

ANNUAL ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT MEETING OF NUEW UK BRANCH



The UK branch of the National Union of Eritrean Women held its annual activity assessment meeting on 10 October in London.

At the meeting, in which 130 representatives of the union's sub-branches took part, Mr. Saleh Abdella, Chargé d'Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy in the UK and Ireland, noted that awareness and organization are the strongest instruments and called for reinforced efforts in this regard.

Mr. Tewolde Yohannes, Head of Public and Community Affairs, provided an extensive briefing on the objective situation in the homeland, as well as regional and global developments, in relation to current

programs and priorities. He also called for the preparation of practical future programs.

According to the report presented by Ms. Senait Haile, chairperson of the UK union branch, encouraging activities were carried out in 2026, including enhancing the awareness of members in general and heads of branches and sub-branches in particular; expanding and strengthening the union and recruiting young women; strengthening public diplomacy activities; contributing to the successful implementation of the Mendefera Training Center Project; and implementing community and national programs.

The participants held extensive

discussions on the reports presented and on future programs.

At the meeting, heads and representatives of the national committee, organizations, and associations delivered messages of support for the activities of the National Union of Eritrean Women's UK branch.

SEMINAR ON WORKPLACE SAFETY IN SOUTHERN RED SEA REGION

The National Confederation of Eritrean Workers branch in the Southern Red Sea Region, in collaboration with the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare branch, conducted a seminar on workplace safety for workers of the Marine Products Corporation of Eritrea in the port city of Assab on 8 October.

The experts who conducted the seminar provided briefings on workplace safety and health, occupational safety concepts, and labor management.

Mr. Husein Khalid, head of the National Confederation of Eritrean Workers in the region, gave a detailed briefing on the rights and obligations of employers and workers in ensuring occupational safety and health. He also said that the objective of the seminar was to enhance employers' understanding of labor administration and promote development through the formulation of workplace safety and health policies.

Mr. Ali Isa, manager of the Assab branch of the Marine Products Corporation of Eritrea, commended the efforts of the National Confederation of Eritrean Workers and its partners. He called for the continuation of the program, noting its importance to employers and workers.

ERITREA: FOREIGN MINISTER OSMAN SALEH SENDS LETTER TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL



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Excellency,

In its communications to the UN Security Council yesterday, 9 October 2026, Ethiopia's Foreign Ministry has formally informed the UN Security Council that it is "taking measures" to implement the war of aggression that it has declared against Eritrea for three-years now.

Ethiopia's deceitful attempts to rationalize its brazen acts of war against a sovereign UN member State in "self-defense" terms is hollow in substance and constitutes an insult to the intelligence of the international community.

As it will be recalled, Eritrea had repeatedly brought to the attention of the international community, Ethiopia's dogged pursuit of an unprovoked agenda of war against Eritrea to forcefully acquire "sovereign access to the sea" in flagrant breach of Eritrea's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

In this respect, the litany of Ethiopia's unlawful threats and war plans against Eritrea, which violate foundational principles and pillars of the UN Charter, and that even denigrate and deny Eritrea's inviolable sovereignty as well as hard-won independence, are on public record.

Ethiopia's provocative acts of war and regional destabilization had in fact elicited the UNSG and many UN member States to issue coordinated Statements on the 25th Anniversary of the Algiers Agreement in December last year that underlined the urgency and imperative of respecting Eritrea's sovereignty and territorial integrity. But Ethiopia did not only fail to heed these warning; it has gone further to incorporate and operationalize its long-planned invasion of Eritrea as part and parcel of the huge offensive it has unleashed in northern Ethiopia.

Indeed, Ethiopia's Deputy Chief of Staff, General Abebaw Tadesse, bluntly stated on 27 September last month that the "ultimate objective of the war was to invade Assab, that Mekelle, the capital city of the Tigray Administrative Region, was a mere stop-over towards the invasion of Eritrea".

In the event, Eritrea requests the UN Security Council to forcefully condemn Ethiopia's deplorable declaration of war against Eritrea, which will incultate huge devastation to the peoples of both countries and destabilize the whole region, and take the requisite deterrent measures against it in accordance with Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

Osman Saleh
Minister of Foreign Affairs
The State of Eritrea

H.E. Ambassador Aglaia Balta
Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations
New York

ENCOURAGEMENT OF OUTSTANDING STUDENTS IN THE CENTRAL REGION



Freselam and Bahti Meskerem schools in the Central Region have encouraged outstanding students who scored high marks in the eighth-grade national examination for the 2025/2026 academic year.

Accordingly, Freselam Elementary and Junior School in Gejeret sub-zone recognized 77 outstanding students, including 50 female students, who scored 90 points or above. The school also recognized nine exemplary teachers.

Noting that 98.4% of the students who sat for the national examination obtained passing marks, Mr. Tedros

Tekle, chairman of the parents' committee, said that the number of students who obtained passing marks had increased by over 3% compared with last year.

Likewise, Bahti Meskerem Junior School in Edaga-Hamus sub-zone recognized 52 outstanding students, including 31 female students. A special award was also presented to a female student who scored 99.6 points in the national examination.

Ms. Saliha Mohammed, administrator of the sub-zone, called on the award-winning students to work hard and excel in their high school education.

Development

Eritrea's Submission to the UNSC

Information Note Regarding Eritrea-Ethiopia Relations

Over the past three years, the Government of Ethiopia has sustained and progressively intensified its unprovoked war agenda against Eritrea under the rubric of acquiring "Sovereign access to the sea, through negotiations if possible and force if necessary", in violation of the UN Charter and the 2018 Peace and Friendship Agreement between the two countries. Ethiopia's acts of aggression and destabilization include the pronounced establishment of a Naval Force with jurisdiction over and strategic depth in Eritrea's southern coastal region.

Taken together, these developments are tantamount to, and constitute, a brazen violation of Eritrea's sovereignty and territorial integrity, in breach of the prohibition of the threat or use of force under Article 2(4) of the Charter of the United Nations.

Ethiopia's Red Sea Access Campaign: Background and Recent Developments

The principal developments include:

- In July 2023, PM Abiy Ahmed delivered a closed-door briefing to federal lawmakers and military officials - subsequently broadcasted to the public -

explicitly claiming an "inherent right" to the Red Sea, framing it as an existential imperative that would inevitably lead to military conflict if ignored.

- This expansionist claim was amplified by the President of the Oromia region (October 7, 2023) and senior ambassadors, who provocatively declared that traditional Oromo celebrations (*Irrecha*) would be held along the Red Sea coast, while military generals publicly displayed maps incorporating Eritrea's southern coastline.

- On October 13, 2023, PM Abiy publicly declared an ambition to secure "sovereign access to the sea by any means necessary," stating Ethiopia would not remain a "prisoner of geography."

- In subsequent briefings to the House of the People's Representatives on February 2, 2026, Abiy drew direct inspiration from Israel's illegal annexation of the Golan Heights, signaling a clear intent to annex the sovereign Eritrean Port of Assab by force.

- During the 38th AU Summit in Addis Ababa, held on February 15, 2025 (during an executive council session), an official map incorporating sovereign Eritrean and Somali territories - including the Port of Assab - was displayed directly behind the Ethiopian President breaching continental and international law.

- On September 2, 2025, Major General Teshome Gemechu, Head of Foreign Relations Department of the Ethiopian National Defense Forces stated, "the Red Sea belongs to Ethiopia. We will take it back at any cost! Assab is Ethiopia's Red Sea province."

- In an absolute violation of international law, on October 28, 2025, the Prime Minister further publicly bragged that he "has found no document that asserts Eritrea's independence," while PP state media channels actively called on citizens to mobilize and "withdraw" recognition of Eritrea's 1993 sovereignty, labeling it a "historical mistake."

- On November 3, 2025,

Ethiopia's former Ambassador to Kenya, Retired General Bacha Debele, explicitly stated in a public interview that the Port of Assab is an "Ethiopian asset" and alluded to operational strategies to seize it using military force.

- On February 22, 2026, during a Special Forces graduation in Awassa, PM Abiy defined the military's mission as "ensuring and maintaining the security of the Red Sea from the edge of Somalia to the Port of Massawa."

- On September 21, 2026, Ambassador Dina Mufti, a member of the Federal Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, reiterated that Ethiopia's quest for sovereign sea access is non-negotiable and aggressively demanded international pressure against Eritrea.

- On 27 September last month, the Ethiopian Army's Deputy Chief of Staff, General Abebaw Tadesse, openly declared that "the offensive launched in Tigray will not stop there". He went on to state: "Mekelle is a mere stop-over, our ultimate destination is Assab; our main objective is to install our flag in the Red Sea".

- On October 12, 2026, Lencho Bati, Director General of Ethiopia's Diaspora Service, ranted "the Ethiopian military that suffered in the deserts of Tigray, will not stop before taking off its shoes by the Red Sea and wash its feet on Eritrean Red Sea waters."

- As recent as October 11, 2026 - the Ethiopian Air Force Commander General Yilma Merdasa stated that their main goal is the recovery of sea access, particularly through the Eritrean port of Assab.

The Pretoria Agreement and Ethiopia's Internal Political and Security Challenges

Eritrea's position is that the Pretoria Agreement of 2 November 2022 is an internal Ethiopian agreement between the Federal Government of Ethiopia and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF). Eritrea is not a party to the Agreement and has no role in its implementation.

Allegations of Support for Armed Groups Targeting Eritrea

The Government of Eritrea

further raises concerns that Ethiopian territory has been used to host anti-Eritrea armed groups. In this context, Eritrea draws attention to the Red Sea Afar Democratic Organization (RSADO), which is profiled by the Terrorism Research &

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From Social Media



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In his address to the House of Peoples Representatives on 28 October 2025, the PP's leader proclaimed: "We did not start building our Navy five years ago (in 2020) to make it float in a small pool of water".

Inflammatory declaration of war in what they have termed as "projection of naval power with jurisdiction in Eritrea's southern coastal zone".

This wicked war agenda was conceived against the backdrop, and in the immediate aftermath, of the 2018 historic Agreement of Peace and Friendship between the two countries..

Smoking gun that illustrates, beyond any shred of doubt, that the war agenda was long planned by the Potemkin Party whose hallmark remains trite Machiavellian and backstabbing political traits.



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Urgent !

We are on the verge of restoring our sovereignty over our maritime gateway.

General Yilma Merdasa

The commander of the Ethiopian Air Force, General Yilma Merdasa, said: "The day is approaching when Ethiopia will demonstrate its sovereignty and open its maritime gateway that has remained unjustly closed for many long years."

And he officially announced: "Our country, which faces a challenge

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SpotLight

A longstanding Commitment to the Empowerment of Eritrean Women

Bana Negusse

Women's empowerment is essential to building an equitable, resilient, and prosperous society. In Eritrea, the advancement of women is deeply connected to the country's struggle for independence and its subsequent efforts toward national development. At the forefront of this journey has been the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW), an organization that has worked for decades to expand women's opportunities, promote gender equality, and strengthen their participation in public life. From the battlefields of the liberation struggle to today's classrooms, workplaces, and communities, the NUEW has played an important role in advancing women's rights and shaping Eritrea's social, economic, and political landscape.

Established in 1979 with the support of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), the NUEW emerged during a decisive period in Eritrea's history. Its establishment reflected the recognition that women's participation was indispensable to the liberation struggle and that national emancipation needed to be accompanied by social transformation. Beyond mobilizing women for independence, the organization helped raise awareness of gender equality and challenged traditional attitudes that restricted women's roles and opportunities.

Eritrean women made remarkable contributions to the struggle for independence, serving in combat and assuming responsibilities in leadership, intelligence, logistics, education, and healthcare. Women constituted nearly one-third of the combatants, demonstrating exceptional courage and determination under difficult conditions. Their participation challenged entrenched social perceptions and established a powerful precedent for women's involvement in national affairs.

Importantly, the experience of the liberation struggle helped transform attitudes toward women's capabilities and responsibilities. Women demonstrated that they could contribute equally to the pursuit of national objectives, while the NUEW helped strengthen awareness of their rights and potential. This legacy continues to inform the organization's mission and its commitment to ensuring that women are active participants in Eritrea's development.

Following independence, the NUEW transitioned into an autonomous, non-governmental organization focused on improving the status of women and girls. Its priorities expanded to include education, economic empowerment, legal awareness, healthcare, and participation in decision-making. The central objective has remained consistent: enabling

Middle East, and Australia. These international networks help maintain connections among Eritrean women, facilitate the exchange of experiences, and support initiatives in Eritrea through fundraising, training, awareness campaigns, and other forms of cooperation. This international engagement reflects the shared commitment of Eritrean women at home and

employment. In collaboration with the Ministry of Education, it has also supported efforts to increase girls' school enrolment and reduce illiteracy.

Legal awareness is another important component of its work. Through legal counselling services, the Union has helped women understand their rights and

to protect girls' health, promote informed decision-making, and encourage social attitudes that respect women's dignity and rights.

Economic empowerment has remained equally important. Through microcredit programs, entrepreneurship training, and small-scale financial assistance, the organization has sought to help women establish income-generating activities and strengthen their financial independence. Access to finance and business skills can improve household livelihoods while enabling women to participate more actively in the economy.

Together, these initiatives reflect the interconnected nature of empowerment. Education strengthens knowledge and skills; legal awareness helps women understand their rights; healthcare supports well-being; and economic opportunities expand independence and participation.

Eritrea has recorded advances in several areas associated with women's well-being and participation. Figures cited by national and international organizations indicate progress in financial inclusion, business activity, education, and representation. For example, life expectancy has risen from fewer than 50 years in 1991 to approximately 72 years. Women's participation in the national microcredit and savings scheme has also increased significantly. According to national estimates, women account for approximately 56 percent of beneficiaries, compared with around 16 percent in 1995.

Women have also established a substantial presence in business and professional life. Available national figures indicate that they hold approximately 48 percent of business licences nationwide, constitute around 51 percent of the formal labour force, and occupy roughly 46 percent of managerial positions. Meanwhile, in terms of political representation, women account for approximately 22 percent of members of the National Assembly and 29 percent of members of the Regional Assemblies. These figures demonstrate women's participation in public institutions while also highlighting the importance of continued efforts to expand their representation in leadership and decision-making.



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Eritrean women, regardless of their background or place of residence, to exercise their rights and contribute meaningfully to society.

Over the decades, the NUEW has broadened its membership and activities, establishing a presence in communities throughout Eritrea. Through its grassroots networks, the organization has worked to reach women in towns, villages, and remote areas, promoting awareness and encouraging participation in development initiatives. Its activities also extend beyond national borders through branches and chapters in Africa, Europe, North America, the

abroad to advancing equality and supporting national development. By connecting communities across geographical boundaries, the NUEW has sustained a broad network of participation and solidarity.

The NUEW's work has focused on practical measures to improve women's opportunities and address barriers to their advancement. Education and skills development have been central to these efforts. Through vocational and professional training initiatives, the organization has sought to strengthen women's capabilities and improve their prospects for employment and self-

address issues relating to divorce, alimony, paternity, inheritance, and land ownership. These services provide valuable information to women navigating legal and social challenges, while wider awareness initiatives seek to counter discrimination and promote equal treatment.

The NUEW has also contributed to efforts to improve women's health and well-being. Awareness campaigns have addressed women's health concerns and harmful traditional practices, including female genital mutilation and child marriage. Such initiatives seek

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Development

From a Small Plot to Abundant Harvest and National Recognition: The Inspiring Journey of Mr. Shishay Sium

Habtom Tesfamichael

In the heart of Adi Wegera, near Adi-Keyh, Mr. Shishay Sium has quietly built one of the region's most compelling success stories in irrigation agriculture. What began as a small-scale effort more than twenty years ago has grown into a thriving, diversified farming enterprise that supports his family, bolsters local food security, stabilizes market prices, and inspires neighboring farmers. Today, Mr. Shishay stands as a nationally recognized model farmer—proof that dedication, continuous learning, and strategic management can transform limited resources into lasting prosperity.

Mr. Shishay's path into full-time farming was neither conventional nor straightforward. While still a college student, he won the bid for a small garden plot at a public auction. Faced with a choice between continuing his academic studies and pursuing practical work on the land, he chose the soil.

"I started this work on a small scale," he recalls. "When I obtained good yields, I felt encouraged to continue. I left my studies and committed myself entirely to the garden."

At the time, his family owned a single motor pump, which eased the early demands of irrigation and allowed him to launch without major capital outlay. That modest start became the foundation of everything that followed.

Scaling Up and Specializing in Seed Potatoes

Over the years, the enterprise expanded steadily. Reinvesting his earnings, Mr. Shishay acquired four additional motor pumps to power an expanded irrigation system. Today, he cultivates approximately three hectares of rented land, producing a variety of vegetables including green peppers, cauliflower, lettuce, and cabbage.

Potatoes, however, remain the



Mr. Shishay

cornerstone of his operation. In 2016, he made a strategic shift toward producing improved seed potatoes. The results were dramatic: during the 2016–2017 season, he planted 13 quintals of seed and harvested an astonishing 265 quintals. This



exceptional performance earned him formal recognition as a national model farmer. Under his meticulous care, one quintal of seed potatoes routinely yields between 20 and 22 quintals—a return that reflects both technical mastery and disciplined execution.

Soil Health, Rotation, and Strategic Inputs

Mr. Shishay places intense focus on soil health. Because his land is predominantly clay, it requires heavy applications of natural organic fertilizer to improve structure and aeration.

His crop management is equally disciplined:

- **Triple Cropping:** He cultivates each plot three times a year.

- **Thorough Tillage:** Plots prepared for potatoes are ploughed three times to create an optimal seedbed and reduce pest and disease pressure.

- **Institutional Support:** Technical advice and inputs from the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) play a critical role. To safeguard his disease-sensitive potato crops, he routinely applies Ridomil.

Through a mutually beneficial partnership, the Ministry purchases his high-quality seed potatoes and supplies him with clean foundation seed for the next season.

Unlike many regions where water limits production, Adi Wegera enjoys a reliable water supply. Mr. Shishay speaks with deep appreciation of the government's ongoing dam construction efforts across drier areas: "We farmers are deeply grateful. In our locality, we face no shortage of water."

Operations and the Philosophy of Continuous Care

The local climate offers favorable conditions for year-round production, featuring a distinct cool season from December through January. Farm operations seamlessly combine traditional and modern methods: heavy summer land preparation is carried out by tractor, while oxen handle tillage during other seasons. Daily labor is shared between Mr. Shishay's children and hired local workers, providing dependable employment in the village.

Beyond technical skill, what truly sets Mr. Shishay apart is his philosophy of constant vigilance.

"It is not simply a matter of how you dig the garden, but how you tend it," he explains. "Many farmers work diligently at first, then neglect the field for even a week. The

crops become diseased, the water dries, and problems multiply. If you regularly ask yourself whether the garden is being properly cared for, you will notice everything that needs attention."

Treating every plant with the attentiveness one would give a child, he maintains that daily presence and observation are the true secrets to high yield.

Community Impact and Future Horizons

Mr. Shishay's impact extends far beyond his own field borders. He generously shares both his technical knowledge and high-yield seed potatoes with neighboring farmers, elevating standards across the surrounding community.

Looking ahead, Mr. Shishay has clear ambitions to lower overhead

and diversify operations:

1. **Solar Conversion:** Transitioning his four motor pumps to solar energy to cut fuel costs and boost net profit margins.

2. **Dairy Livestock:** Expanding into dairy cattle breeding to strengthen his household's economic resilience.

To local farmers and the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Shishay Sium represents the transformative power of practical expertise, institutional partnership, and unyielding discipline. On three hectares of rented land, he has demonstrated that careful stewardship can uplift an entire community—serving as a powerful reminder that the future of Eritrean agriculture belongs to those who pursue excellence.

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practices and improve awareness of women's rights and health.

The progress reflected in these indicators is associated with broader national development efforts, including initiatives to improve access to education, healthcare, financial services, and employment. The NUEW has contributed through advocacy, awareness-raising, capacity-building, and programs intended to connect women with opportunities and support.

Education remains one of the clearest indicators of progress toward gender equality. National figures cited in previous reports indicate that literacy among young women exceeds 93 percent, with the difference between female and male youth literacy estimated at approximately one percentage point. Gender parity has reportedly been achieved in middle-level education and is approaching completion at pre-primary and secondary levels. Enrolment in tertiary education has also moved closer to parity. These developments represent an important shift from earlier decades, when girls faced greater barriers to educational access.

Of note, progress in healthcare and social welfare has also contributed to improving women's well-being. Government initiatives to expand access to essential services, together with the work of organizations such as the NUEW, have supported efforts to address harmful traditional

Women's access to land and financial services is another important dimension of empowerment. Equal legal rights to land, when effectively implemented, can strengthen women's economic security and productive capacity. Similarly, access to credit and savings facilities can help women develop businesses, meet household needs, and pursue greater financial independence.

Of course, the improvements highlighted above do not automatically eliminate all obstacles. Social expectations, unequal access to resources, and differences in opportunities among communities can continue to affect women's experiences. Sustained education, effective implementation of rights, and accessible support services remain important to consolidating progress.

Overall, the story of the NUEW is inseparable from the story of Eritrean women: their courage during the struggle for independence, their contributions to nation-building, and their continuing efforts to advance dignity, opportunity, and equality. Through its longstanding commitment to education, advocacy, and empowerment, the Union remains an important part of Eritrea's ongoing journey toward a society in which women's rights are respected, their capabilities recognized, and their contributions fully valued.



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Analysis Consortium (TRAC) and has been associated in open-source reporting with armed activity directed against the Eritrean Government. Moreover, Ethiopia continues to publicly harbor various 'color-revolution' fringe groups, whose terrorist nature was confirmed by Germany's Federal Public Prosecutor's Office. Eritrea further maintains that other anti-Eritrean groups have also operated from Ethiopian territory and have received all kinds military and logistical support.

Deterioration of Eritrea-Ethiopia Diplomatic Relations

The deterioration of diplomatic relations between Eritrea and Ethiopia must be considered against the broader backdrop of escalating rhetoric on Red Sea access and growing bilateral tensions. From Eritrea's

perspective, the diplomatic rupture was preceded by developments suggesting a progressive weakening of normal bilateral communication.

The following sequence of events warrants clarification and scrutiny:

- **Since May 2026:** The Ethiopian Embassy in Asmara ceased responding to official communications and substantially curtailed engagement with Eritrea's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, impeding established diplomatic channels.

- **8 August 2026:** The Ethiopian government effectively abandoned its Embassy in Asmara at 5:00 PM, when the remaining four Ethiopian diplomatic staff members quietly left Eritrea via Tarco Airways. They intentionally failed to notify the Eritrean Ministry of Foreign Affairs, violating the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. The

circumstances of their departure would merit clarification considering the normal requirements of diplomatic practice and communication between receiving and sending States.

- **1 October 2026:** the Ethiopian government following its announcement to close its Embassy in Asmara on October 1, 2026, expelled all ten Eritrean diplomats, including the Chargé d'affaires of the Embassy accredited as Permanent Representative to AU and UNECA as well as all three diplomats covering the African Union (AU) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). This act flagrantly violates the 2000 AU constitutive Act, the 1965 General Convention on the Immunities and Privileges of the OAU, the 2008 AU-Ethiopia Headquarters Agreements, and the 1958 UNECA-Ethiopia Headquarters Agreement.

As it happens, what Ethiopia initiated against Eritrea is not an isolated incident; it has since solidified into a dangerous pattern of regional destabilization and expansionism across the Horn of Africa, as demonstrated by the following actions:

- Ethiopia continues to provide military and logistical support to the *Rapid Support Forces (RSF)* through a secret military base in the Benishangul-Gumuz region, serving as an active conduit for weapons, drones, and mercenaries that have worsened the catastrophic civil war in Sudan.

- The Ethiopian government has been involved in a massive shopping spree of weapons sponsored by destabilizing external actors.

To the Security Council

As explicitly stated in statement

to the UNSC on 9 October last week, Eritrea calls on the UN Security Council to condemn Ethiopia's deplorable declaration of war against Eritrea, which will inculcate huge devastation to the peoples of both countries and destabilize the whole region, and take the requisite deterrent measures against it in accordance with Chapter VII of the UN Charter.

Eritrea calls on the Security Council to urge Ethiopia to respect Eritrea's sovereignty and territorial integrity and to refrain from actions and rhetoric aimed at undermining Eritrea's independence and territorial integrity.

Conclusion

There is no good faith dispute between Eritrea and Ethiopia. The tensions stems from and is fully predicated on Ethiopia's unprovoked and declared policy of aggression against Eritrea.

LOCAL NEWS

TRAINING ON INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND ADMINISTRATION

The Ministry of Education branch in Senafe sub-zone provided training on information systems and administration aimed at enhancing staff capacity to ensure effective educational administration.

The training, provided to school directors, supervisors, and pre-school teachers, covered information systems for school administration, school documentation, information systems for assessing school conditions, measures of educational capacity, as well as internal educational systems and reporting.

The training also aimed to modernize information systems



and school administration.

Indicating that the Ministry of Education is working diligently to develop information systems and school administration, Mr. Umeredin Mohammed, head of

the education office in the sub-zone, said that the main objective of the training was to address administrative gaps between schools. He also called on the trainees to apply the knowledge they gained in their workplaces.

Noting that the training will contribute significantly to the development of information systems and school administration, the participants called for similar training programs to be organized.

Senafe sub-zone has 60 educational facilities, ranging from kindergartens to high schools, currently providing active educational services.



CALL FOR PRESERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE EMBEDDED IN RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS

Mr. Awet Hadera, head of culture and sports in Areza sub-zone, called for the preservation of cultural heritage embedded in religious festivals.

Mr. Awet made the call at the annual celebration of Endabaytais Monastery in Areza sub-zone on 9 October.

Noting that the religious celebration is observed by residents of the four villages of Deki-Yitais, namely Tsaeda-Adi, Laelai Adi, Mahquq, and Arawuti, Mr. Awet called for preserving the celebration's original character and passing it on to future generations.

Underlining that religious celebrations reflect national culture and identity, Mr. Awet called on the public and concerned institutions to strengthen their participation in efforts to research and document cultural heritage.

The experts present at the event expressed their readiness to play their part in the research and documentation process.

Endabaytais Monastery, located in the Arawuti administrative area of Areza sub-zone, encompasses 14 villages and is situated 15 km south of Areza semi-urban center.





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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

- Asmara Mining Share Company is inviting applicants for the following position.
- QA/QC Officer
- Number required – (01)
- Type of contract – Definite (2 years)
- Major Duties and responsibilities
- The QA/QC Officer is responsible for implementing and maintaining quality assurance and quality control processes to ensure that all project activities, materials, workmanship, and deliverables comply with company standards, client specifications, contractual requirements, and applicable industry regulations.

- Duties / Functions
- Implement and maintain project Quality Management Systems (QMS).
- Conduct inspections and verify compliance with specifications and standards.
- Review Inspection and Test Plans (ITPs), method statements, and quality procedures.
- Monitor contractor and subcontractor quality performance.
- Raise and track Non-Conformance Reports (NCRs) and corrective actions.
- Maintain quality records, reports, and documentation.
- Support internal and external audits.
- Participate in testing, commissioning, and project handover activities.
- Prepare daily, weekly, and monthly QA/QC reports.
- Promote continuous improvement and quality awareness.
- Inspection and testing procedures
- Engineering drawings and specifications interpretation
- Document control and quality reporting
- Microsoft Office proficiency
- Profile: Qualifications and Experience

Formal Education, Certifications or Equivalents	• Bachelor’s degree in engineering, Construction Management, Quality Management, or related discipline
Working Experience – Nature & Length	• Minimum 5 years of QA/QC experience in engineering, construction, mining, or industrial projects.
Technical Skills	▪ Ability to manage one’s own activities on or ahead of schedule identifying issues before they happen (Proactive) • Excellent communication, interpersonal, righting and presentation skills.
Other Skills and Abilities	• Ability to interpret construction drawings.

General Information and other requirements:

- **Place of Work:** AMSC Sites
- **Type of contract:** definite Period two years
- **Salary:** As per the Company salary scale
- **Aliens Employment Permit Affairs, P. O. Box 7940 Asmara, Eritrea**
- Additional requirements for Nationals:
- Having fulfilled his/her National Service obligation and provide evidence of release paper from the Ministry of Defense.
- Present clearance paper from current/last employer.
- Testimonial documents to be attached (CV, work experience credentials, a copy of your National Identity Card, etc.).
- Only shortlisted applicants would be considered as potential candidates for an interview.
- Application documents will not be returned to the sender.
- All applications should be sent through the post office.
- Deadline for application: 7 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.
- **Address: Please mail your applications to:**
Asmara Mining Share Company,
P. O. Box 10688 Asmara, Eritrea
- **Applicants shall be required to send a copy to:**
Mineral Resources Management
P.O. Box – 272
Asmara
- **Note to Eritrean applicants:**
Please send a copy of your application to



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Asmara
Eritrea

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www.bishamining.com

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Position: Fitter
Department: Process Plant
Section: Quick Lime Plant
Number required: Six (06)
Contract Type: Indefinite

PRIMARY PURPOSE

A fitter is a skilled tradesperson who maintains, and repairs machinery and equipment used in process plant, construction, and mining industries. They are responsible for diagnosing and fixing mechanical problems, replacing worn parts, inspections, servicing and ensuring that equipment operates safely and efficiently as to OEM in accordance with existing procedures, polices, legal requirements and consent conditions.

Essential Function

- The fitter shall disassemble and assemble equipment to OEM standard or overhaul/recondition equipment to retain its reliability status for production achievement.
- The fitter shall perform preventive and predictive maintenance on equipment to sustain its availability and
- Relay nobility production.
- Measure, examine, or test completed units to check for defects and ensure conformance to specifications, using precision instruments and tooling, for example laser alignment, ruler, Vernier.

Main Function

- Planning
- Implementation of the Plan
- Report & Data
- Training

Unique Requirement

- Must be able to read and write in English.
- Must be able to work at heights.
- Must be able to work in an open environment in hot climates.
- Must be able to work to strict deadlines and schedules.
- LV license is an added advantage.
- Candidate must be medically and physically fit.

Qualifications:	
Technical School Certificate. Able to read and write work instructions and procedures.	
Knowledge and Experience:	
3 - 5 years relevant experience	
Technical Skills	Behavioural Skills
Fitting experience	General Courtesy and Organizing skill
Attention to detail	Cleanliness and presentable
Recognizing defects on equipment	Teamwork and Supervisory skill
Knowledge of cleaning policies, procedures and processes	Motivator and Coach/Mentor
Allocation of employees on shifts and administration	Communication (English and Local language)

General Information and other requirements:

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

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; Please send a copy of your application to
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Asmara, Eritrea Asmara, Eritrea.
2.Mineral Resources Management
P. O. Box 272
Asmara, Eritrea
- Note to Eritrean applicants:

NOTICE

We offer:

A **traineeship of 6 months** (fulltime position) within the EU Delegation to Eritrea starting 15 September 2026.

Under the supervision and mentoring of a Trainee’s supervisor, the selected trainee will contribute to the work of the EU Delegation and will have the opportunity to learn about the EU and the work of the delegation.

Main tasks:

- Assist in the organisation of activities of public diplomacy
- Assist in the organisation of meetings and events hosted by the Delegation
- Make documentary researches as necessary
- Draft minutes of meetings

We look for:

Qualifications or special requirements:

- Only applicants residing in Eritrea will be considered.**
- A degree in political science, international relations, law or economics, or a very strong proven background in one of those fields
- Very good knowledge of Eritrea’s history, institutional setting, legislation, and economy
- Tigrinya as mother language, and fluency in English. Knowledge of Arabic and French would be an asset
- Excellent drafting skills and capacity to translate complex texts
- Excellent knowledge of the standard IT tools: outlook, excel, etc.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and flexibility to work in an international environment
- Ensure **release document** from current employer or **free from national service requirements**

How to apply?

Candidates must apply to the e-mail address delegation-eritrea-trainee@eeas.europa.eu and send the following documents:

- A detailed standard Europass curriculum vitae (**CV**) <https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/> (CVs in other format will not be considered)
- a cover letter describing why you want to participate in a EU traineeship
- and an application form

Please mention in the subject of your e-mail: Funded Traineeship – EU Delegation

The deadline for submitting your application is 15/08/2026.

PHARMECOR – ERITREA JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Pharmecor – Eritrea invites qualified applicants for the following post.

Position Description	
Position	IT Officer
Required No.	1 (One)
Work Place	Asmara
Qualification	B.Sc./Diploma in Computer Science / Computer Technology or other related fields.
Experience	Two years for B.Sc. and four years for Diploma other related fields
Salary	As per Company Scale

📄 Completed / Exempted from National Service.

Applicants should submit their resumes within 10 days from date of publication in the newspaper to:

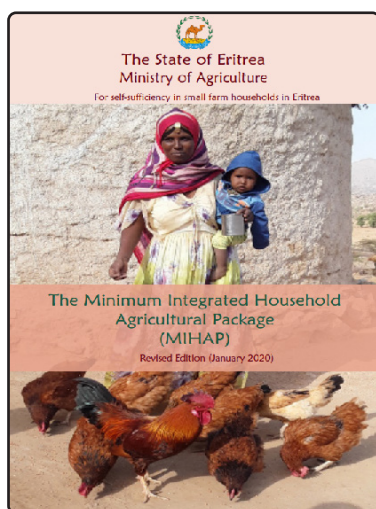
PHARMECOR – ERITREA P.O.Box 200 Tel: 122613 / 114444



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What are the main activities being carried out to ensure Comprehensive SPFP strategy is effectively implemented on the ground?

As mentioned earlier, the strategic plan runs from 2024 to 2028. Initially, we



focused on increasing the number of farmers practicing the comprehensive SPFP. In 2024, about 12,000 farmers practiced SPFP. In the second year, the number increased to approximately 38,000 farmers. Although this represented an increase of more than three times, we felt that a more practical and effective approach was needed to accelerate implementation. By the end of 2025, we therefore decided to focus on establishing at least one Comprehensive SPFP model in every village where farming is practical. By the time of our mid-year assessment in July 2026, approximately 85 percent of the villages had established a comprehensive SPFP. We then instructed the remaining villages to establish their prototypes

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as quickly as possible, with the objective of reaching full coverage. Implementing a plan effectively requires a certain institutional culture. One of the challenges we identified was the need for more regular meetings, follow-up, and assessment at the Zoba level. We therefore worked closely with the Zobas to establish a regular system of weekly meetings and assessments. For example, Sub-zobas meet every Tuesday, while Zobas meet every Thursday. The weekly progress from the Sub-zobas is compiled and submitted to the headquarters, where the Planning and Statistics Division receives the reports every Friday. We then meet every Monday to review the progress. This regular system has helped us significantly.

We have also introduced measures to verify the accuracy of reported information. For example, when a Zoba reports that a Comprehensive SPFP has been established in every village, it is required to provide the name of the village, the name of the exemplary farmer and the farmer's telephone number. The monitoring team can then randomly call farmers, while the phone speaker is on, directly and ask them about their experience and progress regarding SPFP in the presence of relevant officials and experts. This allows us to verify whether the information being reported corresponds to what is actually

happening on the ground.

Are there stakeholders supporting the implementation of these strategies?

Yes. Stakeholder participation is very important. At the national level, we have a tripartite system involving the National Union of Eritrean Women, the National Union of Eritrean Youth and Students, and other relevant partners. At the village level, the approach involves the village administrator, youth representative, women's representative, and agricultural extension agents. These stakeholders can work together to support the implementation of the strategies at community level.

How would you evaluate the Public Relations Division (PRD) in communicating accurate and timely information about these strategies to the public?

The Public Relations Division is doing a very good job in communicating the status of agriculture, the progress of farmers, and the activities of those involved in the sector. The Division uses different media platforms, including print media, radio in nine languages and television, among others. One of the factors contributing to the Division's performance is its internal capacity-building and on-the-job training. There is also training provided through the Ministry of Information in

On the occasion of the 100th issue of the Ministry of Agriculture Monthly Newsletter, the Public Relations Division of the MoA conducted a brief interview with the Minister of Agriculture H.E. Arefaine Berhe regarding the Ministry's strategies for advancing safe and nutritious food production across Eritrea. The second and final part follows.



areas such as editing, graphics, journalism and related fields. This combination of training, capacity building, professional development, promotion, and motivation is helping the Public Relations Division provide effective service.

Looking ahead, what would you like to see the PRD further strengthen in its communication efforts?

The PRD is doing well, but there is always room for improvement. The broader and more diverse the information base becomes, the more comprehensive and representative the coverage can be. The Division already has some agents in different Zobas, but having only one or two agents is not sufficient. I would suggest strengthening representation across the country's nine ethnic groups. Having representatives across all ethnic groups would help make agricultural communication more holistic and balanced. It would provide a more representative picture of Eritrea and the country's agricultural activities.

This interview is being conducted on the occasion of the 100th issue of the Ministry of Agriculture Monthly Newsletter. What message or reflection would you like to share with our readers regarding the newsletter?

Time flies. I could never have expected that more than eight years would have passed since we launched the newsletter.

One of the things I appreciate is its consistency, both in terms of publication and content. The issues have consistently provided interesting messages and information about the agricultural situation in Eritrea and have highlighted exemplary farmers and their achievements. There are farmers who have accomplished remarkable things—for example, transforming small, difficult areas of land into productive farming areas. The consistency of the newsletter is one of its strengths, and a lot has been accomplished over the years.

However, there are also areas where we should continue to work. Today, more and more information is being shared through social media, and we need to take full advantage of these platforms. The creation of a website is also important. I know this is already on the agenda, and accelerating the establishment of the Ministry's website would be an excellent step forward.

Your Excellency, thank you very much for taking the time to share these insights and progress updates with us and our readers on this milestone, the 100th issue of the Ministry of Agriculture Monthly Newsletter. We sincerely appreciate your reflections on the Ministry's agricultural strategies, their implementation, and the way forward.

Thank you very much. It has been a pleasure.

