



PRESIDENT ISAIAS HOLDS TALKS WITH ALGERIAN DELEGATION

President Isaias Afwerki met at Adi Halo with an Algerian delegation led by the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Mr. Kamel Bidari.

Minister Kamel delivered a message from Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune to President Isaias regarding the enhancement of cooperation

and partnership between the two sisterly countries.

Noting the longstanding and profound historical ties between the peoples of Eritrea and Algeria, President Isaias underlined the mutual benefits of robust bilateral cooperation and partnership in various sectors.

In a statement to the Eritrean

News Agency, Minister Kamel Bidari added that cooperation in higher education and scientific research will be vigorously pursued within the broader framework of promoting all-rounded bilateral ties. The Algerian Minister further expressed his deep appreciation for Eritrea's perspectives on addressing Africa's daunting challenges.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Osman Saleh, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

NCEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HOLDS ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT MEETING

The Executive Committee of the National Confederation of Eritrean Workers (NCEW) held an activity assessment meeting for 2024 and discussed the plan of action for 2025.

According to the report presented at the meeting, 46 institutions are currently organized within the confederation, and the reorganization process has been carried out in 10 institutions. As a result, the number of basic organizations has increased to 129, and the number of workers organized within the confederation has grown by 19%.

The meeting included a report focusing on labor relations, labor disputes, and the measures taken to resolve them. It also addressed workplace accidents, and the efforts made to ensure industrial peace. The participants engaged in an extensive discussion on these topics. Additionally, the meeting outlined the action program for 2025, emphasizing that practical measures will be implemented to ensure the health and safety of workers at the workplace and to revive previously organized committees.

The Executive Committee also discussed the importance of strengthening relations with various national and global organizations and professional associations, as well as the sustainability of vocational and administrative training programs.

Heads of departments presented reports highlighting the training programs organized in 2024 at the confederation's vocational training centers. These reports covered investments made in infrastructure, training provided to youth and female workers, and vocational training programs in various fields offered to workers across all the confederation's training centers.

SEMINAR FOR NATIONALS IN THE NETHERLANDS

Mr. Negassi Kasa, Eritrea's Ambassador to the European Union and Benelux countries, conducted a seminar for nationals residing in the Dutch cities of Amersfoort, Amsterdam, and Zwolle. The seminar focused on the objective situation in the homeland and the role of the Fourth Front in national affairs.

Ambassador Negassi noted that, despite the region being mired in internal conflicts and external interferences, the people and Government of Eritrea are engaged in development activities while ensuring internal peace and stability. He urged members of the Fourth Front in the Diaspora to strengthen their organizational capacity and actively participate in national development drives.

Ambassador Negassi also emphasized that the Government of

Eritrea is pursuing policies aimed at building a stable and cooperative neighborhood.

Mr. Kibreab Tewolde, Eritrea's Consul in the Netherlands, provided a detailed briefing on consular services.

Mr. Isak Minasie, head of Public and Community Affairs, briefed participants on the activities and organization of national associations, including the establishment and expansion of associations and the strengthening of existing ones.

In a related event, the Swedish branch of the National Association of Eritrean War Disabled Veterans organized events in Stockholm, Gothenburg, and Orebro in connection with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 3 December.



NUEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE CONDUCTS 11TH REGULAR MEETING



The Central Committee of the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW) held 11th regular meeting on 16 and 17 December, focusing on the union's current situation and future plans.

The meeting reviewed the efforts undertaken to date, including achievements, challenges, and strategies to strengthen the union's organizational capacity. Discussions covered enhancing political awareness among members, improving women's economic status, increasing participation in development

programs, and expanding the influence of the union's media initiatives. Additional emphasis was placed on advancing women's participation in political leadership and education. An extensive discussion was also held regarding the 2025 plan of action.

Ms. Tekea Tesfamichael, President of the union, acknowledged the commendable contributions of the Central Committee members and highlighted key focus areas for 2025. These include strengthening organizational capacity, providing administration and vocational

training programs to members, as well as enhancing political awareness among women.

The meeting also discussed reports presented by department heads and regional branches of the union. Several recommendations were adopted, including doubling efforts to implement the 2025 programs, transferring the experiences of veteran members to younger generations, reviewing member assignments, addressing workplace shortcomings, and conducting public awareness campaigns on women's issues.



Development

Flourishing Farms: Mr. Idris' Commitment to Sustainable Farming

Habtom Tesfamikael

Surrounded by lush green fields and towering palm trees in the fertile Shieb plains lives 65-year-old farmer Mr. Idris Amir Ibrahim. From a young age, he has dreamed of working on his father's farm. "I have always wanted to engage in farming and support my community," he reflects. After spending several years working in Gheleb sub-zone, Mr. Idris invested all his savings to develop a farm in Shieb sub-zone, adjacent to the life-sustaining seasonal river that flows toward the fertile Shieb plains.

The rivers in the eastern lowlands, which come from the highlands, bring life during the summer, enriching the soil. "In this fertile land, crops grow quickly," Mr. Idris says. But the once gentle river has increasingly become aggressive, increasing its encroaching on the farmlands with each season. Mr. Idris laments that the erosion has taken away acres of their best land. However, he is committed to protecting his farm for future generations.

Fueled by a deep conviction to develop his farmland, Mr. Idris is set to be a good example for his community. While many of his peers have found success in other businesses, he has chosen to focus on agriculture, and he is now beginning to reap the rewards of his hard work and investment.

The farmland that Mr. Idris is

now using was once the dream of his father, who aspired to develop it starting from the seventies. However, situations did not allow him to do so. When he acquired the land, it was barren and uneven. In 2015, he seized the opportunity to lease and develop additional 27 hectares of fertile land. When others around him ventured onto different businesses, Mr. Idris chose agriculture. "I believe in the power of the land, and I'm starting to see the fruits of my labor."

By 2020, he had invested around 2.5 million Nakfa to level the fields, getting them ready for farming. He is grateful for the support of his community and says, "They helped me immensely, providing labor and resources, including 80 pairs of oxen." Using his tractors and a bulldozer, he transformed the landscape, and since 2021, his efforts have begun to bear fruit.

Unlike other farmers who tend to grow one type of crop at a time, Mr. Idris grows cereals, vegetables and fruits. He grows a diverse array of crops and vegetables, including sorghum, millet, tomatoes, pepper and sweet potatoes, and he is testing to grow drought-resistant cassava. In his farm, rows of banana trees sway in the warm breeze alongside date palms.

Mr. Idris's decision to have diversification in what he grows is not just about maximizing yields; it's a strategic approach to enhance the plants' resilience against pests and diseases. "By planting a variety of crops, I'm better prepared for whatever challenges may come," Mr. Idris says.

By collaborating with an expert, he has successfully identified multiple locations for water wells on his farm. "I found a good source of non-saline water in seven locations, which is ideal for my banana plantation," he says. "Fortunately, all the crops I planted are growing quickly."

Today, his farm includes two hectares of date palms, one and a half hectares of banana trees, seven hectares of pepper, two hectares of tomatoes, one hectare of pumpkins, with the remaining area used

to grow sorghum and other types of crop. Date and banana plantations are rare in the region, making Mr. Idris one of the first to venture in banana farming. "In less than a year, my bananas have begun to ripen," he says eagerly.

Reflecting on his decision to take the lead in growing bananas in the area, Mr. Idris says, "At first, I was apprehensive as bananas had never been tried here. But I decided to grow them because I wanted to see if that could be a success. And I said if I succeed, it will set a good example for other local farmers."

Mr. Idris is optimistic that he will be compensated by the income generated with his banana and date plantations.

In addition to expanding his farms, Mr. Idris would like to install an animal feed production machine in Sheib and plans to engage in raising cows and fattening oxen.

The real struggle for Mr. Idris and the farmers of the region lies in protecting their farms from seasonal floods. During the rainy season in the highlands, the rivers in the lowlands swell, their powerful currents eroding the soft riverbanks. "The riverbank is made of soft soil, and we can hardly find stones to support it," Mr. Idris explains. Each year, he invests a lot of time and other resources into building and reinforcing earthen embankments—a formidable task that demands constant vigilance.

Using locally sourced materials like stones, tree branches, and compacted earth, he constructs barriers to protect his farms from the encroaching water. This traditional knowledge has been passed down through generations and is crucial for survival in this challenging environment.

Having observed that tamarisk trees can be used to effectively combat erosion along riverbanks, Mr. Idris has started planting seedlings he grew at a nursery he set up for this purpose. "These trees are proving to be a good option for defense," he notes, having successfully salvaged a large area that could have been washed

away. In addition to tamarisk, he is now planting larger trees, such as mango trees, behind the defense lines he has created. He envisions that the mango trees will not only provide additional protection but also serve as a valuable source of income in the future. With a strategic plan to surround his farm with mango trees, he is taking proactive steps to enhance both the sustainability and profitability of his farms.

By constructing sturdy embankments and planting indigenous trees along the riverbanks, Mr. Idris has created a natural barrier to mitigate the force of the water. Additionally, he has adopted sustainable farming practices, such as contour plowing and crop rotation, to conserve soil and water resources, ensuring that his farm can withstand the challenges posed by nature.

To support his ambitious farming endeavors, Mr. Idris has made significant investments in modern agricultural technologies. He has installed efficient irrigation systems to optimize water usage, especially during dry seasons. Currently, he is applying drip and flow irrigation systems powered by diesel



Mr. Idris Amir Ibrahim

generators, but he plans to install solar panels to reduce fuel cost.

Mr. Idris's unwavering dedication to his land and community has garnered the respect of his peers and admiration from local authorities. His story serves as an inspiration to farmers across the region, demonstrating that with resilience, innovation, and a sustainable approach, it is possible to thrive even in the face of adversity.

As he continues to battle the river and work on his farm, Mr. Idris remains a beacon of hope, embodying the enduring power of the human spirit and the timeless bond between farmers and the land they cherish.

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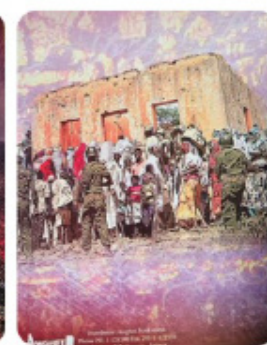
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#Eritrea - Remembering the Unforgettable: Ona and Besikdira Massacre;
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"The hideous atrocities perpetrated against Eritrea by Ethiopian forces of occupation both during the three-decades war of liberation and the border war were numerous and expansive both in time/recurrence and geographical space.

* As such, a meticulous, fact-based, documentation work is near completion, not for reasons of retribution or for inciting hatred, but to remind humanity & posterity of Eritrea's history and ensure that appropriate lessons are drawn as the region must and should strive for a better future on the bedrock of legality and justice.

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SpotLight

An important National Initiative with Health, Nutrition, and Development Benefits

Dr. Fikrejesus Amahazion

Recently, the Seeds Development Branch at the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) announced that around 161,000 chicks had been distributed to poultry farmers nationwide. Through the initiative, which is part of the MoA's broader national efforts to ensure access to nutritious food for all and everywhere, 203 farmers were recipients with 78,000 chickens allocated to farmers in the Central Region, over 55,000 in the Southern Region, more than 31,000 in the Anseba Region, over 14,000 in the Northern Red Sea Region, and approximately 1,200 in the Gash Barka Region.

In addition to being a great bit of general news, the recent announcement by the Seeds Development Branch offers a useful opportunity to look closer at the national distribution of chicks and implications associated with development.

A longstanding national initiative

To date, through the MoA's national poultry distribution initiatives, approximately 50 million chicks have been distributed to households nationwide. Importantly, the distribution of chicks is just one small part of a broader system of different agriculture, health, finance, and social support packages that can also include cash transfers, donations of materials, equipment or tools, and other resources, and enrolment in educational workshops, seminars, or technical training programs.

Critically, the individuals and households that receive chicks are able to access technical information and general support

– often free of charge or for a low, nominal cost – in order to strengthen their management skills and improve housing, breeding, feeding, and raising practices. Collectively, these support mechanisms, led by the MoA (with the close cooperation of other national ministries and various international development partners) can help drive forward significant increases in productivity and promote positive, sustainable long-term outcomes. Moreover, access to and support with vaccinations for chicks is also made available (again free of charge), thus helping to prevent diseases and reduce the mortality of chickens.

An array of development-related implications

What also makes the MoA's distribution of chicks significant is that it supports an array of positive socio-economic, health, and gender-related outcomes for individuals and households. All of these are part and parcel of Eritrea's long-term development aims and also form a substantive part of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



(The SDGs, which are a global set of goals for all countries low-, middle-, and high-income

to meet by 2030, cover a wide range of development-related matters, such as education, health, gender equality, poverty, and the environment.)

For instance, as with other small livestock, chickens have comparatively low time, investment, care, and management costs or necessities and require relatively few inputs. Ultimately, they can provide a supplementary (or increased) source of income for rural households and low-income individuals with only limited resources, such as land



and capital. (Chickens are also

advantageous in that they tend to generate quick and frequent returns for owners, while the size of any potential economic loss in the event of predation, theft or disease among the animals is less than with other livestock.) As a result, the longstanding poultry distribution initiatives in place across Eritrea can help in addressing poverty, one of the country's leading areas of focus (and which is the foundation for SDG 1, which aims to end poverty in all its forms everywhere).

In addition, Eritrea's nationwide distribution initiative



aims to reach women and poor or

areas, while attention has been frequently restricted to large, flashy infrastructure projects. At the same time, rural areas and populations have been overlooked or marginalized, despite the fact that they are an integral part of our societies, and possess great potential to significantly contribute to national economies. By extending targeted support and assistance to these populations, Eritrea's poultry distribution scheme is helping to ensure that more people across the country have an opportunity to realize their potential and contribute to the nation's progress.

vulnerable individuals or families – which remain central target groups for national development and support schemes. In the process, not only are these groups provided valuable opportunities for increased incomes, they are also able to exercise greater agency, have expanded decision-making capacity, and be more socio-economically empowered. Overall, the poultry distribution scheme is also a means to help address some of Eritrea's core development priorities, including advancing gender equality and supporting women with equal rights to economic resources, as well as reducing inequality.

It is worth noting here that by focusing on rural populations, Eritrea's poultry distribution scheme further serves as a powerful embodiment of the key principles of social justice and "leave no one behind", which are foundational pillars of Eritrea's development and nation-building vision.

Throughout history, discussions of development or developing countries have tended to overwhelmingly focus on national capitals or urban

Furthermore, the poultry distribution program, along with the increased incomes that it helps to generate for the beneficiaries has also been playing a positive role in promoting wellness and improving overall health, as well as moving Eritrea forward in its aims to eradicate hunger and achieve food and nutrition security.

Specifically, this is being realized through improving nutrition, diversifying limited or restricted diets, and increasing intake. Although the recommended intake of calories per day depends on several factors, such as sex, physical activity, etc., calories are essential for health and survival. Meanwhile, chicken and eggs, which become integrated in regular diets through the poultry distribution scheme, are highly nutritious and excellent sources of quality protein. Proteins are the building blocks of life and important for growth, repair, and development, while eggs also provide essential fatty acids, choline, vitamins A and B12, selenium, and other critical nutrients.





Tobno and Ulwa: Traditional Meat Preservation Methods of the Afar and Saho

Eyobiel Tsigehanes

Although with the advent of refrigerators, people abandoned the use of traditional ways of

The Afar ethnic group, who live along the coast of the Red Sea, use a traditional way of preserving meat called “Tobno”. In the past, when there were no

cooked until all the ingredients blend well together. The result is Tobno, a flavorful and nutritious food that can be stored for an extended period.

The Saho ethnic group preserve meat using a method called “Ulwa”. It starts by slaughtering a young goat that has not given birth. The meat of such a goat is believed by the Saho to be of a high quality. After the meat is separated from the bones it is cut into small pieces and made ready for cooking. The making of Ulwa is laborious. The pieces of meat are placed in a pot made of clay and designed to retain the moisture. Its lid tightly closed, the cooking pot does not let any moisture escape. The meat is cooked in a high temperature for hours and then removed from the pot and kept aside to cool down.

The Saho handle the cooked meat with care to maintain the quality and safety of Ulwa. To avoid contamination, they use a clean stick or a traditional spoon in handling the meat. When the meat has cooled down, it is mixed with a generous amount of fresh honey, adding flavor to the food and serving as a preservative. The final product, Ulwa, can last up to a year.

The traditional methods of meat preservation used by the Afar and Saho ethnic groups in Eritrea represent the cultural richness of the communities. Both Tobno and Ulwa show how natural ingredients, without the use of modern preservatives or chemicals, can keep food safe and tasty. The drying of the meat under the sun, the use of honey, and the careful cooking techniques show that food can be preserved effectively for a long time and remain healthy. By sharing this wisdom more widely, we can remind or inspire others to embrace healthy food preservation methods and appreciate past generations.

Procedure – first the meat should be neat red and they cut it small pieces and left in the open air for maximum 1-2 hours. Then they put it in fire mixing it with traditional butter and honey until it is fully cooked. After that they bounce it



preserving food, there are still communities that apply them. As in many other countries, people in Eritrea use effective ways to preserve food, especially meat because it goes bad quickly.

The most common method used to preserve meat across all Eritrean ethnic groups is sprinkling the meat with salt to remove the moisture and drying it under the sun. This is a very simple but effective method that has been used for generations. This article is about two methods of preserving meat used by the Afar and Saho ethnic groups.

refrigerators, the Afar relied on preserved meat particularly during long journeys across land and the sea. The making of Tobno involves several steps.

Once fresh meat is obtained after slaughtering a goat, the meat is laid on a mat to dry. When the meat has dried, it is ground and turned into powder. The powdered meat is then mixed with flour of sorghum or barley. Butter and honey may be added to enhance the flavor. The honey also serves as a preservative, extending the life of the powdered meat. Finally, the powdered meat mixed with flour, butter and honey is



to hold a circle shape and put a traditional pot called ‘Lokota’.

Tobno- it is a red meat. You first rinse it in the sun then grinded it to remove unnecessary items. Then they mix it with honey, traditional butter and dates. And they put it in a very delicate holding pot made of animal skin designated to hold the food for a long period. Those living in the coastal areas use meat from cattle like sheep and goats where as those in the hinter land use camel meat. They serve it during wedding ceremonies for the bride and the groom and serve it till 40 days. They also serve it when

fishermen went for harvest for a lengthy time, the mother-in-law give the groom Tobno to carry it while he is going for harvest in the sea. And he repay it with gift he brought from his working visit.



OPINION

Awet Tesfay

Ona and Besekdira – Massacres of the Senhit Villages from 1970-1971 by Netsereab Azazi is the 11th installment of the history books series from Hdri Publishers. Following its inauguration in Keren a few days prior, the book was relaunched in Asmara on the 12th at Cinema Roma. Attending the launch was an emotional journey that left quite a heavy impression on me. This article is by no means a book review, but rather, my thoughts on an experience that was profoundly moving and deeply saddening.

As I took my seat, I was acutely aware of the book's weight – not just in its physical form, over 500 pages thick, but in the heavy subject matter it addresses. The volume contains numerous firsthand accounts and historical documentation of horrendous events that are difficult to comprehend. The book, which took nearly a decade to complete, is an extensive exploration of these events. It draws on interviews with survivors and archival research to present a vivid account of the horrors experienced. I could tell from the outset that reading this book was going to be an extremely challenging endeavor for me.

WRITTEN IN BLOOD THE HISTORY OF ONA AND BESEKDIRA

The event unfolded over three intense hours, a whirlwind of testimonies and performances. Initially, I had planned to stay only for the first half hour, exhausted from a long day. However, as the event progressed, I found myself captivated, my focus entirely on the stage, and my back aching from lack of movement.

I remember a poignant moment when one of the speakers recounted how, during the massacres, villagers were rounded up for execution. The soldiers of the Ethiopian colonial army instructed the Christians to go and wait in the church and the Muslims to go to the mosque. Yet, the village elders stood firm, refusing to separate, declaring, "We are all brothers here. We will not leave one another." Their dignity shamed the callous, merciless soldiers, who, even more appallingly, proceeded to order the villagers to clap and ululate before they opened fire on them. I sat there listening, sickened to my core, the logic behind this act wholly incomprehensible to me.

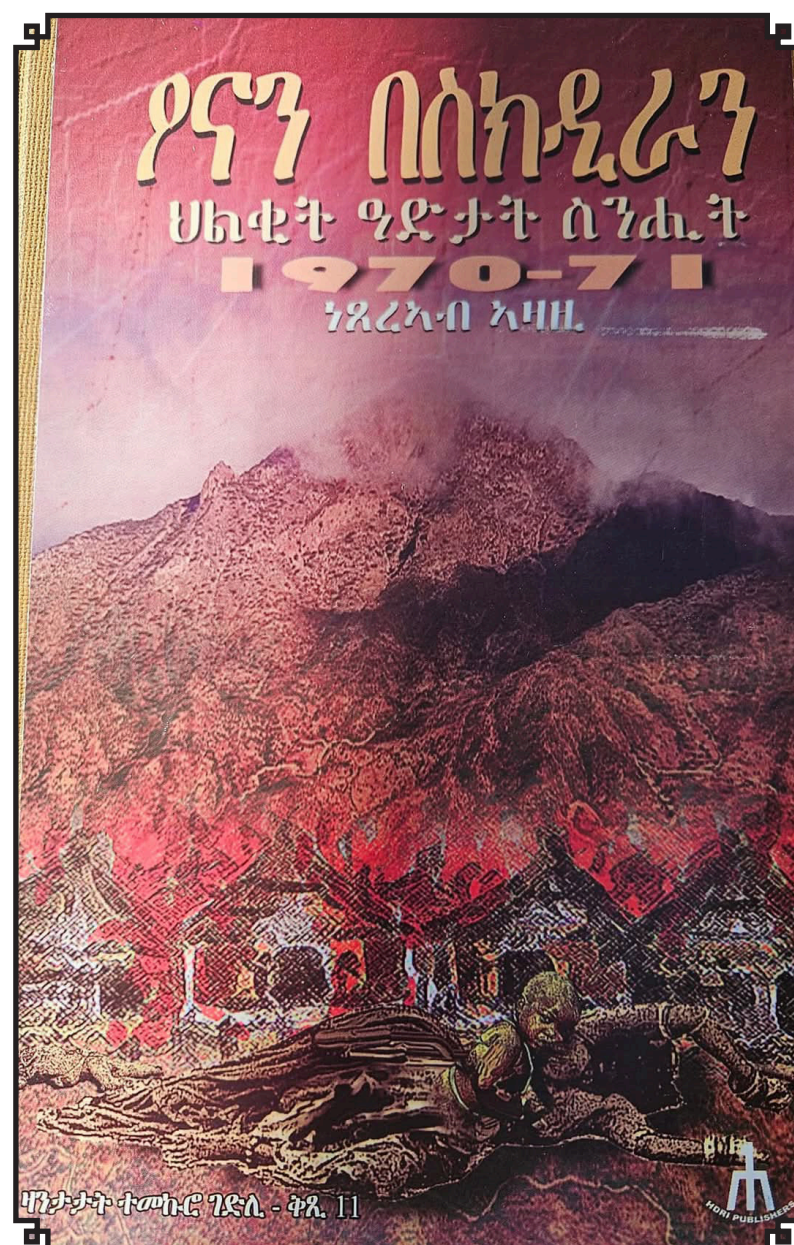
The most harrowing part of the evening was undoubtedly the testimonies shared by three survivors. Their stories were raw and visceral, recounting the unspeakable horrors they endured as children, be it forcing themselves to lie still underneath the body of their dead parent until the soldiers left, or having to bury the people of their villages by the hundreds. As they spoke, there was not a dry eye in the audience. The weight of their experiences hung heavy in the air.

One of the reviewers who spoke at the event lamented the loss of so many innocent lives, reflecting on how many potential doctors, lawyers, engineers, writers, teachers, athletes, mothers, and fathers might have emerged from those who perished during that unspeakable year. She expressed that this realization saddened her the most, and I couldn't help but sympathize with her. It underscored the profound impact of the massacre not just on the immediate victims, but on the entire community and future generations. She also noted the resilience and indomitability of the Eritrean spirit, a theme that resonated deeply throughout the night.

Talented voices of the Asmara Choir framed the event beautifully, performing songs of Ona both at the beginning and end. Their songs lent a sympathetic atmosphere, weaving a thread of humanity through the stark realities being discussed. The music provided a brief respite, a moment of contemplation amidst the heavy narratives.

Listening to the survivors and the reviewers, I found myself grappling with conflicting emotions. I was eager to dive into the book, to learn more about these harrowing events and the lives affected by them. Yet, I was also filled with apprehension, almost fear, about confronting such painful truths.

The event echoed the broader historical context of the Ona and

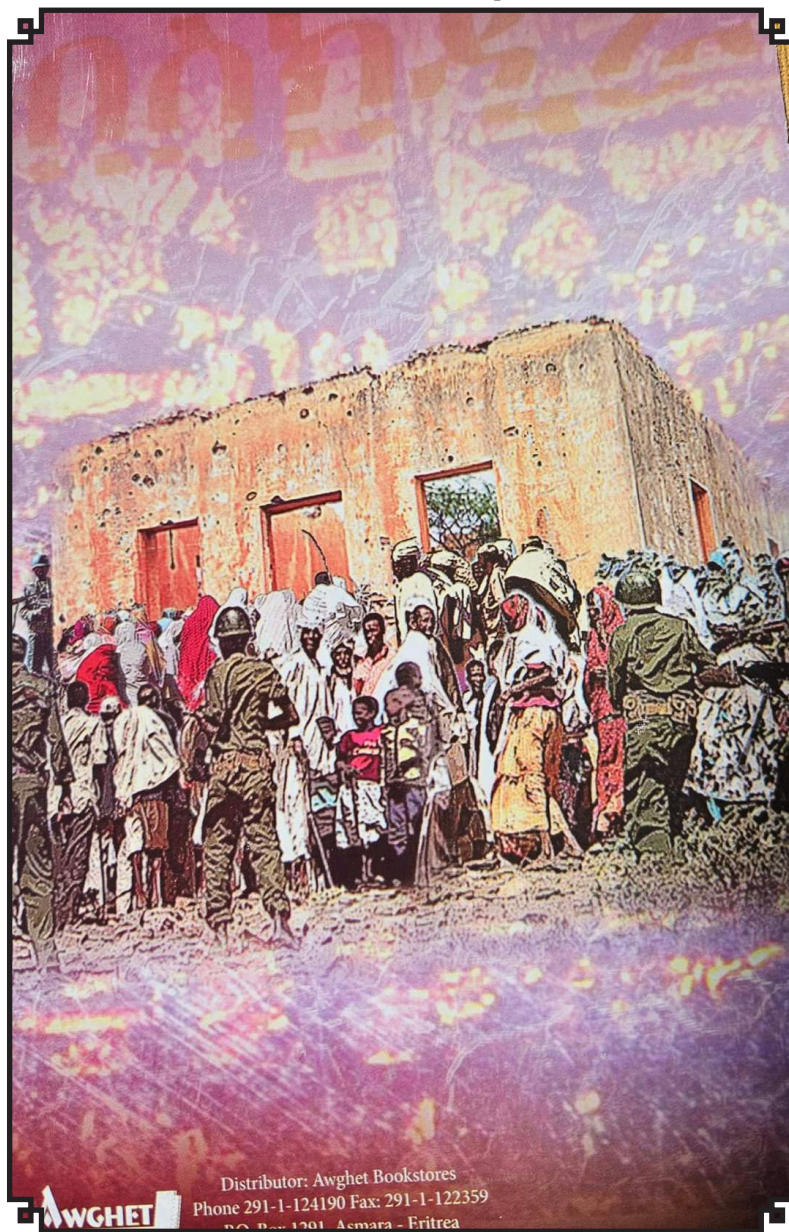


Besekdira massacres, which remain etched in the collective memory of Eritreans. It is well known now that these atrocities were not isolated incidents but part of a systematic campaign of violence against innocent Eritrean civilians by the Ethiopian colonial army during the years of the armed struggle. Key dates like December 1 and November 30, 1970, are forever marked by the bloodshed that occurred in Ona and Besekdira, where entire families were wiped out, and communities were left in ruins.

As I left the book launch, my heart was heavy, but my spirit was stirred. The event was a powerful reminder of the importance of remembering our history. It was not just about acknowledging past horrors but also about renewing our commitment to peace and unity. The stories shared that night demand to be told and remembered, not only for the sake of the victims but for our sake's, too – for

the future of Eritrea. And the event, I thought, was a chance for reflection on the past and a call to action. The necessity of documenting our histories and tragedies cannot be overstated; if we do not write them down, these stories will be washed away by the sands of time. Our fallen mothers and fathers deserve to be honored, and their lives and sacrifices should not fade into obscurity.

By preserving their memories, we ensure that their lives and struggles are acknowledged, that these horrors are never again repeated. It is our responsibility to carry forward their stories, to educate those who come after us, and to cultivate a society that values truth, understanding, and resilience. As I prepare to delve into the pages of this remarkable book, I carry with me the voices of the survivors, the weight of their experiences, and the hope that through remembrance, we can strive for a future of healing.



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1. **Position: Excavator Operator**
Department: Mining/TMF Project
Number required: Six (06)

Primary Purpose

- Competent to be able to operate Small Excavator.
- Be able to load dump trucks in ore and waste material, selective mining.
- Be able to do sumps, and able to top load.
- Be able to prepare loading platforms so that the excavator is on level ground when loading.
- Able to cut batters of high walls to acceptable standards.

UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS/OTHER INFORMATION

- Effective team member.
- Shifts 1 Week X Day shift 1 Week X Night shift 1 X Week R&R.
- You will be required to keep your cab clean.
- Attend BMSC equipment operation induction and training.
- The candidate must be Physically and Medically fit.

Qualifications:	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Minimum grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Working in the mining environments or civil works, road construction.
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ability to work long shifts both day and night shift.○ Able to understand English○ Ability to work under pressure○ Ability to operate independently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ability to work under pressure○ Accept and carry out instructions○ Well-developed work habits. Good time management. Take instruction from supervisor/crew leaders.

- Position: Loader Operator**
Department: Mining
Section: TMF Project
Number required: Six (06)

Primary Purpose

- Competent to operate Heavy Machinery to standard for purposes of loading, clearing, transporting NAG material.
- Passed relevant training to operate loader and be able to load Tipper trucks in waste material safely.
- Be able to prepare loading platforms so that the Loader is on level ground when loading.

UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS/OTHER INFORMATION

- Effective team member.
- Shifts 1 Week X Day shift 1 Week X Night shift 1 X Week R&R.
- You will be required to keep your cab clean.
- Attend BMSC equipment operation induction and training.
- The candidate must be Physically and Medically fit.

Qualifications:	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Minimum grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Working in the mining environments or civil works, road construction.○ Prior experience as an Loader Operator○ Read & write local/English language
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ability to work long shifts both day and night shift.○ Able to understand English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ability to work under pressure○ Accept and carry out instructions○ Well-developed work habits. Good time management. Take instruction from supervisor/crew leaders.

2. **Position: Grader Operator**
Department: Mining
Section: TMF Project
Number required: Six (06)

Primary Purpose

- Safe effective operation on the Grader Cat 14M/16H and XCMG all areas of the work cycle. Including Paddock dump grading, final trim, drain cutting, road grading to camber specifications, ripping and road maintenance in dry and wet conditions, tramming, batter cutting with elevated mould board, maintaining and grading to correct RL elevations.

UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS/OTHER INFORMATION

- Effective team member.
- Shifts 1 Week X Day shift 1 Week X Night shift 1 X Week R&R.
- You will be required to keep your cab clean.

- Attend BMSC equipment operation induction and training.
- The candidate must be Physically and Medically fit.

Qualifications:	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Minimum grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Hands on approach , demonstrated ability.
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ability to work long shifts both day and night shift.○ Able to understand English○ Self-starter long hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ability to work under pressure○ Accept and carry out instructions○ Well-developed work habits. Good time management. Take instruction from supervisor/crew leaders.○ Willingness to be trained to operate other equipment (multi-skilling and be a part of a highly motivated safe team.

3. **Position: Compactor Operator**
Department: Mining
Section: TMF Project
Number required: Three (03)

Primary Purpose

- To operate compactor in a safe and efficient manner, conducting pre-start checks, reports any issues, in order to move material and equipment as instructed.

UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS/OTHER INFORMATION

- Effective team member.
- You will be required to keep your cab clean.
- Attend BMSC equipment operation induction and training.
- The candidate must be Physically and Medically fit.

Qualifications:	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Minimum grade 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3 - 5 years relevant experience○ Proven experience as compactor operator○ Read & write local/English language
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ability to work long shifts both day and night shift.○ Attention to detail○ Able to understand English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ability to work under pressure○ Ability to work towards strict deadlines○ Well-developed work habits. Good time management. Take instruction from supervisor/crew leaders.○ Ability to work under pressure○ Self-motivation

General Information and other requirements:

- **Place of Work:** Bisha.
- **Salary:** As per Company salary scale.
- **Type of Contract:** Definite (Two Years)

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.

Address: Please mail your applications to:-
Bisha Mining Share Company,
P. O. Box 4276 Asmara, Eritrea

Note to Eritrean applicants:

Please send a copy of your application to:

1. Aliens Employment permits Affairs,
P. O. Box 7940
Asmara, Eritrea.
2. Mineral Resources Management
P. O. Box 272
Asmara, Eritrea

NOTICE

Notice hereby given to the public that “DORA CHICKEN SLAUGHTER & PACKING private Limited Company” has been formed among the following members”

A.Members

	FULL Name	Nationality	Address	Shares
1	Mrs. Sara Bokre Garza	Eritrean	Asmara	50
2	Mrs. Keria Abdu Osman	Eritrean	Asmara	50

- B.The head office of the company is in Asmara and branch offices may be opened within the State of Eritrea and outside of Eritrea.
- C. The business purpose of the Company shall be :
- Engage in slaughtering & packing of poultry meat.
 - Engage in marketing & distributing wholesale/retail live poultry.
 - Engage in production of eggs and poultry products
 - Engage in growing and rearing of Poultry both of layers & broilers.
 - Engage in egg Incubating and hatching.
 - Engage in preparing roasted and fried chicken
 - Engage in Import & Export activities
 - Engage In Activities related to Tourism Like
(Restaurant, Fast food, Cold Dish, Juice & Coffee Shop, Toast & Chips)
- D. The company has capital of 500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Nakfa) divided into 100 nominative shares. All shares are subscribed and fully paid up in cash and in kind. The par value of each share is 5000.00 Nakfa .
- E. Mrs. Sara Bokre Garza is appointed to be the manager of the company for indefinite period of time.
- F. The company is established for unlimited period of time.

DORA CHICKEN SLAUGHTER & PACKING private Limited Company”

Notice

- Notice is hereby given to the public that **MERCY** private limited company is formed among the following members:-
- A.** NameNationalitySharesAddress
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| 1. | Mr. Berhe Gebremaryam Oqbu | Eritrean | 50 |
|----|----------------------------|----------|----|
- Dubai, U.A.E
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| 2. | Mrs. Qidisty Siyum Niguru | Eritrean | 50 |
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- Massawa, Eritrea
- B.** The head office of the company will be in Northern Redsea Region ,Massawa Eritrea and branch offices may be opened anywhere within and/or outside of the Eritrea.
- C.** The share company has a share capital of Nakfa 100,000.00 (One hundred thousand Nakfa) at a par value of Nakfa 1,000.00 (One thousand Nakfa) each subscribed and fully paid up in cash.
- D.** The objective of the company is to engage in:
- Photocopier or blueprint services
 - Retail of stationeries and or books
 - Import Export whole sale and retail activity
 - Commission agent and other ancillary to the business activity as well.
- E.** Mrs. Qidisty Siyum Niguru is appointed as a manager for unlimited period of time.
- F.** The company is established for unlimited period of time.
- MERCY PLC.



Vacancy Announcement

CHINA ENERGY ENGINEERING GROUP SHANXI ELECTRIC POWER CONSTRUCTION CO.,LTD DEKEMHARE PROJECT MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT is inviting for the following positions.

- *Job title and (number required)**
- Civil engineer (5)
 - Commercial supervisor (3)
 - Civil Technician-senior (10)
 - Electrical Technician-senior (5)
 - Electro-mechanical Technician - Senior (10)
 - Surveyor (2)
 - Chef (3)
- * Major duties**
- Civil engineer: civil work management
 - Commercial supervisor: commercial work supervision
 - Civil Technician-senior: supervision and direction of civil work in site
 - Electrical Technician-senior: supervision and direction of electrical work in site
 - Electro-mechanical Technician - Senior: supervision of Electro-mechanical work in site
 - Surveyor: surveying work in site
 - Chef: food make and management of the equipment and staffs in the kitchen
- *Knowledge and skills required**
- Full knowledge and skill of required position
 - Be capable to use required tools, instrument and software of construction and drawing for the first 6 positions
 - Be capable to make Chinese food and use Chinese cook tools for the Chef
 - Good communication skill
- *Education**
- Bachelor degree for the first 6 position
- *Experience**
- At least 5 years work experience in more than 30MW Solar Power Project(excluding chef)
- * Work place**
- Dekemhare 30MW PV Plant
- * Salary**
- According to salary scale of the company
- Additional Requests have fulfilled his/her national obligations and provide certificate of completion or exemption from national service or release paper from the ministry of Defence
- Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, copy of your national identity, release paper from the ministry of Defence)
- * Contact us:**
- *Phone number: 07180919 / 184157
 - *Email address: hxzhang1623@ceec.net.cn
 - * P.O.BOX: 1156

Lighter Side

The Sound of Oasis Annual Concert: A Harmonious Celebration of Classical and Modern Music



Sona Berhane

In the midst of December's biting cold, few experiences could rival the comfort and joy of spending an evening immersed in the soothing melodies of classical music. This year, the much-anticipated annual concert by The Sound of Oasis offered just that – a two-part musical event that warmed the hearts of its audience over two evenings, December 6th and 7th at Cinema Asmara. The first evening was dedicated to classical music, showcasing the technical mastery and interpretive depth of long-time members and students. The second evening shifted gears, featuring modern popular songs and highlighting the fresh vocal talents that have recently joined the group. Together, these performances solidified this concert as one of the most awaited events of the year.

The first night's program began with a recital by Eliana Elias, who performed Bach's *Invention No.13*. This short yet intricate piece set the tone for the evening, offering a glimpse into the strength of technique and precision that would characterize the performances to come. Following was Ethan Dawit, whose rendition of *The Autumn from Dancing Line* was both delicate and expressive, drawing the audience into its flowing melodic lines.

The evening soon transitioned to deeper, emotive territory with the mournful strains of the cello. Ruth Solomon delivered a stirring performance of Schubert's *Standchen*, followed later by Beethoven's Sonata "Pathétique" op.13 No.8 in C minor, a grave but timeless composition.

Of the vocal performances, none stood out more than Yussra

Mohammedsaleh. Her rendition of *O Cessate di Piagarmi* by Bartoli had a deep and emotional delivery. She followed it up with Verdi's *Sempre Libera*, demonstrating her versatility over challenging operatic pieces. Absent from the previous year's concert due to an illness, her performances this year were undoubtedly a highlight of the evening.

The younger pianists have also begun to stand out. Ethan Dawit and Natnael Ghebries, who played two pieces: Haydn's *Sonata in F major* and Chopin's *Nocturne in C minor*, showed tremendous promise, exhibiting a nuanced understanding of their respective pieces. Their ability to handle the smooth, flowing notes with such maturity suggests a bright future for these budding musicians.

Another memorable performance was Murad Omer on the violin. He tackled Mozart's *Sonatina No.21 in E minor* and Purcell's *Golden Sonatina* (accompanied by cello) with sensitivity. However, if you were wondering why, compared to the last concert, there was only one violinist in this year's concert, it is because most of their violinists have gone to Sawa to complete their 12th grade education and undertake their National Service.

While the first evening was, for the most part, steeped in the traditions of classical music, it also brought a refreshing change with modern hits and an original composition. The ensemble surprised the audience with a spectacular re-interpretation of an ABBA classic retitled to *Commando*. Performed with Tigrigna lyrics, the arrangement was both innovative and harmonious, breathing new life into the beloved tune. Many of the vocalists in this performance are also members of the Asmara Choir, and their experience shone through in their impeccable execution.

The evening also featured an

original song performed Henok Ogbai, whose lyrics addressed the perils of addiction. This heartfelt piece showcased the group's ability to blend artistry with meaningful social commentary.

For fans of piano music, Makda Berhane delivered a standout performance, tackling some of the more demanding pieces in the



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classical repertoire. In addition to Chopin's *Waltz in A-flat Major, Op. 34, No. 1*, she performed two works by Liszt: *Consolations No. 3 in D-flat Major, S172* and *Un Sospiro (Etude de Concert No. 3 in D-flat Major, S144, No.3)*. Both pieces exemplify Liszt's genius for blending technical challenge with emotional expressiveness. *Consolations No. 3*, with its melancholic yet reflective tone, was a perfect contrast to the airy, flowing arpeggios of *Un Sospiro*. Despite the technical demands of these etudes, Makda's rendition was beautiful.

One of the most impressive moments of the concert came with the ensemble's performance of the Kunama song *Tamfede* (meaning "youth"), originally written and performed by singer-songwriter Menghestab G/ghiorgis (Tegayishe). The rearrangement of this piece brought a vibrant energy to the stage, and its lively rhythms provided a joyous conclusion to the first evening.

The second evening, dedicated to contemporary genres like R&B and modern pop, allowed the group to demonstrate their versatility. The fresh vocal

talents and musicians showed remarkable skill in covering popular songs. It was clear that these performers are capable of competing on even larger stages, a sentiment echoed by many in the audience.

The concert was as much a showcase of musical talent as it was a celebration of community.

Among the attendees were Dr. Locher and his wife, Mrs. Locher, long-time friends of Eritrea and sponsors of The Sound of Oasis through SUKE (Swiss Support for Eritrea). During a brief but heartfelt moment, Dr. Locher was presented with a bouquet of flowers as a token of gratitude from the group. In his remarks, he expressed his pride in the young musicians' progress and urged them to continue their dedication to the art.

This year's Sound of Oasis annual concert once again proved why it has become a beloved annual tradition. By separating

the classical and modern performances into two distinct evenings, the organizers ensured that each genre received the focus and appreciation it deserved. From the technical talents of the classical performances to the creativity and energy of the contemporary pieces, the concert offered something for everyone. As the audience left the venue, the warmth of the performances lingered, a soothing balm against the cold December air.

I eagerly look forward to next year's concert and the continued growth and evolution of this talented group of musicians.



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