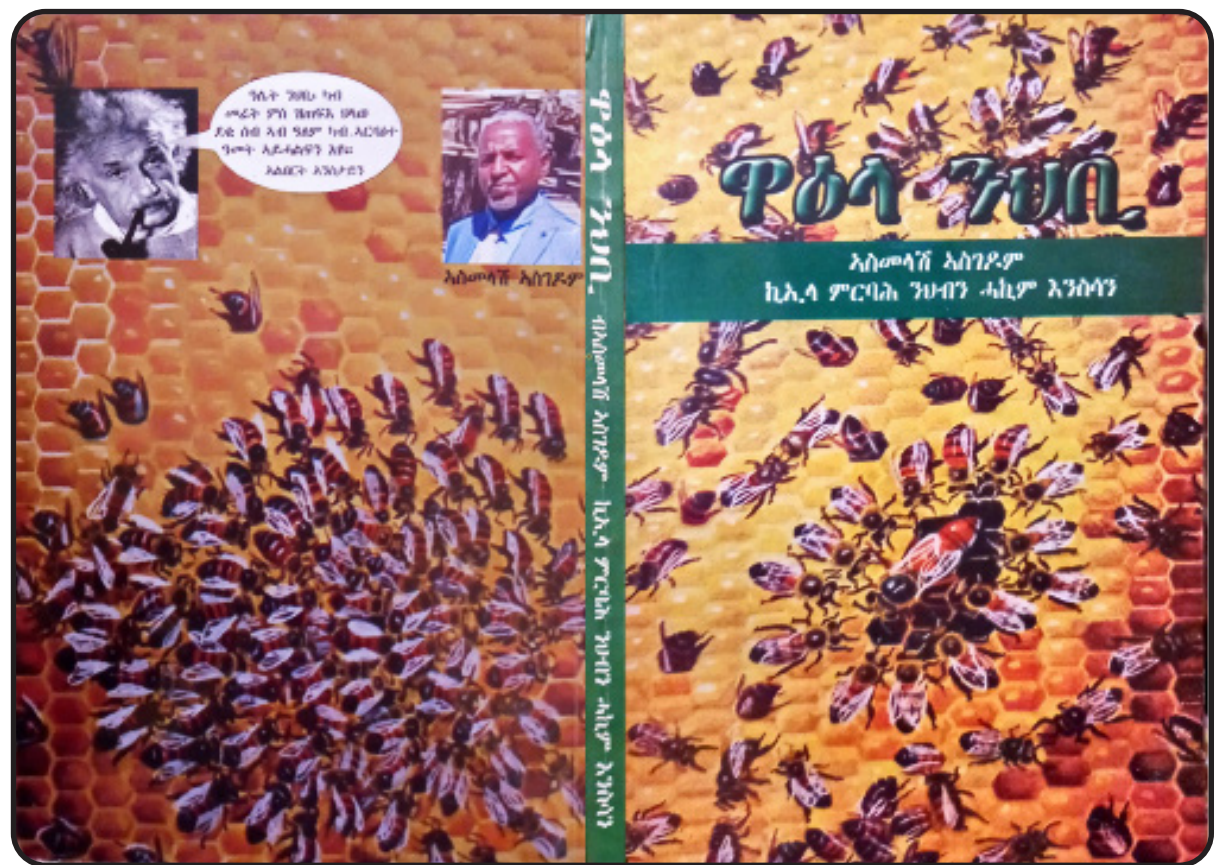
measures. That's what I wanted to communicate to the society, and I've written my book in the style of fiction to make it more readable.

When I was giving farmers training on beekeeping, many suggested that I write a reference book for new beekeepers. While I was once visiting some of the nurseries I had established, I noticed swarms of moths, butterflies, bees and beetles on a magnificent bush.

giving me useful feedback. And I expect some more helpful feedback to be able to avoid repeating my errors. Of course, I had asked a lot of people, including my fourth grade kid, for their opinions before the book was published because I believe two heads are better than one. And I believe it has worked. I'd like to thank Tesfalem Gebresilasie (alias Chare, the journalist) for editing the manuscript and all those who've helped me complete the



Growing plants will be an important component of my plan because it is the foundation of everything. I would like to share my knowledge with local farmers



They were all going about doing their business, and there was this bee buzzing among them. This was the source of all my inspirations, and I used this particular scene, which includes conversations among the insects, to begin the story in my book.

I plant wherever I go, and I always encourage our local farmers to develop the habit of planting and to prevent land degradation by building terraces and levees. I've recently met with agronomy specialists to discuss large plantation schemes in Adi Shilomun, and have been encouraging subsistence farmers to engage in advanced irrigation farming and beekeeping.

How are people reacting to your book?

Many are encouraging me and

writing of the book.

What are the most important factors that make beekeeping effective and productive?

Basically, a beekeeper should be familiar with and understand their environment, including the temperature and the types of plants located within three km. radius of the area where the beehives are kept because that is the maximum distance that the bees travel to gather nectar, and the quality of the honey depends on the contents of those plants. You must keep the environment clean and make sure there are no rival insects such as ants in the area. Of course, you should always draft your annual strategy.

What are your plans for the future?

and anyone interested in bee keeping. For this reason, I have recently finished writing two books: Honeybee Product, which describes ways of maximizing your honey, and Modern Bee Breeding for Beginners. And I am always in communication with the Ministry of Information, and I will continue to work on environment restoration programs.

Any final thoughts.

I would like to remind people to put first things first, which is restoring the environment to its previous state. And the bee is the key actor in rescuing the environment. We people are ruining the earth, but yet bee continue to struggle. So we must all work together to prevent damaging our ecosystem and do our share to improve environmental health.

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