

## MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS

Leaders of different countries and organizations are sending messages of congratulations to the people and Government of Eritrea on the occasion of the 33rd Independence Day anniversary.

Accordingly, President Sahle-Work Zewde of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia and King Abdullah of Jordan expressed their well-wishes for good health to President Isaias Afwerki, as well as peace and prosperity to the Eritrean people. They also conveyed their countries' readiness to enhance strong ties and mutual cooperation with Eritrea.

In her message, President Sahle-Work Zewde expressed her confidence that the friendly relations between the two countries will continue to be further strengthened.

Mr. Taye Atske-Selassie, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, also sent a message of congratulations to Mr. Osman Saleh, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Similarly, leaders of Uganda, The Philippines, Georgia, France, Swiss Confederation, Democratic People's Republic of Korea as well as Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States have extended their congratulations to the people and Government of Eritrea on the occasion of the 33rd Independence Day anniversary.

President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of the Republic of Uganda, President Ferdinand Marcos JR of the Philippines, President Salome Zourabichvili of Georgia, President Emmanuel Macron of the French Republic, President Viola Amherd of Swiss Federation President Kim Jong Un of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as well as Mr. Georges Rebelo Pinto Chikoti of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States expressed their well-wishes for good health to President Isaias Afwerki, as well as peace and prosperity for the Eritrean people. They also conveyed their countries' readiness to enhance strong ties and mutual cooperation with Eritrea.

In his message, President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni noting that his country and Eritrea are

working together to advance common goals and look forward to further opportunities for cooperation, expressed his optimism that the traditionally close relations will continue to grow and strengthen in the years ahead.

In the same vein, the leaders of Kuwait, Malta, Nicaragua, Qatar, Serbia and Paraguay as well as the General Secretary of the United Nations have extended their congratulations to the people and Government of Eritrea on the occasion of the 33rd



Independence Day anniversary.

Emir of Kuwait Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, President Myriam Spiteri Debono of Malta, President Daniel Ortega

## MASSIVE CYBER ATTACK AGAINST ERITREA'S INTERNET SYSTEM

A massive cyber attack was unleashed against Eritrea's Internet System on Independence Day, Friday, 24 May 2024, at 12:32:47 in the afternoon hours. The attempt was foiled by the defensive counter measures deployed promptly, and the network continued its functions without interruptions.

The identity of the originators, architects, and implementers of the attempt cyber attack are not alien to the watchful eyes of the Eritrean Government. The whole episode will be divulged in due time.

Saavedra of Nicaragua, Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, President Aleksandar Vucic of the Republic of Serbia, and President Santiago Pena of the Republic of Paraguay as well as Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the UN expressed their well-wishes for good health to President Isaias Afwerki, as well as peace and prosperity for the Eritrean people.

They also conveyed their readiness to enhance strong ties and mutual cooperation with Eritrea.

Deputy Emir of Qatar Abdullah bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani and Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Qatar Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani also sent messages of congratulations.

## DIASPORA NATIONALS CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY

Nationals in Qatar, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Ethiopia enthusiastically celebrated the 33rd Independence Day anniversary under the theme "Peace Anchored on Resilience".

In Doha, the celebratory event was attended by numerous nationals, members of the diplomatic community, and invited guests.

Eritrea's Ambassador to Qatar, Mr. Ali Ibrahim, spoke at the occasion, emphasizing that the independence realized through heavy sacrifice is the most significant of all national holidays. The colorful celebratory events by nationals inside the country and abroad attest to this. Ambassador Ali also commended those who contributed to the event's success.

Mr. Tahir Al-Reshid, chairman of the Holidays Coordinating Committee, highlighted the deep meaning of Independence Day in the hearts of the Eritrean people and expressed readiness to strengthen participation in national affairs.

The event featured cultural and artistic programs.

In Saudi Arabia, nationals



in Riyadh, Jeddah, Dammam, Khamis Mushait, and Alnamas celebrated the 33rd Independence Day with various cultural and artistic performances, exhibitions, and cultural dress shows. The event at Nakfa Hall in Riyadh on 23 May was broadcast live on social media outlets.

Mr. Abdurahman Imam, chairman of the Eritrean community in Riyadh and its environs, underscored the deep significance of Independence Day and noted that the celebratory event is part of programs to transfer the shining history of the Eritrean people to future generations.

Ms. Weini Gerezgiher, Charge d'Affaires at the Eritrean

In Dammam, the celebratory event was attended by Ms. Weini Gerezgiher and other officials of the Eritrean Embassy in Saudi Arabia. Participants expressed their readiness to strengthen participation in national development programs.

Nationals in Jeddah and its environs also celebrated the 33rd Independence Day on 23 May at the Red Sea Hall. The occasion, which saw participation from Eritrea's Consul General and head of Public and Community Affairs, was highlighted by cultural and artistic programs presented by students of the International School and Rae cultural troupe.

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# June to September 2024 Seasonal Forecast: Above-normal Rainfall and Higher-than-normal temperatures are predicted over most parts of the Greater Horn of Africa

21<sup>st</sup> May 2024, Juba, South Sudan: The IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) issued the June to September 2024 seasonal forecast indicating an increased likelihood of above-normal rainfall over most parts of the Greater Horn of Africa (GHA). The areas expected to experience these above-normal conditions include Djibouti, Eritrea, central and northern Ethiopia, western and coastal Kenya, much of Uganda, South Sudan, and Sudan. On the other hand, parts of northern Somalia, isolated areas over western Ethiopia, and north-western South Sudan are expected to experience drier-than-normal conditions. The climate patterns in the JJAS 2024 period closely resemble those of 1998 and 2010, both of which experienced wetter-than-normal conditions over much of the region.

An early to normal onset is expected in several parts of the region including central and northern Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, and South Sudan. However, a delayed onset is likely in Djibouti, parts of eastern and western Ethiopia, central and western Sudan, and southern South Sudan.

The temperature forecast shows a probability of warmer-than-normal conditions across the region, particularly over northern

Sudan, central and western Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi, and Tanzania.

Dr. Guleid Artan, ICPAC's Director noted that "The Greater Horn of Africa (GHA) stands as a region that is highly susceptible to the adverse impacts of climate change, which pose significant challenges to the resilience of our communities. The forecasted wetter-than-normal conditions for June to September 2024 echo the patterns of 1998 and 2010, highlighting the level of impact especially for South Sudan and Sudan, which may experience impacts of floods."

"As we observe these recurring extreme climate events, it is important to acknowledge the pivotal role played by early warning systems which serve as key instruments of preparedness, guiding us through climate variability. Through our operations, ICPAC continues to provide actionable climate information that is relevant and key for Early Action," he added.

In line with the World

Meteorological Organization's guidelines and recommendations, ICPAC has adopted an objective seasonal forecast method to generate climate forecasts for the Greater Horn of Africa. May 2024 initialized seasonal forecasts from 9 Global Producing Centres (GPCs) were utilised and processed to develop the June - September 2024 seasonal climate outlook. The seasonal forecasts and their hindcast

data were analysed to provide a probabilistic forecast indicating the likelihood of above-normal, normal, or below-normal rainfall.

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Similarly, nationals residing in Khamis Mushait and Alnamas colorfully celebrated the Independence Day anniversary.

Nationals residing in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, celebrated the 33rd Independence Day with patriotic zeal under the theme "Peace Anchored on Resilience" at the Skylight Hotel.

The event was attended by numerous nationals, ambassadors, heads of diplomatic and consular missions, officials and staff of the African Union and Economic Commission for Africa, and members of the diplomatic community.

Speaking at the occasion, Mr. Biniam Berhe, Charge d'Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy and Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the African Union and Economic Commission for Africa, stated that Eritrea's overall development policy remains guided by the principles of self-reliance, avoiding structural dependency, ensuring domestic

ownership of development agendas, promoting popular participation, and providing equitable opportunities for all.

Regarding external relations, Mr. Biniam affirmed Eritrea's commitment to peaceful relations, respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations, mutually beneficial partnerships, and constructive engagement based on mutual respect.

He emphasized Eritrea's firm commitment to promoting peace and cooperation with neighboring countries, across the region, and within the wider global community.

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Biniam commended all individuals and institutions that cooperated in organizing the event, notably the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry, the Skylight Hotel, and all service-providing individuals and institutions. He also congratulated the organizing committee in the Eritrean Embassy for making the event a reality.

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# OPINION

## A Letter from Asmara

In the realm of competing global narratives, some stories remain obscured, hidden beneath layers of misconception and misrepresentation. Among these tales lies the enigma of Eritrea, a nation whose reality often varies dramatically from the perceptions peddled by mainstream Western legacy media. As a Somali journalist, my recent one week trip to Eritrea unveiled to me a world of simple sophistication, resilience, and captivating allure, challenging the boring repetitive narratives and leaving me mesmerized beyond measure.

Tucked in the Horn of Africa, Eritrea stands as a testament

than 22 years old, she effortlessly conversed in four languages, seamlessly transitioning between Tigrinya, Arabic, English, and Italian. Her command over each tongue was not merely a display of linguistic aptitude but a testament to the country's commitment to education and infusion of worldliness to its young population. I wouldn't have known what languages she spoke had she not spoken to me in Tigrinya to which she saw through my initial perplexity. I resorted to my favorite line whenever ethnical ambiguity engulfs my person — "I am Somali." After establishing that, she quipped "Are you the only

among so many people in the streets. I later learned that normally the work day starts early in this part of the world and there is a national cycling culture with bicycles galore. With an intriguing and illustrious cycling heritage, Eritrea has produced many cyclists who dominate on big international racing platforms. Cyclists from Eritrea have participated in and won significant victories from both regional and international cycling races. As a result, Eritrea is widely regarded as Africa's cycling superpower.

It was outside the confines of my hotel room that I continued to truly witness the essence of Eritrea's societal fabric. Each morning, as the sun rose up, I observed groups of young schoolchildren embarking on their daily journey to education. Clad in neatly worn red shirts with black necks and sleeves, black trousers and black boot uniforms they navigated the city's streets on bicycles, sometimes 2 students on a single bicycle on the dedicated bicycle lane along the city's main roads. The sight of these young cyclists traversing the streets of Asmara stood in stark contrast to the narratives often propagated about Eritrea. Far from being a nation of gloom, here was a land brimming with youthful energy and optimism.

Walking around the marketplaces of Asmara, Eritrea with visiting acquaintances was an enriching experience filled with vibrant colours, diverse aromas, and an overwhelming palpable sense of community. The markets boast a large assortment of fresh, locally sourced produce that reflects the rich agricultural strength of the region. From plump tomatoes and crisp greens to sweet fruits and aromatic spices, the bounty of Eritrean soil is on full display. With its farms feeding its population, food sovereignty is a leaf to be borrowed from this wonderful place.

Walk out of the stalls of produce and you will encounter an ingenious local industry which caters to the varied daily needs of Eritrean society. Skilled artisans



craft everything from intricately woven fabrics and traditional handicrafts to essential household items and modern appliances. The ingenuity and craftsmanship evident in these products speak to the resourcefulness of the Eritrean people who have mastered the art of self-reliance.

A striking aspect of the marketplace is the presence of a well-equipped workforce comprising of competently educated, trained, and talented youth who are equally balanced between males and females, in this country you will find a high degree of equitable distribution of both genders in almost every sector of society — a feat achieved by not many societies in the world let alone in the African continent. These young individuals, armed with knowledge and skills acquired through a well catered education and vocational training programs, contribute significantly to the local economy. Whether managing businesses, providing services, or innovating new products, the youth of Asmara exemplify the promise of Eritrea's future which has been well taken of in my estimation.

shared experiences & common values as well as local customs that are uniquely African. I have taken keen interest in the manner the young greet the elderly with such reverence that you wish you were an Eritrean elder. Walking through the marketplaces of Asmara offers a glimpse into the heart and soul of Eritrea the like which you find anywhere, where tradition and modernity harmoniously coexist, and the spirit of community thrives on.

On the 29th and 30th April 2024, I attended a multi-disciplinary conference organized by the Ministry of Justice, I was privileged to witness a profound discussion on integrating Eritrean values into the legal framework. The event, held in Asmara, was a significant stride towards aligning the nation's rich cultural heritage with its legal system. The conference had attracted many scholars, public intellectuals, lawyers and speakers from Africa and beyond.

This dialogue was centered on the essence of Eritrean values that have been the cornerstone of social cohesion and communal activities for centuries. These



to the triumph of sovereignty beyond flag independence in the African continent. Stepping onto its soil, starting at Asmara International Airport, I was immediately struck by the pristine elegance of Asmara, its capital city. The streets, adorned with meticulously manicured lawns, palm trees and with unique colonial-era architecture which was evidently well preserved, the city exuded an air of timeless grace. This was a city that seemed to exist in a realm untouched by the chaos often associated with African capitals; poor urban planning, unmitigated traffic chaos that greets new and old visitors alike.

My sojourn began at Asmara Palace Hotel, where I encountered a young Eritrean lady whose sharp intellect and linguistic prowess left an unforgettable impression on me. At not more

one that looks like us or do all Somalis look like us Eritreans?" without much thought I jokingly replied "No, I think it is you guys who look like us, I was wondering the same thing." She proceeded to tell me tales of how the older generation are fond of how much Somalia and the Somali people lent a helping hand to Eritrea in its long history of the struggle for independence. As one of the first encounters in the country, I was pleased with the young lady's social grace, mannerisms and enjoyed every bit of the small talk which resulted in my finding out she was indeed a competent polyglot!

After a well-deserved rest, I woke up early next day and decided to venture out onto the street at 5:25AM thinking it would be ideal to stroll around before the city woke up, I was surprised to find that I was



As one navigates through the bustling marketplaces, it becomes clear that they are not just places of commerce but also bustling points of social interaction and cultural exchange. Conversations flow freely, laughter fills the air, and bonds are forged over

values, which have guided the nation through its struggle for independence, are now being considered for integration into the legal framework to promote sustainable development.

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# PEACE ANCHORED ON RESILIENCE

## Eritrea Celebrates Its 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

Sona Berhane

On May 24th, Eritrea burst forth in a vibrant symphony of celebrations as it marked 33 years since the hard-won struggle for liberation. Across the country, the day resonated not just with national pride, but with the echoes of a relentless struggle and the unyielding spirit that carried the nation through decade of conflict. It is a day etched in the national consciousness. It's a day to acknowledge the strides Eritrea has made despite the odds that were stacked against it.

The history of Eritrea is one of continuous struggle. For over a century, its rich cultural tapestry and independent identity were overshadowed by colonial occupation. But the Eritrean people refused to be subjugated, and their resistance gave way to a revolution that raged for 30 years. The Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) became a rallying cry, uniting a nation under a single, decisive purpose – freedom.

The road to independence was arduous. It was paved with aggression, war and destruction, a crucible that forged an unbreakable bond between the people and their land. Martyrs' sacrifices became sacred verses whispered in the wind, their memory a constant reminder of the price paid for liberty. Every village, every mountain peak, every inch of its soil, every drop of its waters bears the scars of sacrifice. Yet, from the ashes of conflict would rise a nation resolute and unbowed. Decades of relentless resistance against overwhelming forces culminated in liberation in 1991.



Today, Eritrea stands tall, a testament to the enduring spirit of her people. The scars of struggle are a source of strength, a record of the battles fought and the victories won. As the nation celebrates its 33<sup>rd</sup> Independence Day, the jubilant spirit transcends mere revelry. It's a day to honor the fallen heroes who dreamt of a free Eritrea. It's a reaffirmation of the core values that propelled Eritrea to independence – unity, self-reliance, and an unwavering commitment to national sovereignty.

A kaleidoscope of color and culture, the evenings of the past week in Asmara resonated with a potent mix of pride, joy, harmony and ceremony. Traditional dances erupted in the streets, vibrant costumes reflecting the nation's rich diversity. Downtown Asmara buzzed with carnivals and concerts. The air thrummed with the aroma of celebratory feasts and the sounds of laughter, a shared experience that bound communities together. The streets glowed with smiles of people of all ages. Local celebrations were

organized in all six regions, and accentuated by the ceremonies of the Eritrean diaspora throughout the world. Still, Eritrea's journey

continues. The road ahead is not without its challenges. Nevertheless, the fortitude and perseverance that fueled the liberation struggle remains

undimmed. Eritrea is not defined by its past. We are a nation brimming with potential. As Eritrea marches forward, it carries the lessons learned from its turbulent past, forever cherishing the hard-earned independence that cost so dearly.

On this Independence Day, let us celebrate the spirit of Eritrea, a nation that continues to defy expectations. Let it be a testament to the strength, the dignity, the resolve, and the indomitable will of a people who are committed to build a better future.

As Eritrea steps into its 34th year, the world witnesses a nation determined to chart its own course, a nation where resilience and hope are the cornerstones of its identity.

## A Letter from Asmara

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The Ministry of Justice, ably led by Minister Fozia Hashim a former head of Eritrea's High Court and a legal lighthouse in the modern history of independent Eritrea put together this conference. It was primarily aimed at recognizing the dynamic nature of customary values especially in light of external influences such as colonization and regional geopolitics, to embark on a journey to reform the legal environment to meet contemporary needs. The dialogue served as a platform for sharing experiences and formulating a common understanding of the core national values that will underpin this reform process.

As an attendee, I was struck by the commitment to synchronize a country's legal system with its national values given that most African countries adopted the colonial legal system handed down to us albeit unilaterally. The discussions were not only insightful but also reflective of a collective aspiration to nurture a legal system that embodies the Eritrean spirit. This event was

more than a conference to me; it was a cultural symposium, echoing the organic values of Eritrea.

As I delved deeper into Eritrea's culture and history, I couldn't help but reflect on the stark disparities between perception and reality. In the largely western media, Eritrea is often maligned as a dystopian state, conforming like the vast majority of the African states. Such misrepresentation fails to capture the nuanced complexities of its societal landscape. Yet, my experiences in Eritrea painted a vastly different picture — one of a nation that has defied the odds and carved its own path towards progress and self-determination. Here, genuine independence isn't just a lofty ideal but a lived reality.

In the midst of this transformative journey, I found myself grappling with a profound sense of responsibility as a journalist. It became increasingly evident that my role extended beyond merely recounting anecdotes; it was about challenging stereotypes, and fostering a more nuanced understanding of the world we

inhabit, particularly in a country that is integral to my part of the world — in the Horn of Africa.

As I bid farewell to Eritrea, I couldn't help but feel a sense of urgency to share my revelations with the world. It is time for Africa and us Africans to reclaim its narrative, to defy the confines of preconceived notions and embrace the untold stories that lie waiting to be unearthed. In Eritrea, I found something that I did think I had, a longing for my country to attain the same levels of decisiveness.

To my fellow Africans, I extend an appeal — a call to venture beyond the confines of familiarity and explore the wonders of this remarkable nation. Come, witness firsthand what genuine independence and sovereignty feel like. To African journalists, here lies a story that needs to be told — a story of a nation that should be aimed to be replicated across the continent.

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# Development

## Afabet Subzone: A Model for Development in Education

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Like other subzones, Afabet, the most populated subzone in the Northern Red Sea region, has social services such as education, healthcare, transport, electricity and communication. Education, in particular, stands out as a well-established social service in the subzone.

Prior to Eritrea's independence there were only three elementary schools in the entire subzone. Today, there are 23 preschools and 32 elementary, 16 junior-secondary, and 3 secondary schools. This phenomenal growth from 3 to 74 schools has been made possible by the government's policy of making education accessible to ensure that no one is left behind. The policy puts emphasis on giving equal opportunity to all citizens, especially those who had been disadvantaged. The three high schools, for instance, are strategically located in Afabet town, Qelamet, and Naro to make them accessible to students all over the subzone.

The government's dedication to wiping out illiteracy also shines most brightly in Afabet subzone. In addition to regular schooling for young students, the subzone offers an adult education program. The adult education program is three-pronged: a literacy program and a post-literacy program for adults and a special program targeting the youth.

The literacy and post-literacy programs equip adults with basic reading, writing, and numeracy skills, and they serve as a foundation for further learning, empowering individuals to participate more actively in their communities. And the special program for the youth provides a second chance at education for those who have missed out on the opportunity to go to school in their childhood. It allows them to catch up with their peers and pursue further education or employment opportunities. By investing in education, the government isn't just teaching people to read and write but also unlock a world of opportunities for the participants.

Adult education program is delivered across 27 conveniently

located centers throughout the subzone, ensuring access for all members of the communities. The impressive number of participants speaks volumes about the programs' success. Over 6,000 students are actively engaged in adult education, complementing the 15,970 students enrolled in regular academic programs. The quality of education is reflected in the promotion rates of participants in national exams. Specifically, the number of students who pass in the eighth-grade national exam and the secondary school leaving certificate exam has grown significantly. The eighth-grade national exam is administered to determine who goes to secondary school while the secondary school leaving certificate exam serves as college entrance exam.

Another remarkable achievement lies in women's empowerment. Since 2012, over 95% of the women who attended adult education programs from 2012 to 2024 have joined regular schools and graduated from high school. Many of these women are now working at various offices across the subzone.

Immediately following Eritrea's independence, the primary goal was to rapidly extend access to education for all. Schools were immediately constructed using readily available resources to satisfy the pressing need. However, shortly thereafter, the emphasis shifted away from having makeshift



schools and simple structures to building schools with comfortable learning environment for kids.

Education is free in Eritrea and this ensures the provision of equal opportunity for every child. To make them accessible, schools have been built in all the 16 administrative areas of Afabet subzone. The government, in collaboration with local communities, is actively working to improve and upgrade these schools. Over time, the makeshift facilities have been transformed into permanent structures with proper infrastructure. The schools are now nurturing a generation of well-educated citizens. Many graduate from high school and some go to college and serve the nation in diverse capacities after they graduate from college.

One of the key challenges in education at Afabet subzone has to do with the scattered nature of villages and settlements in certain areas. This is particularly true in places such as Marsa Gulbub administrative area, where the majority of the people are nomads. This obviously makes it difficult to set up schools in permanent locations as the communities move around. However, the Ministry of Education is dealing with the challenge by operating schools that run their programs seasonally that is suitable to the communities' way of living.

There is no question that the government has made significant strides in expanding educational services across Afabet subzone, but the community's engagement should be maintained if the

initiatives are to succeed. It is very important for the communities to appreciate the critical role education plays in shaping a nation's future. The role of parents, in particular, is crucial for the success of the education programs. Parents play a vital role by enrolling their children in schools.

Afabet subzone borders Nakfa subzone to the west, the Red Sea to the east, Qrora to the north, Geleb to the southeast, Habero to the west and Shieb to the southeast. It has the largest population in the Northern Red Sea region and ranks among the most populous subzones in the country. Over 120,000 people live in the subzone that has 16 administrative areas. The thriving population adds to the subzone's vitality and cultural diversity.







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The post is located in the FAO Representation in Asmara, Eritrea

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The Information Resources Assistant provides a large variety of standard support functions that contribute to the smooth and effective running of all Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Information Resources and Records Management functions, within the Office.

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The hiring Office may select a maximum of 6 to 8 key functions relevant to the office needs and the corresponding minimum requirements and technical skills.

Level 1 provides support for received calls from users and solve technical issues if technically able to do so, coordinating responses to/from 2nd level teams and generally managing the users' requests for support in all areas of IT. Examples of activities performed at 1st level are: basic trouble-shooting providing information relating to hardware and software models, and existing policies and procedures, basic account management functions, data transfers, drafting of technical documentation and process flows.

Level 2 support builds on Level 1 activities and provides support for incidents or service requests of moderate complexity such as: recommending acquisition of hardware, software, devices, tools; complex software and hardware troubleshooting; maintaining inventories; desktop and laptop deployment and configuration; simple user account administration; website development and updates; configuration and testing of hardware and software; assistance in testing and evaluation of new products and technologies; information systems monitoring and support; and, maintaining information systems such as databases.

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- Support the operation and use of the office network infrastructure (wired or wireless LANs, routers, firewalls), internet access and network services (file/print services, security, email backups) in accordance with corporate policies established by the IT Division.
- Initiate requests for purchases of hardware and software, according to corporate guidelines and procedures ensuring Regional Office signoff on expenditures and IT Division clearance for non-standard items.
- Monitor the Office's Minimum Security Telecommunications Standard (MISTS) compliance and collaborate with other agencies as required.
- Maintain an inventory of computers, peripherals, software, and MISTS equipment; Monitor the Office's Minimum Security Telecommunications Standards and MISTS equipment; ensure its appropriate maintenance, secure handling and storage, and track loaned equipment.

Information Resources and Records Management:

- Act as focal point on all matters pertaining to the information resources, library and records management and liaise with the Office for Corporate Communication at Headquarters as required.

- Process incoming and outgoing correspondence and documentation both electronic and paper based: send, receive, analyze, classify, route, distribute and file correspondence; check the quality of the processes and ensure that all formal requirements are met in compliance with standard procedures.
- Assess and execute the transfer of semi-active records to central archives according to agreed retention schedules and procedures.
- Perform other duties as required.

Impact of work

The incumbent's work impacts on the timely and efficient delivery of IT and/or information resources and records management support services. Actions reflect on the transparency and accountability of the work unit and on the effectiveness and efficiency of programme delivery.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS - candidates will be assessed against the following

Education: Secondary school education

Experience: Three years of of relevant experience in user support for Microsoft Windows and Office software in a wide area network environment and / or in registry and information resource management (to be adapted to the needs of the hiring office)

Languages: Working knowledge (Level C) of English, French or Spanish

IT Skills: Experience with computer hardware repair and software configuration. Experience with providing IT support in a networked environment; Experience with MS Exchange and MS Outlook. Equipment procurement, and other related administrative functions.

Core Competencies

- Results Focus
- Teamwork
- Communication
- Building Effective Relationships
- Knowledge Sharing and Continuous Improvement

Technical Skills

- Good knowledge of information technology resources and records management, and related standards.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS


- Tact courtesy and ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with people of different national and cultural backgrounds.
- Limited (knowledge (intermediate-level B) of one of the other working languages of the Organization (Arabic, Chinese, French,, Russian or Spanish)

Application should be submitted in the below link.

[https://jobs.fao.org/careersection/fao\\_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=2401673&tz=GMT%2B03%3A00&tzname=Africa%2FAsmera](https://jobs.fao.org/careersection/fao_external/jobdetail.ftl?job=2401673&tz=GMT%2B03%3A00&tzname=Africa%2FAsmera)

Please note that all candidates should adhere to FAO Values of Commitment to FAO, Respect for All and Integrity and Transparency.

FAO IS A NON-SMOKING ENVIRONMENT



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# VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

**Position: Auto Electrian**  
**Department: Mining**  
**Section: Asheli Underground**  
**Number required: One (01)**

**Primary Purpose**

- To attend to all electrical related issues on underground mining equipment.
- Diagnose and replace faulty electrical and electronic systems, units and components of machinery and equipment.
- Inspect electrical systems, equipment, and components to identify hazards, defects and the need for adjustment or repair, and to ensure compliance with codes.

**Main Functions**

- Equipment availability
- Reports
- Injury prevention to self/others and safeguard company property
- Preventive Maintenance
- Health, Safety and Environment
- Additional Duties:-
- To perform other related work as assigned by supervisor.
- To be available 24/7.
- Unique requirements/Other information:-
- The candidate must be Physically and Medically fit.
- Effective team member
- Adhering to all other assignemnts that are given that are lawful and fair

<b>Qualifications:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Auto Electrical trade certificate or equivalent</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grade 12 Certificate</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Craft certificate in Auto / Power Electrical or equivalent</li></ul>
<b>Knowledge and Experience:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimum of 5 years of experience in mining maintenance field, including 3 years of experience on underground equipment such as drill rigs, loaders, dump trucks, and other supporting machinery.</li><li>Ability to distinguish colors used in colour-coding harness and electronic components.</li><li>Ability to identify electrical problems and apply diagnostic methods to achieve satisfactory results.</li><li>Proven ability to read and interpret standard electrical blueprints, schematics, technical drawings, parts books, and service manuals (including specifications).</li><li>Ability to identify, organize and use resources effectively to complete tasks with due regard to cost, quality, safety, and environmental impact. Possess a valid Driver’s License with good defensive driving skills</li></ul>
<b>Technical Skills:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ability to assess risk and diagnostically gather information.</li><li>Attention to detail and planning skills. Results orientated. Good written &amp; oral Communication skill in English</li></ul>
<b>Behavioral Skills:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accept responsibility for work of self and others.</li><li>Work reliably and effectively without close supervision, to the appropriate codes of practice</li><li>Extensive knowledge of site safety, health and environmental regulations pertaining to electrical maintenance in a mining environment</li></ul>

**General Information and other requirements:**

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

**Additional requirements for Nationals:**

- Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligation and provide evidence of release paper from the Ministry of Defense.
- Present clearance paper from current/last employer.
- Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, a copy of your National Identity Card etc.).
- Only shortlisted applicants 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 is hereby given to the public that “GOTES” Private Limited Company has been formed between the following members.

A) Members

	Name	Address	Shares	Value in Nakfa
1	Goitom Asfaha Hagos	Asmara	240	240,000.00
2	Tesfalem Asfaha Hagos	Asmara	160	160,000.00
	Total		400	400,000.00

B) All shareholders are Eritrean.

C) Head office of the Company shall be in Asmara and branch offices may be opened within or outside Eritrea.

D) The capital of the Company is 400,000.00 (Four hundred thousand) Nakfa divided in to 400 shares at par value of 1,000 each fully subscribed and paid up in cash.

E) Business purposes of the company

- To engage in import and export activities.
- To engage in manufacturing activities.
- To engage in Customs Clearing and Forwarding Agents activities.
- To engage in Travel and tour agents activities.
- To engage in transport activities.
- To engage in computer and related activities.
- To engage in consulting activities.
- To engage in as commission agents, representative of manufacturers and traders, wholesale and retails activities.

F) Ato Goitom Asfaha is appointed to be the Manager of the Company.

G) The Company is formed for unlimited period of time.

**GOTES Private Limited Company.**





Q and A

# Peace Anchored on Resilience

Sabrina Solomon

Lidia Nir'ayo, Age, 42

*Tell us how you're celebrating May 24.*

May is a month that made a huge impact on Eritrean people. Our Independence has allowed us to build a strong and self-made independent society. To celebrate

occasion very exciting. The carnival on the streets of Asmara is something my children long for every year. It leaves a lasting impression on them.

*What do your kids take from such events?*

First and foremost, it's an opportunity for them to learn about and grow fond of where they come from and where they should be heading. Any misinformation that

are still out there protecting and guiding this land.

Michael Stifanos, Age, 31

*What's been May like for you so far?*

It's amazing. We grew up looking forward to this special month of the year, one of the greatest national holidays in our country. The positivity and unity are shining

*May is a month of the year that is exceptional in Eritrea. On this month, Eritreans celebrate Independence Day and reflect on the long history of the struggle to earn it. As always, Eritreans at home and abroad have been celebrating the 33rd anniversary of Eritrea's Independence with great fanfare under the theme, "Peace Anchored on Resilience." Following is a summary of a conversation we had with people who shared the way they celebrate and honor Independence Day.*

*What grabbed your attention the most during the festival?*

A lot of things have caught my attention but there's one thing that touched my heart. I saw people expressing their appreciation to the security guards and soldiers who have been protecting the peace and security of the city whose streets were, in the evenings, filled with

crowds celebrating Independence Day. I have seen people sharing snacks and soft drinks with the guards. It's extraordinary scene to see the hand in hand work of the people and the security on the streets.

I would love to congratulate everyone on this special month and express my gratitude for being able to enjoy a peaceful ceremony in an independent country. Thank you!



Independence Day we had a social gathering with our neighbors. We all put on outfits on which our national flag is displayed. This gathering allowed us to come together and send out our respect and love to the heroes who sacrificed their lives so that we would have a peaceful and united nation and nationals.

*Are your kids enjoying the atmosphere of this month?*

My kids definitely love the atmosphere of this national holiday that allows them to know more about their long and amazing history. I took my kids downtown for a walk and I was excited to see the effect that it had on them. The programs on the national television and the live shows on the streets have made the

they see on social media is wiped out of their minds, leaving room for the true history and identity of their nation and people. Stage performances such as plays and songs help them connect with the older generation who had to make sacrifices for their country. It's interesting to watch kids asking questions about the emblem of our country, the national flag, and what happened during the armed struggle. And the good thing is that the answers to their questions are often out on the streets. I love what May brings to the people. It's a proud moment that reminds us about what we've been through and what we've paid to get what was supposed to be ours from the beginning. I'm grateful to everyone who works hard to make this month special and to those who

even more brightly this year, giving people the chance to learn and appreciate the culture and history. It's an exquisite feeling to see Eritreans from across the globe come back to their homeland and celebrate this month of victory along with their family members and friends. I love that this is a month of appreciation and honor. It has been so great so far for me.

*What message would you like to put across on this occasion?*

I just want to send out my love to all Eritreans who have gotten a chance to see an independent nation with continuous growth and prosperity. This month reflects everything about us that makes us uniquely united and strong. Creating a resilient and self-sufficient nation isn't as easy as what this nation and its people have made it seem. Our ancestors never seized to fight for their motherland, and we are always ready to protect it. I'm sure that the future is about huge developments on different sectors and prosperity. What makes us Eritreans is our unity and our efforts to maintain it. I'd like to express my gratitude to those who are still out there protecting us all. Happy Independence Day!

Yoel Asmerom, Age, 25

## NATIONALS CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY



Nationals in the UK, the US and Egypt have enthusiastically celebrated the 33rd Independence Day anniversary under the theme "Peace Anchored on Resilience".

Nationals in the UK cities of London, Birmingham, Manchester, New Castel, Coventry, Nottingham Leister-city, Cardiff, Middlesboro, Liverpool, and Leads enthusiastically celebrated the Independence Day anniversary featuring various cultural and artistic programs.

Mr. Saleh Abdella, Charge d'Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy, highlighted the uniqueness of the occasion in terms of the new stage emerging and called for reinforced participation in national affairs.

Mr. Peter Ford, former UK Ambassador to Bahrain and Syria, remarked on the strong honor the Eritrean people have towards their independence, attributing it to the heavy sacrifices made, and wished peace, stability, and development

for the people and Government of Eritrea.

Similarly, nationals in US cities including Denver, Las Vegas, and Cincinnati colorfully celebrated the anniversary with programs that depicted the deep meaning of the day to the Eritrean people. The events were well attended by nationals and invited guests.

The Eritrean community in Cairo, Egypt, also celebrated the 33rd Independence Day anniversary with patriotic zeal. The event was highlighted by performances from the Red Sea cultural troupe and other cultural and artistic programs.

Mr. Habib Mohammed-Osman, Charge d'Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy, noted that the people of Eritrea have embarked on a promising new stage by resisting and foiling successive external hostilities and open aggression. He also called for strengthening organizational capacity and participation in national affairs.

