

PRESIDENT ISAIAS AFWERKI CONCLUDES WORKING VISIT TO SUDAN



President Isaias Afwerki returned home in the afternoon hours of 1 December, concluding a two-day working visit to Sudan on the invitation of General Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, Chairman of Sudan's Sovereign Council. The visit served as a symbolic and tangible gesture of Eritrea's strong solidarity with the Sudanese people and their Government during this period of adversity.

The Eritrean delegation, arriving in Port Sudan by road travel, was accorded a warm official and public welcome, with residents coming out in their thousands to celebrate the historic relations between the two nations.

During his two-day visit, President Isaias Afwerki held extensive, high-level meetings with key Sudanese officials to

strengthen bilateral relations, discuss developments in Sudan, explore potential pathways to resolve the current crisis, and address regional and global issues of mutual concern.

Key meetings included an extensive meeting with General Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan at the Government Headquarters in Port Sudan, and a meeting with Prime



Minister Dr. Kamal Idris in the evening at the Government Guest House.

Discussions were also held with Mr. Minni Arko Minnawi, Governor of the Darfur Region, and Dr. Al-Tijani Al-Sissi.

In his discussions, President Isaias Afwerki reiterated Eritrea's firm, principled stance in support of Sudan's unity and sovereignty.

President Isaias stressed that Eritrea will continue to stand alongside the Sudanese people and the Sovereign Council, who are shouldering the responsibility for ensuring the country's unity and territorial integrity, and will continue to stand with Sudan until the achievement of a durable peace. He also reaffirmed Eritrea's

commitment to supporting Sudan in its efforts to overcome the significant challenges it faces.

General Al-Burhan, for his part, paid tribute to Eritrea's position, anchored in the historic ties between the two peoples, and affirmed his commitment to consolidate these ties for the benefit of both nations vigorously. Prime Minister Dr. Kamal Idris also expressed the Sudanese people's profound appreciation for Eritrea's historic and principled stance.

The visit follows reciprocal high-level visits this year, including General Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan's official visit to Eritrea on April 10, and Prime Minister Dr. Kamal Idris's visit on October 9 and 10, 2025.

WORLD AIDS DAY COMMEMORATED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL



World AIDS Day 2025 was commemorated for the 33rd time on 1 December in Asmara at the national level, under the theme "Overcoming Disruption, Transforming the AIDS Response."

Dr. Araia Berhane, Director of Communicable Diseases Control at the Ministry of Health, said that the day serves as a reminder to review

the efforts exerted to combat the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and to renew commitment. Dr. Araia went on to say that, over the past 10 years, HIV infection among individuals aged 15 to 54 has been reduced to 0.35%, and new infections and deaths among the 15 to 24 age group have significantly declined.

Dr. Araia also stated that mother-to-child transmission of HIV has almost been reduced to zero, that people living with the disease are receiving anti-viral medicines free of charge, and that for 95% of them the viral load has decreased to a level that is undetectable in laboratory tests. He also called for coordinated efforts to nurture an HIV/AIDS-free society.

Dr. Mary Stephen, WHO Representative in Eritrea, commended the progress Eritrea

has achieved in controlling the prevalence of HIV/AIDS. She noted that, at the global level in 2024, 1.3 million people acquired HIV, 40.8 million people were living with HIV, and 630 thousand people died from HIV-related causes.

Sister Nigisti Tesfamicael, head of HIV/AIDS Control at the Ministry of Health, gave a briefing on the spread of HIV/AIDS and the measures taken to control it. Members of the Medical Association of Eritrea also conducted a panel discussion.

At the event, representatives of UNICEF and UNFPA presented messages of solidarity.

Members of the voluntary Bidiho association also delivered testimonies about the disease and their personal experiences.



ERITREAN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA



The Eritrean community festival in Dammam, Eastern Saudi Arabia, was enthusiastically conducted on 27 November.

The annual festival, officially opened by Ms. Weini Gerezgiher, featured children's programs, cultural and artistic performances, as well as a cultural fashion show.

Ms. Weini Gerezgiher, Chargé d'Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy, said that at a time when the world is experiencing rapid changes

and developments, Eritrea is conducting strong diplomatic and political activities to build partnerships and cooperation based on respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, and that these efforts are bearing fruit.

Mr. Gebremeskel Kidabe, chairman of the Eritrean community in Dammam, commending the participation of nationals in national affairs, called for strengthening organizational capacity, unity, and participation.

Statement of the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare 03 December 2025, International Day of Persons Living with Disabilities

Today, the third of December 2025, International Day of Persons with Disabilities is being commemorated for the 34th time internationally and the 30th time in our country, under the theme "Holistic participation of the persons with disabilities in development". The Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare (MoLSW) is hosting this event to extend its congratulations to all persons with disabilities (PWDs).

Living with disability means the existence of physical, intellectual, developmental, psychological, social, or other limitations that hinder one from knowing or using one's opportunities entirely. This interrupts or blocks the participation in and contribution to education, skill, social relations, and interaction. Therefore, to address and prevent these problems, it is essential to identify the existing challenges and causes of disability carefully and to avoid or mitigate their effects.

Long before the current form of commemorating the International Day of PWDs was introduced, Eritrean society had customary laws that safeguarded the equitable rights and human dignity of people with disabilities. Moreover, although the burden of disability does not easily fade or go away from memory, we are observing this extraordinary day of pride renewing our love and care to our heroic PWDs recalling that it is them who enabled us to live in a secure peace with dignity by sacrificing their dear body parts, and continue to tirelessly strive in national development

becoming examples to others with disabilities.

The MoLSW is working, in harmony and complementarity with other concerned government institutions, and primarily with community-based organizations for the PWDs, other national partner associations of the PWDs, and international partners. Recognizing the causes and effects of disability, it has made necessary investments to alleviate environmental hurdles and social restrictions that the PWDs face. The result has been encouraging, enabling PWDs to become beneficiaries of existing opportunities and resources.

Furthermore, in order to impact correct understanding and awareness, which replaces the low level of knowledge and awareness that existed in our society, sustained all-faceted campaigns

are being carried out in the form of meetings and workshops through community-based rehabilitation and development forums and artistic programs disseminated via the mass media. As a result, positive results are being achieved in the prevention of disabilities, encouraging the PWDs to play their rightful role in society, in getting rid of the inferiority complex, and elevating society's awareness in removing other similar impediments. This important task requires the continuous efforts in new and broad approaches by all concerned bodies.

Experience has made it clear that, based on the principles of self-reliance, the tasks being undertaken from time to time by the MoLSW and national associations of the PWDs to help the citizens living with disabilities acquire vocational skills by introducing

them to new technologies have a notable advantage in reinforcing their competence, job creation, and income generation capacities. This role is underscored by the modest contribution of PWDs to the development drive, which serves as inspiration to further engage in broader efforts.

In another way, through their limited incomes and contributions which they receive from the MoLSW, the national associations of the PWDs are playing vital and decisive positive roles in ensuring the all-sided participation of the disabled in the "national reconstruction and development investment" and in exchanging experiences in the growth of positive attitude among each other. Concerted efforts will be needed to sustain this initial stage, which is being undertaken to enable them to play active roles, leveraging their full capacity to

advance sustainable development and social and economic rehabilitation through cooperation and harmony.

In conclusion, the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare reaffirms its commitment to strengthening its cooperation with partners further to elevate the role of communities in the rehabilitation and empowerment of PWDs.

The MoLSW wishes to extend its thanks to all partners in general, and particularly to those who have been active in implementing this program.

"Holistic participation of persons with disabilities in development"

*Eternal glory to our martyrs!!
Victory to the Masses!!*

LOCAL NEWS

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF ERITREAN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING TO DISCUSS FOUR-YEAR ROADMAP

The Central Council of the Eritrean Teachers Association held a meeting in Asmara on 28 and 29 November to discuss a four-year roadmap.

During the meeting, which was attended by members of the Executive Committee, the Central Office, and regional branches, in-depth discussions were held on amendments made to the Association's constitution at the 8th Congress, reporting procedures, the celebration of Teachers' Day, membership fees, and other related issues.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Association, Mr. Simon Mehari, stated that the objectives of the Association include working for the dignity, rights, and interests of teachers; striving for the growth and

development of education; and creating a platform for teachers to exchange ideas, preserve values, and discuss national issues.

Following discussions on the presented agendas, the participants approved the roadmap that will guide the Association for the coming four years.

Meanwhile, Mr. Gebreslassie Mehari, Head of Human Resource Development at the Office of the Auditor General of Eritrea, provided training on 29 November to members of the Control Committee, the Central Office, and regional branches to assist them in their duties.

The Eritrean Teachers



Association, having regained its legal status as an independent national association after independence in 1991 under Article 404

of the Transitional Civil Code of Eritrea, is currently carrying out its activities and has approximately 30,000 members.

MEETING FOR ENHANCING ROLE OF AREA ADMINISTRATORS

Ambassador Mahmud Ali Hirui, Governor of Gash Barka Region, conducted a meeting in Mensura on 29 November focusing on enhancing the role and participation of area administrators and village coordinators in the implementation of development programs and in addressing shortcomings in social service provision institutions.

Noting that without the active and conscious participation of the society the successful implementation of set-out development programs is not possible, Ambassador Mahmud

called on area administrators and village coordinators to take note of their responsibilities and strengthen participation.

At the event, reports were presented focusing on activities implemented and challenges encountered in the sectors of agriculture, health, education, economic development, as well as conservation of forestry and wildlife.

The participants conducted extensive discussion on the reports presented and adopted various recommendations.

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MONETARY SUPPORT TO FAMILIES OF MARTYRS

This year, Government workers in the Anseba Region have extended over 1 million and 300 thousand Nakfa in support to families of martyrs and students who are children of martyrs.

At an assessment meeting conducted on 26 November, it was reported that the money contributed by Government workers was distributed to 714

families of martyrs, and that support for students who are children of martyrs will continue until they complete their college education.

Commending the initiative taken by Government workers, Mr. Mulu'e Tesfamariam, Head of Organizational Affairs at the PFDJ Office in the region, called on others to follow the noble example.

SpotLight

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Confronting GBV for progress and lasting change

Violence against women and girls is a universal reality that cuts across social, cultural, religious, economic, and geographical boundaries. Although significant progress has been achieved worldwide, it remains a major public health problem and a grave violation of women's and girls' dignity, autonomy, and human rights. According to analysts, activists, and international organizations, it continues to be the "most pervasive human rights violation around the world." Estimates from the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women suggest that more than one in three women worldwide experience gender-based violence in their lifetime, that more than five women or girls are killed every hour by someone within their own family, and that fewer than 40 percent of those experiencing violence seek help.

The impacts of this violence are severe and far-reaching. It can cause short- and long-



physical, mental, sexual, and reproductive health problems, with consequences that often extend to children's wellbeing. Gender-based violence also imposes high social and economic costs on families, communities, and societies. As tragic as it is, violence against women and girls is preventable. Sustained work in schools and communities, alongside media campaigns, can help shift harmful gender norms and outdated attitudes. The promotion of gender equality remains central to preventing gender-based violence, as the 1993 Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women recognized that such violence is rooted in historically unequal power relations. Research further shows that gender-based violence is

embedded in gender inequalities, and reducing inequality significantly lowers the risk of abuse. Ultimately, achieving greater gender equality is key to reducing violence and nurturing safer, healthier societies.

Since winning independence three decades ago, Eritrea has made gender equality, women's empowerment, and the protection of human rights national priorities. The country's 1994 National Charter asserts that "a society that does not respect the rights and equality of women cannot be truly liberated." Eritrea has ratified a wide range of regional and international human rights instruments, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the African Charter on Human and

Peoples' Rights, and the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child. It has also signed and ratified the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and actively participates in global forums, including the Beijing World Conference on Women and the UN Commission on the Status of Women.

Notably, Eritrea has established institutional and policy frameworks, along with detailed gender action plans, to promote equality and uplift vulnerable groups. Women are guaranteed 30 percent representation in regional and national parliaments, with opportunities to increase their representation through open competition, and they

hold similar representation in community courts. These measures carry particular significance given the historical discrimination faced by women and girls.

Recognizing the differing circumstances and experiences of women and girls, and seeking to redress past inequities, Eritrea has implemented progressive and affirmative action policies in education, employment, and public life. These efforts have expanded opportunities and increased women's participation across civil, cultural, economic, political, and social spheres. Strong national proclamations on labour, citizenship, and land reform guarantee women equal rights to citizenship and land ownership

critical foundations for social and economic empowerment. Importantly, these national commitments to advancing the rights, equality, and participation of women and girls not only protect their wellbeing but also bolster broader national development and economic growth, as women's full inclusion strengthens productivity, resilience, and community progress across the country.

National laws and strict enforcement mechanisms protect women from violence and prohibit harmful traditional practices, including female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C), child marriage, bride price, dowry, and kidnapping. These practices, once widespread across regions,

have declined significantly. Studies by the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare (MLSW), and the National Union of Eritrean Women (NUEW) indicate a marked reduction in the prevalence of female genital mutilation/circumcision (FGM/C) in recent years.

Crucially, the MLSW provides support to women engaged in commercial sex work, including access to health services, housing, counselling, peer support, and skills development to help them transition to alternative livelihoods. Organizations such as NUEW and the Eritrean Women's Agribusiness Association run nationwide initiatives to strengthen women's economic activities, improve access to finance and essential services, mobilize communities against harmful practices, and ensure that women's needs and perspectives are integrated into national development programs.

A crucial driver of progress in Eritrea has been the country's investment in community sensitization and public awareness campaigns. National media – specifically radio, television, and print platforms – play an active role in promoting gender equality and condemning violence against women and girls. Regular programming, public service announcements, interviews, and educational broadcasts highlight women's rights, the harms of violence, and the importance of equality. These awareness efforts have contributed to a shift in social attitudes, helping communities increasingly view women and girls as equal members of society. Community-based campaigns led by government institutions, NUEW, youth organizations, and local administrations reinforce these messages through school programs, town discussions, and outreach activities.

Alongside these campaigns, Eritrea also engages elders, religious leaders, families, and neighbors through a community-based approach to preventing violence and supporting survivors. These trusted local networks play a crucial role in mediation, early intervention, and ensuring that women and girls experiencing violence receive protection, guidance, and social support. By

mobilizing traditional structures and community bonds, Eritrea strengthens local accountability and reinforces the message that gender-based violence is unacceptable in every household and neighborhood.

In recent years, the Ministry of Justice, headed by Ms. Fawzia Hashem, has taken key steps. New laws and strengthened enforcement mechanisms have been implemented alongside sensitization campaigns, ensuring that communities understand both their legal protections and responsibilities. Together, these efforts have played a vital role in transforming attitudes across generations.

As a result of these collective initiatives, Eritrea has recorded notable improvements in women's health, education, and participation in national development. Gender gaps in education have narrowed across all levels. Women hold land in increasing numbers, form a large share of the agricultural workforce, and make up roughly half of the country's estimated one-million-person labour force. Beyond family care and community responsibilities, women contribute significantly to crop production, agribusiness, small enterprises, the civil service, and various professional sectors.

Gender-based violence remains one of the world's most widespread human rights violations, but promoting gender equality offers one of the most potent pathways to reducing it. In Eritrea, comprehensive national efforts – from legal reforms and progressive policies to community sensitization and national media campaigns – are contributing to sustained progress. These initiatives are strengthening women's rights, transforming social norms, and expanding opportunities for women and girls. Looking ahead, continued commitment and cooperation across all levels of society will be essential to reduce further – and ultimately eliminate – violence against women and girls. Through persistent effort, Eritrea can continue building a future in which all women and girls live free from violence and discrimination, fully contributing to the country's ongoing social and economic progress.



The Unwritten Curriculum: What Eritrean Youth Learn Outside School

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Education is often imagined as occurring inside a classroom, where teachers write on chalkboards, and students copy notes into their exercise books. But anyone who has grown up in an Eritrean community knows that the most powerful lessons are learned long before a child can spell their name and long after they leave school for the day. These lessons are not written in textbooks or measured by exams. They are absorbed quietly, through daily routines, shared spaces, and the rhythm of community life. This is the unwritten curriculum — a cultural education that shapes Eritrean youth in ways formal schooling never could.

One of the earliest lessons Eritrean children learn is respect. It is not taught through rules or lectures; it is learned by watching. A child observes how adults greet elders in a gentle tone, how neighbors pause to ask about one another's families, and how a simple "Selam" conveys sincerity and warmth. Over time, these gestures become second nature. Respect becomes more than politeness — it becomes a way of moving through the world. Young people learn when to speak and when to listen, how to show humility without losing confidence, and how to honor the presence of those around them. This quiet, consistent exposure shapes their character long before they understand its depth.

In many Eritrean neighborhoods, the idea of family stretches far beyond bloodlines. Children grow up surrounded by people who know their names, their parents, and even their habits. This closeness creates a sense of belonging that is both comforting and instructive. Any adult passerby corrects a child who misbehaves in the street. A teenager who achieves something — passing an exam, excelling in sports, or simply showing good manners — is celebrated by the entire block. Through this shared responsibility, young people learn that their actions matter not only to themselves but to the community as a whole. They grow up understanding



that they are part of something larger, and that their behavior reflects on more than just their own reputation.

Outside school, Eritrean



youth participate in countless forms of shared work. They fetch water, help prepare meals, clean compounds, assist younger siblings, or support family businesses. These tasks are not seen as burdens but as contributions—a way of demonstrating care and responsibility. Through these daily routines, young people learn discipline and patience. They discover the value of effort and the satisfaction of completing a task well. They also learn cooperation because much of this work is done together — siblings carrying buckets side by side, neighbors sweeping shared spaces, or youth helping elders with errands. This early exposure to responsibility

builds resilience and a strong work ethic. It teaches youth that work is not something to avoid, but something that connects them to their families and communities.

Evenings in many Eritrean homes are filled with stories. Elders share memories of their youth, tales of ancestors, or traditional folktales rich with meaning. These stories are not simply entertainment;

they are lessons wrapped in narrative. A proverb teaches caution. A folktale teaches courage. A family story teaches identity. Through listening, young people learn community values, history, and a moral compass. They learn to appreciate the wisdom of older generations and to see themselves as part of a long, continuous story. Storytelling serves as a bridge between past and present, shaping how youth understand the world and their place in it.

The streets and open spaces of Eritrea are vibrant classrooms in their own right. Children learn negotiation through games, fairness through taking turns, and leadership through organizing play. Traditional games like *segem* or *qarsa* teach strategy, teamwork, and quick thinking. Older children naturally assume the role of teachers, showing younger children the rules and guiding them



through mistakes. Conflicts arise — as they do in any game — but so do solutions. The youth learn to resolve disagreements, apologize, and move on without holding grudges. In these playful moments, character is shaped quietly and naturally. The lessons learned on the streets often endure longer than those written in a textbook.

Life in Eritrea also teaches young people to adapt, endure, and remain hopeful. Whether it's navigating limited resources, supporting family responsibilities, or finding joy in simple things, resilience becomes part of their identity. This resilience is not taught formally. It is learned through lived experience — through watching parents persevere, communities support one another, and youth create opportunities from very little. It becomes a strength that shapes their outlook on life and prepares them for challenges ahead.

Another subtle but powerful lesson Eritrean youth learn is the beauty of simplicity. They grow up in environments where joy is found in shared meals, evening walks, laughter with friends, and the comfort of familiar routines. They learn that happiness does not require extravagance — it grows from connection, gratitude, and presence. This appreciation for simplicity serves as a grounding force, helping young people remain centered even as the world around them changes.

The unwritten curriculum of Eritrea is not found in any official document, yet it shapes the nation's youth more profoundly than any formal education. It teaches respect without rules, responsibility without pressure, and resilience without speeches. It is carried in greetings, in shared work, in stories, in play, and in the quiet dignity of everyday life. In a world that often measures education through grades and certificates, Eritrea reminds us that some of the most important lessons are learned outside school. In the heart of the community, in the rhythm of culture, and in the wisdom passed from one generation to the next.

Development

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Haykota: A Success Story of Growth, Conservation, and Healthy Living

Comprising 12 well-connected administrative areas, Haykota sub-zone is one of Eritrea's richest agricultural regions and a land of outstanding natural beauty. Bordered by Teseneai to the west, Forto-Sawa to the north, Lalay-Gash to the south, and Gogne sub-zone to the east, Haykota tells a remarkable story of human progress, community effort, and the peaceful coexistence between people and nature. Over the years, Haykota has demonstrated that development, environmental protection, and social well-being can coexist.



Mr. Shekedin Saleh

Haykota sub-zone, home to over 50,000 residents, lies in the western lowlands of Eritrea. Known for its fertile soil and vast plains, the area has enormous agricultural potential. Farming is the primary livelihood, with crops such as sorghum, millet, and onions, as well as livestock rearing.

What makes Haykota truly unique, however, is not just its agricultural wealth but its natural environment:

Wildlife Conservation: The area is home to an elephant corridor, one of the largest in the region, which provides a natural route for elephants to move freely and safely. This is part of a national effort to protect wildlife and preserve biodiversity.

Coexistence: In recent years, authorities and local communities have collaborated to safeguard this natural corridor, ensuring that elephants and other wildlife can thrive without threatening farms or human settlements. During the rainy season, the sight of elephants crossing the rivers and plains has become a source of pride, symbolizing the sub-zone's rich natural heritage and the balance between conservation and development.

Agriculture remains the backbone of Haykota's economy. Thanks to improved farming

techniques and government support, farmers have seen steady progress. Irrigation projects have been implemented in some areas, helping communities produce more reliable harvests even during dry seasons. Furthermore, water supply projects have expanded, ensuring access to clean water for both people and livestock. This has reduced the time spent fetching water from distant wells, allowing families to focus more on farming, education, and other productive activities.

According to Mr. Shekedin Saleh, Administrator of the Haykota Sub-Zone, the progress achieved is the result of close collaboration among the community, the local administration, and government institutions. He noted that service-delivery institutions, such as health centers, schools, and agricultural offices, have been working closely with local communities to effect positive change.

One of the most remarkable areas of progress has been healthcare, which has transformed daily life for residents:

Expanded Access: Access to basic healthcare is no longer limited to urban centers. Clinics and health stations provide essential services, while mobile healthcare teams regularly travel to remote villages to treat patients and educate families on disease prevention, hygiene, and nutrition. This has made a significant difference for remote families who previously had to travel long distances.

Maternal Health: The sub-zone has expanded its maternity waiting



rooms, where expectant mothers can stay before and after giving birth. This initiative has reduced risks during childbirth, improved the safety of both mothers and infants, and encouraged more women to seek professional medical care, resulting in a noticeable drop in maternal and infant mortality rates.



Mr. Hadish Fitwi

The expansion of health services has been paired with extensive community education through awareness programs on nutrition, sanitation, and vaccination.

Malaria Success: For many years, malaria was a serious health challenge in the lowland

areas. However, due to the combined efforts of the Ministry of Health, local authorities, and the community, the prevalence of malaria has significantly decreased. Mr. Hadish Fitwi, head of healthcare service in the sub-zone, attributed this success to environmental protection programs (clearing stagnant water) and widespread awareness campaigns (distributing and educating on the use of mosquito nets). Today, malaria cases have declined sharply, strengthening the region's overall health awareness.

Near-Universal Immunization: One of the most impressive achievements in Haykota is its near-universal immunization coverage. Vaccination programs have reached nearly 100% coverage, including children in the most remote villages. This success has significantly curbed the spread of communicable diseases and has produced a generation of children who are healthier, stronger, and better prepared to lead productive lives.

Environmental protection

is closely linked with health and agriculture in Haykota. Programs promoting soil conservation and proper management of water resources have been implemented, thereby reducing waterborne diseases and improving agricultural productivity.

The local administration, schools, and youth groups have encouraged residents to plant trees, avoid unnecessary wood cutting, and maintain cleanliness, thereby creating a cleaner, greener environment and strengthening the community's sense of responsibility.

The development in Haykota has been a gradual and steady process, driven by local participation and sustained government support. Mr. Shekedin emphasized that the progress is the result of continuous hard work, stating, "Our people understand that development is built on cooperation. We are seeing the results of that unity in every part of our sub-zone."

The spirit of self-reliance is deeply rooted, with residents actively participating in road construction, maintenance of public facilities, and support for social services. This community involvement ensures that projects are not only implemented but also sustained over time.

Haykota is not merely a place of elephants and fertile fields; it is a place where people's determination and collective effort have built a future of hope and progress. From healthier families to thriving farms and preserved wildlife, Haykota exemplifies a success story of harmony among people, nature, and development.





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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

6. Position: Underground HME Planning Supervisor

Department: Mining

Number required: One (01)

Primary Purpose

- To be responsible for supervising the planning and scheduling work performed for maintenance and repairs of all the mining fleet equipment to ensure sustainable operations at Companies site to meet the approved business plans.

Essential functions:

- To supervise and coordinate the work of the maintenance Planners while complying with Company standards and “Safe work” policy
- Take part of planning meetings: daily , weekly, monthly & yearly
- Produce daily equipment status reports of machine under his responsibility
- Perform data validation in system and database for short-term planning confirmation and review plan strategy in the CMMS program
- Manage and co-ordinate the planned preventative maintenance planning and scheduling for the mining fleet and ancillary machines to prevent unnecessary downtime
- Facilitate the weekly meetings and scheduling according to the Companies maintenance strategic defined in CMMS (computerized maintenance management system) & prepared one day before
- Ensure that mechanical work done is recorded in CMMS according to expected standards measured against industry and Company standards
- To manage the planned component replacement (PCR) & unplanned component replacement
- Contribute to assess & improving of maintenance service via the key performance indicator (KPI) like MTTR, MTTF, availability Etc.
- Make a cost report that can allow management to take the decision to order New, REMAN /rebuilt or deallocating

TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Cost Management / Budget Management
- Purchasing and Supply Chain
- Contractors
- Supervising Processes
- Planning and Scheduling
- Maintenance Planning Administration
- Human Resource Management
- Health, Safety and Environment

Unique requirements/other information

- Candidate must be physically and medically fit.

Qualifications:	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technical engineering trade or equivalent within the mechanical profession Certificate in Planned maintenance systems or equivalent 4 Years experience in a supervisory role in a mining environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Years' experience in HME Mobile plant as a planned maintenance Supervisor Underground HME experience will be advantageous Previous expatriate assignment experience will be required Strategic HME planning experience will be highly advantageous
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing of technical reports Good communication skills on technical level Ability to understand trending (SOS Samples, Wear rate etc) Use the technical documentation of the manufacturers Writing of service reports Computer Literacy (MS Office – Intermediate and Excel – Advanced, In-house software) Theoretical understanding and practical implementation of safety management Problem solving skills Thorough understanding of quality management systems, techniques and best practice Maintenance Planning Maintenance Strategy Planning & Organizing Monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committed to the organizational ethics, Driving for best result, Strive for quality, Practice ethical leadership, Committed to learning, Independent and responsible, able to make decisions, Leader, ability to chair meetings, Observer, with a good spirit of analysis and synthesis, Rigorous, organized, methodical and persistent, Good interpersonal skills and business-oriented, Ability to impart his knowledge, motivate his teams, Good decision maker, Mobile, available and motivated, Physically and mentally tough, he adapts to difficult working conditions, Adhering to principles & values, Relating and Networking, Persuading and Influencing, Writing And Reporting
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7. Position: Project Field Engineer

Department: Processing and Underground Operations

Number required: Three (03)

Primary Purpose

- Supervise different projects at the same in a ‘hands on’ role with several both skilled and semi skilled national artisans to construct new buildings (Steel Structures, Electrical Civil Works, Pipelines and Excavations) whilst using equipment and personal available on the Mine. Perform regular Safety Inspections, following a scheduled work plan, reporting back on work progres and ensure costs are within the budget.
- In addition, position is responsible to identify and order relevant parts and materials required for construction, following site procurement procedures. The position will include overall civil, structural, electrical and mechanical construction responsibilities ensuring all works carried out are done in a safe manner, Engineering Standard, in compliance to site HSEC regulations.

TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Planning
- Implementation
- Writing Reports & Data Control
- Supervise/Manage team

Unique requirements/other information

- Candidate must be physically and medically fit.
- Skills: Project Engineers should have strong technical skills in engineering principles and practices. They should also have excellent communication and leadership skills, problem-solving skills, attention to detail, time management skills, and flexibility.

Qualifications:	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must have degree or diploma in engineering, construction management, or related field. 10+ years experience in project management, with a focus on construction projects. Proven ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously within budget and timeline constraints. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 years relevant experiences in construction with in Process Plant Industry Experience: Previous experience in engineering or project management is typically required. The amount of experience required may vary depending on the project's complexity. A Project Engineer is responsible for managing a project's engineering and technical aspects. This includes coordinating with various teams, managing schedules, ensuring adherence to quality standards, and providing technical guidance to team members.
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Literacy (MS Office – Intermediate), Mechanical and Maintenance experience, Attention to detail, Analytical skill, Problem solving skill, Supervisory Experience, MS Project Skills, Strong understanding of construction methods and materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excellent Communication (English), Assertiveness, Interpersonal Relations, Integrity, Prioritizing skills & multi-skilling, Ability to work towards strict deadlines, High level of Accuracy, Self-motivation, Dedication to safety, Time Management, Leadership
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8. Position: Electrician

Department: Processing and Underground Operations

Number required: One (01)

Primary Purpose

- To carry out electrical maintenance, repair, and installation work on power plant.

TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Carry out planned electrical repairs and maintenance on power plant
- Observe established safety regulations and procedures during work.
- Ensure that tools/equipment used for electrical installations is kept in appropriate places after operations.
- Compile check lists/work sheets and submit to supervisor.
- Health, Safety and Environment.
- Additional Duties.

Unique requirements/other information

- Candidate must be physically and medically fit.

Qualifications:	Knowledge and Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Craft Certificate in Electrical First Aid Certificate Valid driving license 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 years' experience Knowledge of diesel power plant operations. International experience is desirable particularly in Africa.
Technical Skills	Behavioral Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Literacy (MS Office, Intermediate, Excel) Plan, organize, and execution Risk management and assessment. Analytical and Problem solving. Technical Report writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good oral and written communication skills and Teamwork. Ability to work in multi-disciplinary environment. Ability to conduct Engineering matters to various levels. Ability to work under pressure and achieve project milestones. Self-starter, Drive and enthusiasm. Developmental orientated, Passion for accuracy and perfection in delivery. Good leadership skills Safety oriented

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:-
 Bisha Mining Share Company,
 P. O. Box 4276 Asmara, Eritrea

Note to Eritrean applicants:

Please send a copy of your application to:

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

Vacancy at Zhonglu Eritrea Co., LTD

Zhonglu Eritrea Co., LTD invites qualified applicants for the following posts:

1. Position: Excavator Operator

Starting Date	November 2025
Salary	As per company scale
Contract Type	Indefinite period
Number Required	One (1)
Main Duties and Responsibilities	<p>A. Involves operating heavy machinery to dig, move, and load materials like earth and rock for construction, demolition, and landscaping projects.</p> <p>B. Key duties include performing pre-operation inspections, safely operating the excavator according to site plans and blueprints, and performing routine maintenance, cleaning, and minor repairs.</p> <p>C. The role requires adherence to strict safety protocols, strong hand-eye coordination, and the ability to work outdoors in various weather conditions.</p> <p>D. Operate excavators and other heavy equipment to dig trenches, foundations, and clear sites.</p> <p>E. Move and load materials such as soil, rock, and debris. Select, fit, and remove attachments like buckets and blades.</p> <p>F. Perform pre-operation checks and routine maintenance, including lubrication, cleaning, and minor repairs.</p> <p>G. Ensure the safety of the site and fellow workers by following all safety regulations and protocols.</p>
Job Requirements	<p>Experience At least 5 years' experience operating heavy machinery</p> <p>Skills A. Experience operating heavy machinery is often required. B. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. C. Strong manual dexterity and hand-eye coordination. D. Excellent vision or use of prescribed E. Familiarity with modern technology, such as GPS and laser-guided systems, is a plus.</p>

How to apply

Submit the following necessary documents

- C.V. Self-Photo, Date of Birth, Gender, Address, Contact Info, Academic Backgrounds and Work Experience)
- ID/Passport Copy
- Proof of Non-Criminal Records
- Present clearance paper from current/last employer
- Recommendation Letter from last current or past employer
- Academic Graduation Certificates, Diploma, etc.

Additional Requirement for Nationals:

Having fulfilled his/her National Service Obligation and provide evidence of release paper.

Submit the hard copies of the above application documents to Zhonglu Eritrea company Limited at Maelelay Ketema Deb Mbr ,Sematat No.293 Street, Asmara, Eritrea

Please be informed that:

- Only shortlisted applicants would be considered as potential candidates for interviewing.
- Application documents will not be returned.
- Deadline for application: 5 days from the day of publication in the Newspaper.

Note to non-Eritrean applicants:

Please send a copy of your application to Aliens Employment Permit Affairs,
 P.O.Box 7940 Asmara, Eritrea.



“Sawa is Our National Treasure”: Youth Embrace Unity and Transformation in 38th Round National Service

By: Kidane – Shimendi

Student Reflection:
Asunta – Andu – Adem

“Every year, seeing youths crossing roads chanting ‘Sawa’ always made me curious of the treasure within it. Now, I’m glad to explore it with my own eyes. I found Sawa is a game-changing place where youths from across the nation gather to physically and mentally transform and together, hand in hand, build our young, developing country.

Every sample of diversity is purely available here. You can’t easily express the overwhelming joy it gives to find yourself growing up among such national peers.

In the academic aspect, everything is well scheduled, with dedicated, knowledgeable, and experienced teachers. Right now, everyone is preparing for the national matriculation exam, and I wish them all a great success.”

Nejah – Mohammed – Shifa

“Sawa is like a deep life ocean; once you dive, life-transforming skills await to be utilized all over—all it demands is the courage to dive deep.

I came from the Southern region, and obviously, I had never visited all the national diversities and areas. Fortunately, now, I have met every one of them here and am sharing their distinct beauties. We all help one another in everything, developing the courage to deal with problems we encounter.

Skills like time management, problem-solving, study, and communication are transforming our lives. The ample available study time and qualified teachers are enhancing our confidence to sit for the national exam.

At last, all I can say is Sawa is a deep ocean with endless life-changing treasures.”

Senae – Idris – Mohammed

“I don’t know how to explain it; I am so embodied with Sawa’s myriad benefits. So far, I am learning to master problem-solving, communication, time management, self-management, tolerance, and more.

Annually, Sawa serves as the vital hub where young Eritreans, having completed 11th grade, gather to complete their final year of high school, sit for the national matriculation exam, and commence their national service. Currently hosting the 38th round of the national service, Sawa is training approximately 18,000 members with equal gender representation. Hence, Eritrea Profile shares reflections from students currently on this transformative journey, who unanimously describe Sawa as a “national treasure.”

Most surprisingly, there is plenty of time to study in groups and individually with enough resources. The presence of all this diversity paved the way for us to learn each other’s unique and beautiful cultures; it is a melting pot of life-transforming treasures.

Furthermore, we are learning in detail our national history to level up our national consciousness along with physical exercises.”

Kerar – Oshiek – Kerar

“Sawa is a teacher that



MUSAEL - ZERIMARIAM - TEWELDE

is architecting our national future, skilling youths with time management, tolerance, communication, study skills, and more. Putting nationals from all diversities in a melting pot is fostering a conscious, organized, and skilled youth.

The education here is desirable, with well-placed infrastructure, experienced teachers, and ample study time. Meeting the diversity of all national regions is helping us closely learn their cultures and unique features.

Right now, I am well-prepared for the national matriculation exam with peer discussions. When I go back home, I won’t wait to tell the benefits I am earning right now.”

Murad – Hamid – Idris

“For me, Sawa is a journey to life perfection where all Eritrean nationals from the nine ethnic groups from within and the

diaspora gather with diversified characters and return back home as one person with physical and mental maturity.

Like our family back home, we have another family here who guides us in developing discipline, tolerance, time-management skills, and more. Social life here is memorable; everyone, as a single family, works together in daily life activities and the academy. We exchange knowledge and experiences to broaden our horizons. Time is life here; there is not a single work done out of schedule, a skill that is transforming our lives.

The learning and teaching process here is conducive with abundant teachers, study time, and other resources.”

Nour – Osman – Nablu

“Sawa is a national dish that youths from all diversities and regions serve to mentally and physically become strong. You can get anything you need from that dish, like study skills, time



NOUR - OSMAN - NABLU

management, communication skills, learn different national languages, unity, love, cooperation, friendship, and so on.

We learn our national history and share our respective regional and ethnic beauties to comprehend our national identity. Personally, I have never been to the Southern Red Sea region before. Still, now Sawa has brought all nationals closer

together, a great opportunity that makes me proud of my Eritrean identity.

Our government’s significant investment in providing every available national resource here for our success is beyond words to explain. A fact that gives me confidence in the bright future we are heading.”

Musael – Zerimariam – Tewelde

“Sawa is like one of the world’s seven wonders for me, where nationals and foreigners visit to draw lessons on fostering a national, united, resilient, skilled, creative, conscious, hopeful, and visionary youth with the power to build a respected, glorified, and prosperous nation.

Especially for African states that are in grave difficulty in building a proud nation, Sawa is the best treasure to discover, as they can witness Eritrea’s nation-building process.

Academically, Sawa is upgrading our knowledge capacity and expanding our national consciousness, while physically shaping us to stand resilient. Pardon me, I can’t describe it with words, the difference Sawa is making on me now; it will demand my age in life. In short, it is just one of the world’s seven wonders for me.”

In conclusion, Sawa is Eritrea’s national treasure where youths from all religious, ethnic, and regional diversities unite to comprehend their collective identity, develop a national



MURAD - HAMID - IDRIS



ASUNTA - ANDU - ADEM



NEJAH - MOHAMMED - SHIFA



SENAE - IDRIS - MOHAMMED



KERAR - OSHIEK - KERAR

vision, Foster national norms and values, and get organized and skilled.

This process is the main reason behind Eritrea’s efforts to build a self-reliant nation. Thus, the Eritrean future is within this national treasure, and everyone is welcome to share its wisdom.