

OFFICIAL CEREMONY OF INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Official ceremony of the 32nd Anniversary of the Independence

Day of Eritrea was enthusiastically held on 24 May, at Asmara Stadium under the theme “Heroic Feat Anchored on Cohesive Ranks”.

The official ceremony was attended by Ministers, senior Government and PFDJ officials, Army Commanders, members of the Diplomatic Corps, religious leaders as well as a number of invited guests.

In his Keynote address, pointing out that the 32nd anniversary of Independence Day is being celebrated at a historical juncture

when Eritrea’s independence, sovereignty and national cohesion have become more reinforced and the inexorable march to achieve development and economic growth is proceeding at an accelerated pace, President Isaias said that the ploy that the forces of global domination – principally the Washington clique and its allies – have employed against the country’s liberation and independence for the past eighty years that entangled three generations of the Eritrean people, is to drive a wedge between Ethiopia and Eritrea and to

instigate war incessantly.

President Isaias said that the promising development invariably impels the adversaries - who oppose the country’s independence, sovereignty, cohesion, development and prosperity - to hatch new plots and revamp their tool kits of harassment and that a latter will evidently require devising a different and judicious approach of challenge-mitigation or resolution.

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MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS



have withstood the changing international landscape and always been defined by sincerity, friendship, a pursuit of common progress, and firm mutual support on issues concerning the respective core interests and major concerns.

President Xi went on to say that during the recent successful visit of President Isaias Afwerki to China they had an in-depth exchange of views and reached many important common understandings on the deepening of bilateral ties and on international and regional issues of mutual interest.

Meanwhile, the leaders of Venezuela, Serbia and the Swiss Federation sent messages of congratulations in connection with the 32nd Independence Day Anniversary.

President Nicolas Maduro of the Republic of Venezuela, President Aleksandar Vucic of the Republic of Serbia and President Alain Berset of the Swiss Federation wished good health to President Isaias Afwerki and peace and prosperity to the Eritrean people.

President Nicolas Maduro and President Aleksandar Vucic expressed their countries’ readiness to develop bilateral relations with Eritrea.

President Alain Berset also said that good and trustworthy relations between the two countries are key to tackle major global challenges together.

The leaders of China, South Africa, Libya, Italy and France sent messages of congratulations in connection with the 32nd Independence Day Anniversary of Eritrea.

President Xi Jinping of the People’s Republic China, President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa of the Republic of South Africa, President Dr. Mohamed Yunus al-Menfi of Libya, President Sergio Mattarella of the Republic of Italy as well as President Emmanuel Macron of the French Republic wished good health to President Isaias Afwerki and peace and prosperity to the Eritrean people.

President Xi Jinping of the People’s Republic of China pointing out that the 32nd anniversary of Eritrea’s Independence Day is being celebrated at a time of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the People’s Republic of China and the State of Eritrea, said that over three decades the bilateral relations between the two countries

INDEPENDENCE CUP ITINERARY CULMINATES IN A CELEBRATION IN ASMARA

The Independence Cup that commenced its one moth long itinerary in all six regions from the historical place of Nakfa carrying sacred soil from all historical places reached Asmara on 24 May concluding its journey and was accorded warm welcome by thousands of Asmara residents.

Upon reaching at the Eritrean Air Force base in Asmara in

which Commandos of the Eritrean People’s Liberation Front blazed 33 fighter jets of the Derge regime in 1984, photo exhibition of the members of the Commando that participated in the operation was displayed.

Gen. Flipos Woldeyohannes, Chief of Staff of the Eritrean Defense Forces, Maj. Gen. Teklay Habteselasie, Commander of the Eritrean Air Force, and

Mr. Fesehaye Haile, Governor of the Central Region, laid wreath at the grave of freedom fighter Mebrahtu Gebrehiwet, who was martyred during the operation.

The Independence Cup passing through the main streets of Asmara reached at Asmara Stadium and was handed over to President Isaias Afwerki at the official ceremony of the 32nd Independence Day anniversary.



Keynote Address by President Isaias Afwerki on 32nd Independence Anniversary

Dear Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On the occasion of the 32nd Anniversary of our Independence, allow me to express my congratulations to the people of Eritrea inside the country and abroad, as well as to the friends of Eritrea and all free peoples in the world. Let me also express my profound gratitude to all those who have contributed in producing expressive, inspiring and impressive cultural themes and spectacles to imbue additional splendor to this auspicious date.

Our Independence Day this year (2023) is being celebrated at a historical juncture when our independence, sovereignty and national cohesion have become more reinforced and our inexorable march to achieve development and economic growth is proceeding at an accelerated pace. The unfolding promising trend is marked by its own special excitement as it provokes questions and challenges on its substance and trajectory. On the other hand, this promising development invariably impels our adversaries – who oppose our independence, sovereignty, cohesion, development and prosperity – to hatch new plots and revamp their toolkits of harassment. The latter will evidently require devising, on our part, a different and judicious approach of challenge-mitigation or resolution.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As I underlined in my message of last year, the ploy that the forces of global domination – principally the Washington clique and its allies – have employed against our liberation and independence for the past eighty years that entangled three generations of our people, is to drive a wedge between Ethiopia and Eritrea and to instigate war incessantly. That this ploy has not succeeded is an indelible truth that does not leave any space for ambiguity. In the last five years, when a “new chapter had ushered in”, Washington instigated, through its presumed “proxies”, three military offensives to roll back the positive trend. The final third offensive was deterred through coordinated defensive operations. And despite some lingering reservations, the phenomenon has been instructive in many respects giving rise to hope and optimism for enduring peace. Plaudits to the Eritrean Defense Forces!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The peoples and nations of Africa, (and naturally the peoples and nations of the Horn of Africa), need to cultivate and bolster both continental and regional frameworks of integration in order to preserve their independence and sovereignty. This is not an option; but an obligation. This is precisely the reason why the Government of Eritrea has exerted, in the past thirty years, relentless efforts for sustainable and common economic growth; to promote stability; to combat terrorism and other acts of subversion; and for regional integration.

But as we take stock of various unfolding developments that instill hope and optimism, there are also worrisome instances – such as



the conflict that has erupted in the Sudan – that warrant concern and attention. This will not of course diminish in any way the resoluteness of our pledge. As I tried to elucidate during my last interview, for the people of the Sudan, the features of the transition phase towards a Safe Gate is indeed crystal clear and unambiguous. Yet, inappropriate domestic handling coupled with external meddling had derailed the process to precipitate a perilous situation. As it happens, the situation demands serious and prompt regional initiative.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The prevailing promising

domestic situation in our country and its progress– notwithstanding some worrisome regional developments and its future trends – must be appraised objectively within the perspectives, correlation, and impact of current international developments that are fraught with spawning a global crisis. From a broad analytical assessment, it can be fairly asserted that the global reality is in a transition phase towards a new international order to supplant the futile attempts of the last thirty years to install and bolster a unipolar world order.

The defunct NATO Alliance led by the Washington clique, and the financial alliance of the fractious European Union, seem

to be enveloped in futile attempts to resuscitate, through intensive care, their worn-out agendas of domination. This is the current trend that might foment global instability.

There is nothing novel in their philosophy or pronounced goals. Their history and culture spanning for generations revolves around “dividing the world into spheres of influence so as to assert domination and usurp the resources, riches, and opportunities of others”. However, in the past 30 years, after the end of the Cold War and with the disintegration, due to mistakes of the leadership, of the former Soviet Union that they considered as their primary “rival”, they entertained a fallacious and premature notion of possessing unassailable power under the mantra: “the world will henceforth be ours”. With these reckless and ambitious adventures, they promoted a policy of containment and sought to establish a monopoly in all fields (economic, military and technological... power) that brooks no competition from any other aspiring major power. As such, they have declared an open war to deter the emergence of potential rivals.

In the early 1990s, their main perceived threat was Russia and their policy of “containment” was targeted towards it. During that time, they perceived China as a source of cheap labour with energy advantages. As such they wrongly thought that they could exploit its labour. They were not gripped then by worry or panic as it is the case now. But as China’s colossal advantages and its inexorable rise became evident, and despite the hypocrisy of their propaganda, China became and was seen as posing the principal threat to them.

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The greatest part of their “containment” tentacles and preoccupations is thus directed, these days, at China.

The dangerous alliances that the US and its allies are trying to forge in different parts of the world will ultimately fail. Nonetheless, it has the potential to multiply and exacerbate prevalent crises to entail grave disasters. In the event and putting aside its detailed actual situation and future trends, the imperative of fostering the friendship and cooperation of the free peoples of the world through a broad global solidarity so as to deter the negative consequences of these reckless adventures and bring about a new international order where justice prevails, is uncontroversial indeed.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we move forward by objectively assessing our domestic, regional and continental realities within the perspective and framework of global developments, and at this particular juncture of promising global changes, Washington has recently released a (policy) document on Eritrea, which does not have new contents, under the title of “Integrated Country Strategy”.

The over-arching gist of the document is the demonization and defamation of Eritrea. To this end, it peddles numerous cheap and pejorative adjectives and labels. The attempts it makes to falsely accuse the Eritrean Defense Forces of committing violations are not few. In this context, the panic it displays regarding the National Service is obvious indeed. It does not conceal its apprehensions on China; the latter’s growing influences and

the danger that this may pose to it. The document alleges that China is working to dominate the UN; and that the US will vigorously work to contain China; prevent it from investing in Eritrea and uproot its “influence” in the country. The ultimate objective of the strategy is to isolate Eritrea, and, weaken it through economic sanctions. The strategy also includes undermining and limiting Eritrea’s role in the region. It also proposes devising various means to hoodwink and enlist the allegiance of future generations in the country. That the document is a declaration of war is self-explanatory indeed.

Such reckless interventions which are in contravention of international laws; that violate the independence and sovereignty of a people, and that disrupt regional stability do not only corroborate Washington’s

behavior. They also amplify the Administration’s failures and bankruptcy. It is not difficult to read between the lines and second-guess the contents of other classified and unpublished documents. In the event, the panacea and the way forward consists of reviewing and polishing plans of resistance at the domestic, regional and international levels and mobilizing the necessary resources towards that end.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As usual, the major part of our all-rounded defensive strategy is not determined by our subjective choices. It is invariably shaped by the strategy of our adversaries. In this respect, the contours of the field are very clear. Our independence, sovereignty and cohesive ranks that have been reinforced by our triumphant and cumulative experiences, inspire us

further to multiply our efforts in marching towards development and prosperity. Moreover, there is no need of a reminder that the revised plans in infrastructure, energy, water, fisheries, agriculture, mining, social services, and vast investments by the public will require higher initiative and innovation to yield greater output. And, against the backdrop of the hostilities, we will not be complacent or relax our vigilance to bolster our independence, sovereignty and national cohesion to ascertain stability that is conducive for development.

The tasks that we must accomplish at the regional and international levels will also be pursued in tandem with, and with the same vigour as, our domestic priorities.

Glory to Our Martyrs!

Victory to the Masses!

LOCAL NEWS

DIASPORA NATIONALS CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY

Nationals in Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, the US and Finland celebrated the 32nd Independence Day Anniversary with patriotic zeal.

At the celebratory event conducted on 13 May in Perth, Australia, in which a number of nationals and friends of Eritrea took part, Mr. Mehari Tekeste, Eritrea’s Consul General, said that this year’s Independence Day celebration is unique for it is being celebrated during a special stage in the Eritrean history.

National residing in Sydney, Adelaide, Australia as well as in New Zealand celebrated the 32nd Independence Day anniversary on 20 May.

Nationals in Switzerland also celebrated the 32nd Independence Day anniversary on 20 May in the city of Yverdon featuring cultural and artistic programs.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Adm Osman, Charge d’Affairs at the Eritrean Embassy, congratulating the Eritrean people and its friends, called for reinforced participation in the national affairs.

Likewise, nationals in Chicago, US, and Eritrean community in Finland colorfully celebrated the

32nd Independence Day anniversary.

Similarly, nationals in various cities of Canada, Qatar and Libya celebrated the 32nd Independence Day anniversary with patriotic zeal.

The celebration organized in the Canadian cities of Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Hamilton, Regina, London and Ontario featured various programs depicting the attachment the nationals have with their homeland as well as their readiness to reinforce participation in the national affairs.

Speaking at celebratory event in Toronto, Mr. Estifanos Neguse, head of Public and Community Affairs at the office of Eritrea’s Consul General, explaining the deep meaning of the Independence Day celebrations, called on the nationals to strengthen organizational capacity and participation in the national affairs.

The participants congratulating

the people and Government of Eritrea, as well as its Defense Forces, expressed readiness to discharge their national responsibilities.

In the same vein, nationals in Qatar enthusiastically celebrated the 32nd Independence Day anniversary under the theme “Heroic Feat Anchored on Cohesive Ranks”.

At the occasion organized at the Eritrean Embassy in Doha and in which a number of nationals took part, Mr. Ali Ibrahim, Eritrea’s Ambassador to Qatar, indicating that May 24 is very important day in the Eritrean calendar, called on the nationals to live up to the martyrs expectations.

Mr. Al’Reshid Yasin, chairman of the Eritrean Community, and Mr. Tahir Mohammed Arey, chairman of the Holidays Coordinating Committee, on their part explaining on the significance of celebrating the Independence Day anniversary,



commended those that contributed for the colorful celebratory event.

The event was highlighted by cultural troupe from Asmara.

Likewise, Mr. Ali Ibrahim

officially opened Eritrea’s Cultural Center in Doha on 24 May.

The Eritrean community in Libya also celebrated the 32nd Independence Day anniversary on 19 May in Tripoli.

REPORTAGE

Independence Day Celebration: A Testament to National Pride and Unity

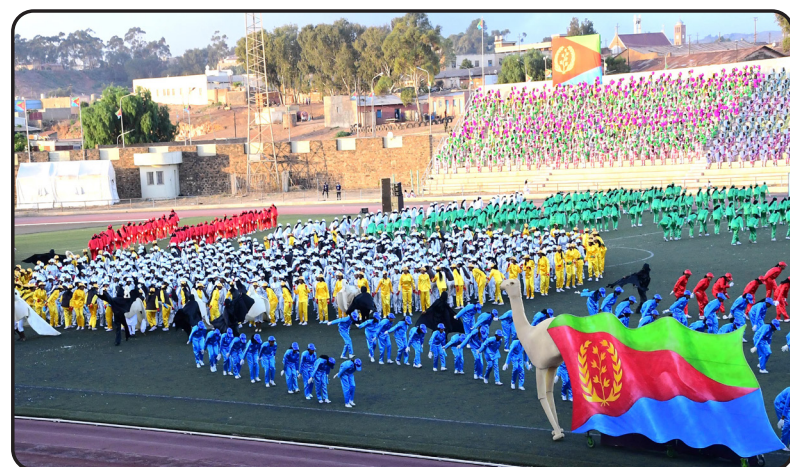
Habtom Tesfamichael

At the time of de-colonization, the Eritrean people were deprived of their freedom and liberty, and they were forced to endure a formidable period of suppression. However, through an arduous armed struggle, they attained their robbed freedom and later ascertained their choice with their vote in a ballot box.

We celebrate our hard-won independence with pride and honor every year in a way that reflects our independent political choice. As we celebrate our Independence Day, we proudly remember our heroes who sacrificed their lives to free us from the yoke of colonialism.

The 32nd anniversary of Eritrea's independence has been celebrated since mid-May under the theme "Heroic Feat Anchored on Cohesive Ranks" through various events, including sports competitions, exhibitions and cultural shows in Eritrea and abroad. The week-long celebrations ended with the official ceremony held at Asmara Stadium in the afternoon hours of May 24, 2023, in the presence of President Isaias Afwerki, government officials, army commanders, religious leaders, members of the diplomatic corps and invited guests. The official ceremony started at 4:20 with a moment of silence to remember those who have fallen for the liberation of Eritrea.

Ambassador Zemed Tekle, Commissioner of Culture and Sports and Chairman of the National Holidays Organizing Committee, opened the ceremony with a welcoming speech. He said



that the programs of the 32nd Independence Day anniversary reflect our identity, culture, and perseverance. After thanking all those who contributed to the event, Ambassador Zemed invited President Isaias Afwerki to deliver his speech.

In his keynote address, President Isaias said that the 32nd Anniversary of Eritrea's Independence Day is being celebrated at a historical juncture when its independence, sovereignty, and national cohesion have become more reinforced and its march to achieve development and economic growth is proceeding at an accelerated pace.

In the face of some worrisome developments in the region, such as the conflict in Sudan, President Isaias said, "the peoples and nations of Africa and the Horn of Africa need to cultivate and bolster both continental and regional frameworks of integration to preserve their independence and sovereignty."

President Isaias noted that Washington has recently released a policy document on Eritrea under the title of "Integrated Country

Strategy". The ultimate objective of the strategy is to isolate Eritrea and weaken it through economic



sanctions, undermining and limiting Eritrea's role in the region, and devising various means to hoodwink and enlist the allegiance of future generations in the country. The most important details in this text are that the way forward is to review and polish plans of resistance at the domestic, regional, and international levels and mobilize the necessary resources towards that end.

President Isaias underlined that the revised plans in infrastructure,

energy, water, fisheries, agriculture, mining, social services, and investments by the public will require higher initiative and innovation to yield greater output. The tasks that must be accomplished at the regional and international levels will also be pursued in tandem with, and with the same vigor as, our domestic priorities.

The military parade that came after President Isaias's speech captured the hearts of the audience that expressed their joy with applause and ululation. The

their independence from European colonialism, Eritrea was denied its right to be independent. It was forcefully federated with Ethiopia against the will of its people to serve the geopolitical interests of big powers. It was obvious from the very beginning, as prophetically told by our patriot Ibrahim Sultan at the U.N. General Assembly, that the Horn of Africa would degenerate into chaos if Eritrea was denied independence. This was demonstrated in the 30-year war with Ethiopia that culminated with the independence of Eritrea.

The threats and challenges against Eritrea didn't stop after its independence. The West unleashed another war against the country under the guise of 'border dispute', which afflicted both the peoples of Eritrea and Ethiopia, in an attempt to quell Eritrea's free political will. The war was subsequently followed by economic and open military sabotage to bring the Eritrean people and government to their knees. However, this didn't work either, and Eritrea has proven to be an essential stone of the foundation of the arch and a country dedicated to the development of the Horn of

parade featured all branches of the



Eritrean Defense Forces – ground force, navy, air force, and police force. Afterwards, a handing over ceremony of the independence-cup was held. The independence-cup, which was filled with soil from all of the regions and sub-regions of Eritrea that it was carried across for weeks, was handed over to President Isaias.

A musical entitled "Completion of the Arch" was performed in which the arch represents a metaphorical entrance to a hopeful and bright future. However, unless the stones that are used to make the arch are harmoniously interwoven, the arch would collapse. Therefore, for the arch to survive, each stone must assert its proper position.

When African countries gained

Africa.

The musical depicted the difficult journey Eritrea has gone through over the past 80 years to guarantee its rightful and decisive place in the Horn of Africa.

The official Independence Day ceremony featured a range of cultural performances that showcased Eritrea's diverse ethnic groups and their unique traditions. Traditional dances, songs, and poetry recitals accompanied by a calisthenics show performed by 3000 students captivated the audience. The ceremony was concluded enthusiastically by playing the national anthem to a loud applause and cheers from the participants.



Development

Rora Digital Library: The Great Equalizer in Education

Simon Weldemichael

Rora Digital Library was established in 2008 under the auspices of the People's Front for Democracy and Justice to make educational materials more accessible to Eritrean readers, as a whole, and students, in particular. The library has given seminars in all schools and institutions of higher education on what it does and how to access its services and installed its website in all six regions of the country.

Rora Digital Library has been established not only in schools, colleges and technical schools but also ministries, associations and organizations. It strives



Nahom Brhane

Gogne, and Tessenei. Children who live in areas located so far away from towns should not settle for low quality education. The educational services, facilities and opportunities offered in towns should be provided to the remote areas as well.

Common barriers to education in Gash Barka region include lack of qualified teachers, electricity and infrastructure. The schools are suffering from limited access to technology that may prevent students from becoming more active learners. This can be addressed by introducing digital library, which is often called "a library in everyone's pocket," in remote areas. The introduction of Rora Digital Library in schools at remote locations offers ample opportunities for teachers and students to find educational materials that enhance the teaching learning process.

Some schools in Gash Barka region, despite constraining conditions, have taken initiative to familiarize students and teachers with Rora Digital Library and make the routine teaching and learning process interesting and exciting. Bisha Junior and Secondary School and Selam Elementary School, in Barentu, Sagim Junior and Secondary School in Tesenai, Forto Sawa Boarding School, Mogoraib Boarding School are some of the best schools that have taken the initiative.

Mr. Kahsu Fikadu, Director of Bisha Junior and Secondary School, said when the school was opened in 2013, they faced shortage of books and other reference materials for students and teachers. Then they looked for alternative sources and contacted the Eritrean Library and

Information Association, which gave them fifteen computers. Then they contacted Rora Digital Library that provided them with all the basic materials to start the digital library. The school has conducted extensive campaign to raise the awareness of its students and teachers about the benefits of the digital library.

When the school informed the community about its problems of electricity, the community members raised money for the installation of solar panels. Now, Bisha Junior and Secondary School Digital Library gives 24 hours service.

Digital library is more than



Kedija Ibrahim Omeredin

a pile of written books, audios and videos. It also adds value to information resources by organizing them and making them easily available. Bisha Hybrid Library Service (the name of the digital library of Bisha Junior and Secondary School) was reorganized in 2019/2020 to give a full-fledged service.

Mr. Nahom Berhane, a member of the 21st round of the national service who studied Library and Information Science (LIS) in college, has been working at Bisha Junior and Secondary School for the last five years. He is in charge of Bisha Hybrid Library Service. Speaking about the digital library, he said: "We elevated the digital library to a fully functioning unit of our school during the Covid-19 partial lockdown when schools were temporarily closed. We worked very hard alongside the community and prepared all the necessary materials to run



Girmay Kalala kulu

the digital library and digital classes."

Bisha Junior and Secondary School has made tremendous progress in digitalizing education. The school has organized a weekly lesson plan that includes one digital class for every subject. It has now established three digital classrooms. Mr. Nahom Berhane added that they have followed two approaches in delivering the contents of the digital library to users. One approach is through a website that works on a wireless network around the premises of the school. The second one is done simply through USB flash and other devices.

Mr. Nahom emphasized the importance of digital library by describing it as something essential not something nice to have. For schools that are located in distant places, Mr. Nahom said, digital library is an equalizer serving students and teachers of different places to use a full range of tools and resources needed to learn and to work. Digital library allows for an equitable access to a gamut of books, media, and emerging technologies and services.

The digital age has the power to both expand and limit who has access to information resources. Computer literacy is a basic building block for engaging with digitalization. In this regard, Mr. Nahom said, "My colleagues and I are giving short-term training to the teachers in our school to develop their computer skills."

Kedija Ibrahim Omeredin, a tenth-grade student, said, "The digital library is extremely helpful for learners, but as a new technology we are not using it fully. Our teachers are giving us

assignments to encourage us to use the digital library. We can learn by using our mobile phones. It makes things easy."

Yuel Kibrom, another student, also said the digital library helps them in their study in many ways. They find reading materials that enhance the lessons they get in the classroom.

Girmay Kalala kulu, a geography teacher in Bisha, said the digital library is beneficial to both teachers and students. He added that they get reference materials from the digital library for their lessons and the audio-visual content makes their lessons exciting.



Yuel Kibrom

Selamawit Afwerki, a ninth grade student, said the digital library is helping them improve their knowledge of the subjects they learn at school.

We are living in a digital age, and failure of schools to cope with digitalization will penalise students for life and also impose high costs on society. The digitalization of schools contributes a lot to the creation of digital citizens. Our education system must cater to the needs of new generations of learners who use mobile technology for a variety of activities.

The introduction and expansion of digital libraries could help Eritrea to achieve 'Education for All,' which is enshrined in its national education policy, and the digitalization of our school libraries is helpful to make the playing field equal for all students by providing equal access to learning materials.



Selamawit Afwerki


to help educators and students to have a better approach to education based on the principle that Eritrean schools have to become dynamic educational institutions that make learning a lifelong journey of enquiry and discovery.

Although many schools have been built, including in remote areas, based on the government's commitment to make schools accessible all over the country, staffing has been a major challenge afflicting schools, especially in rural areas and remote locations. The establishment of digital libraries can help address the staffing problem by making learning materials accessible in remote locations.

Rora Digital Library is currently available in very few schools in Gash Barka region, where there are 612 schools in operation. It's operating with limited capacity in Akurdet, Barentu, Forto Sawa,


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Education	<div><div></div><div>Advanced Diploma or Technical School Graduate in General mechanics, Machinist, or related fields.</div></div>
Age and Gender	<div><div></div><div>25-50 Years, Male</div></div>
Experience	<div><div></div><div>At least two years of work experience as Mechanic, Machinist or related positions in a manufacturing company.</div></div>
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Major duties	<div><div></div><div><div>Performs electrical maintenance activities in compliance with cGMP and Azel quality system in order to ensure the smooth functioning and overall health of production machines, generators, HVAC system, and utilities.</div><div>Helps seniors electrical during preventive and corrective maintenance work.</div><div>Practices proper utilization of tools, spare parts and consumables to obtain maximum efficiency, performance, and cost effectiveness.</div><div>Operates generators and chillers and ensures proper supply of electricity to all machines and areas of the company.</div><div>Completes all electrical maintenance logbooks in compliance with Azel Documentation System.</div></div></div>
Knowledge & Skills Required	<div><div></div><div><div>Proficient in MS Office</div><div>Excellent written and verbal communication skills</div><div>Team work and interpersonal skills.</div></div></div>
Education	<div><div></div><div>Advanced Diploma or Technical School Graduate in Electricity</div></div>
Age and Gender	<div><div></div><div>25-50 Years, Male</div></div>
Experience	<div><div></div><div>At least two years of work experience as Electrician, or related positions in a manufacturing company.</div></div>
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Knowledge & Skills Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Proficient in MS Office.▪ Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including presentation skills▪ Excellent interpersonal skills.
Education	➤ BSC in Electrical and Electronics Engineer
Age and Gender	➤ 25-50 Years, Male
Experience	➤ At least two years of work experience as Electrical Engineer, or related positions in a manufacturing company.
2. Job Title & Number required	Mechanical Engineer (01)

Major duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare and schedule machine and equipment mechanical maintenance plans, establishes sequence and time frame of operations in order to meet manufacturing requirement.• Implement all machine and equipment preventive and corrective mechanical maintenance in compliance with cGMP and Azel quality System in order to insure their smooth functioning and overall health.• Participate in Installation .validation, calibration and out-sourced maintenance activities of machines and equipment.• Prepare, update and complete or fill machine and equipment preventive and corrective mechanical maintenance documents.• Prepare training manual and conducts training for maintenance technicians and production operators.• Prepare annual spare parts requirement with their full specification; and ensure their availability in the store all the time..
Knowledge & Skills Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Proficient in MS Office▪ Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including presentation skills▪ Excellent interpersonal skills.
Education	➤ BSC in Mechanical Engineering
Age and Gender	➤ 25-50 Years, Male
Experience	➤ At least two years of work experience as Mechanical Engineer, or related positions in a manufacturing company.
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Q and A

"I have a lot More to say to the world through my work!"

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Rahwa

Tell us how you got into art please?

Since childhood, I always loved holding a pencil drawing or reading my books. When my parents noticed my inclination, they had me enrolled at the NUEYS art academy for a fine art training in 2007. Accordingly, I was enrolled as one of the first students of Satreb Art School and studied drawing, watercolor, acrylic, oil, sculpture, and other courses. In 2011, I studied printmaking (engraving and etching) at Alliance Française d'Asmara with one of Eritrea's renowned artists Ermias Okbe. During this period, I mainly recall the meetings we had with our art instructor every Sunday to help us get close and exchange ideas. This particular experience helped me to practice art by heart. In 2012, I participated as technical assistant in putting together the "World's Longest Painting", which set a world record at the Guinness book of records. As I got immersed in the world of art, I decided to study photography and I am also working as a photographer.

How were you attracted to collage art?

As I had passion for fashion, I also was taking design classes along my art classes. Thus, every time I watched the people in my fashion class, I always saw a work of art. My first collage art was the cover of my art exercise book and not long after a vase of flower that I painted. Thereafter, I started giving it all I could in combining both art and designing to come up with something unique. After my graduation in 2012, my classmates and I organized an exhibition at Alliance Française here in Asmara. Mine was made of collage and acrylic. With the conclusion of my training, I was able to pursue my career as both a designer and a painter. With the passion growing

Our guest today, Rahwa Assefaw, is an aspiring young woman, a contemporary painter, fabric collagist, designer and photographer.

through time, you get to simplify your style, thus currently I am more inclined to the mosaic style.

How do people respond to your relatively unique style?

Well, first, what satisfies me the most is the fact that I am following my passion. To come to your question, I would say I get positive reaction from people most of the time. The work keeps them wondering on how it is made because I barely use paints in my work; it is mostly made from fabrics.

Tell us about your biggest works?

I have these two particular pieces with dimensions 2.50m by 1.50m. The first one is titled, "On my Mothers Shoes". It shows a group of boys and girls running and playing, while one little girl is seen seated on a rock wearing her mother's shoes with half her hair undone and writing something on the rock. It shows the responsibility young girls

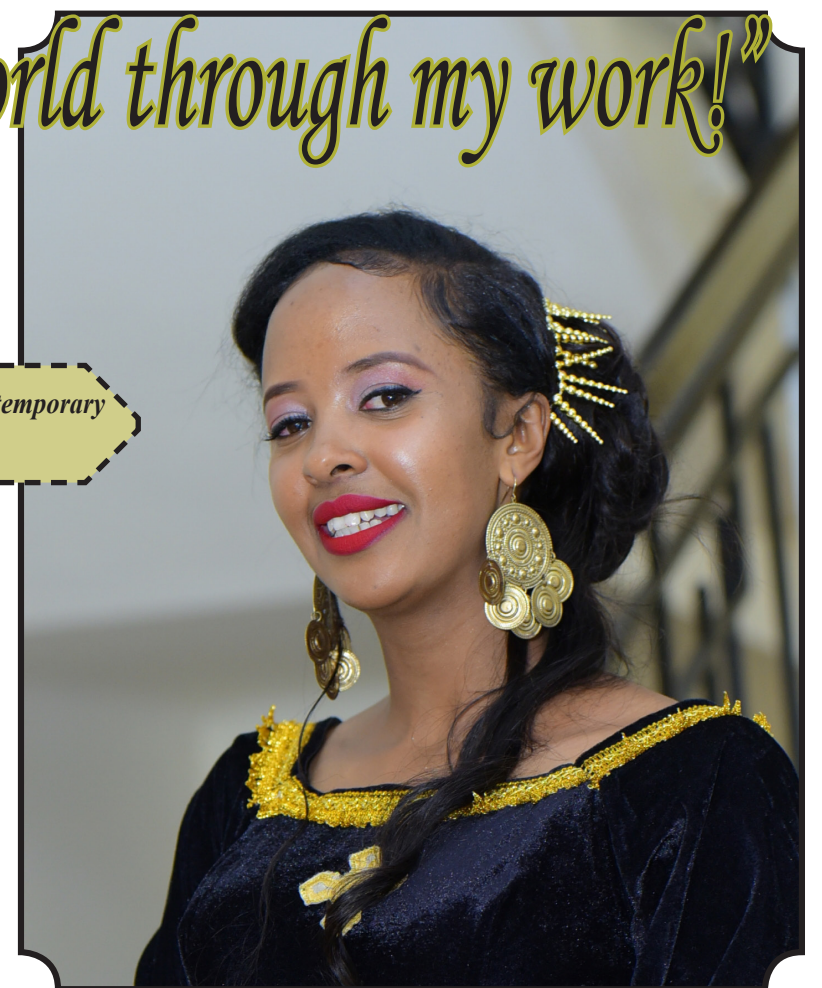
courageous women, especially my mother. As women, we encounter life under different challenges but what matters the most is how we overcome them through our inner power and boldness. I tried to resemble the different challenges through different colors and her courage by the glance she exhibits to them. This work is made out of 500 buttons and different fabrics.

Have you taken any additional training to enhance your knowledge?



Beside the three years training I took in Satreb Art School and the course I took at Alliance Française in 2017, I attended a one-month crash course by two Chinese Masters on painting and Chinese art organized by the Confucius Institute in Asmara. I also have attended a one-month crash course given by Artist Kristine Pluhacek organized the American Center in Asmara. I remember her taking one of my works as part of her personal collections from all part of the world she visited.

What are the requirements to



become a collage artist?

Passion and mostly dedication! It also requires knowledge of color combination as it should be harmonious. The person involved in such art should realize that it is a life time job!

Tell me about the new Art Community of Baratollo.

We came together thanks to the initiative taken by Mr. Pietro Zambaiti, Director of Dolce Vita. We are a group of artist formed by six painters and two potters. We are currently working on a big place found within the Dolce Vita compounds. To be honest, for me it is a big advantage as I can easily get plenty and variety of dud's that I used to collect from several shops. We recently had an exhibition in Casa Degli Italiani, "Artistic Poetry N. 1".

What do you say to womenfolk and those involved in art particularly?

As everything starts within yourself, they need to build a strong foundation for what they are pursuing. People may try to discourage and criticize them, but they should use it as a ladder to success rather than an obstacle. They must keep on working as not finishing what you have started is not even worth starting.

What is your inspiration in your work?

The core beliefs that I look up to, my surrounding holding different people and stories, especially kids. I could say the sum of my own

journey.

How many exhibitions have you participated so far?

I have participated in many national exhibitions held in Asmara such as the Alliance Française, Asmara Palace Hotel, The Gallery, and in many special art projects of our country. Moreover, internationally, my works of art were exhibited at the Contemporary International Art Group Exhibition in America, at the "Blue Art" painting exhibition with Artist Tesfalem and Artist Biniam, in Ecuador, and at the "No More Movement", engraving exhibition, with my five partners in Ethiopia. The participants of the event were from 50 countries from all over the world. All our works have been deposited in a museum and a book has been published in regard to the movement and the works exhibited at the event.

My recent exhibition was an all-women artists exhibition showcased at Alliance Française. My three partners, Asmait, Soliana, Sara and I prepared a sculpture entitled "The Recycled Garden" made of recyclable materials. It shows that the cycle has continuity and mostly if well used it has the power of bringing life.

What is next for Rahwa?

I plan on promoting our culture, in all its forms, internationally. As art is an international language, I have a lot more to say to the world through my works. I am just beginning to send the message.

Thank you for your time.

