



**Bi-Weekly Newsletter  
Permanent Mission of the State of Eritrea to AU  
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Press Section**



## **Asmara Inscribed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO**

‘Asmara: A Modernist City of Africa’ has been inscribed as a World Heritage Site, during the 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the World Heritage Committee that took place in Krakow, Poland from 7-12 July 2017.

determination, thus being a symbol of pride and achievement for the Eritrean people.

The historical, functional and architectural integrity of Asmara and in particu-



Asmara, the capital city of Eritrea, is a unique and distinct social environment of modernist architectural design. The modernist buildings that make up the World Heritage Site of Asmara were built in late 19th and first half of 20th century.

Despite the colonial imprint embedded in many of the buildings, Asmara has been incorporated into the Eritrean identity and their struggle for self-

lar the subject architectural sites have been well preserved despite the decades of war and upheaval experienced by Eritrea to gain its independence from successive colonizers.

The inscription of Asmara on the World Heritage List will encourage and increase current Eritrean efforts to restore and maintain these buildings, as well as bring awareness to the world of this African modernist treasure.

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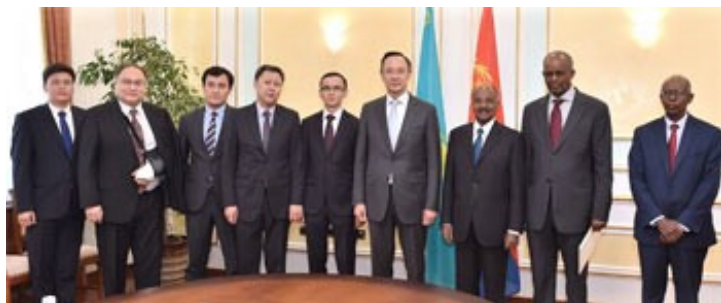
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### Senior Eritrean Delegation Conducted a Working Visit to Kazakhstan

A senior Eritrean delegation comprising Foreign Minister Osman Saleh, Presidential Advisor Mr. Yemane Gebreab and Ambassador Petros Tsegai conducted a working visit to Kazakhstan.

At the meeting the senior Eritrean delegation held with Mr. Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Foreign Minister of Kazakhstan, on 28 June in Astana the two sides reached an agreement to strengthen cooperation in political, diplomatic and economic sectors.

They also reached understanding on the priority areas of cooperation in the sectors of trade, investment



mining as well as agriculture and transportation. The Eritrean delegation also visited the Astana International Expo 2017.

### Eritrean Delegation Participated at the 29th African Union Summit

An Eritrean Delegation headed by Ambassador Araia Desta, Permanent Representative of the State of Eritrea to the AU and UNECA, participated at the 29<sup>th</sup> AU Summit, held from 27 June to 4 July 2017 at the Headquarters of the organization in Addis Ababa.

The Delegation shared Eritrea’s views and perspectives on the various issues discussed at the Permanent Representatives Committee, Executive Council and Assembly sessions.



### UN Official Lauded Eritrea’s Achievement in Health Sector

Mr. John Ging, Director of Operations Coordination and Response at the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), lauded the effort the Eritrea is exerting in the health sector within the context of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Mr. Ging made the remarks during a visit to health and educational facilities in Serejeka sub-zone in the company of Ms. Amina Nurhusein, Minister of Health.

After observing health and educational services at Geshnashim Health Centre and Embaderho Junior High School, Mr. John Ging commended Eritrea’s achievements in expanding social services.

In the course of the visit, the UN official met with various Eritrean government officials and discussed



on strengthening the existing relations between the Eritrean government and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).



**Press Statement**

Security and stability have been, and continue to remain, elusive in our region or neighborhood. The causes of the spiraling upheaval are numerous, complicated and long-standing. Deterrence of the scourge and its perpetrators so as to guarantee sustainable security and stability is not an easy task. Indeed, it will require time and concerted efforts. The foundations of Eritrea’s foreign policy are predicated on these precepts.

The decision that Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain have taken is not confined to Qatar alone – as the potential of Qatar is very limited. It is one initiative among many in the right direction that envisages full realization of regional security and stability. As such, it is not a matter that requires invitation of the Eritrean Government or solicitation of its vote. For the GOE, this is a timely issue that warrants its active support. Beyond its timely relevance, the issue is of paramount importance and will require formulation and refinement of a viable road map for the period ahead.

**Ministry of Information  
Asmara  
12 June 2017**



**Press Statement**

These are times of rapid and fluid developments in our neighborhood. News – factual and speculative – churned out in the past few days in relation to the withdrawal of Qatari troops have been many indeed.

The Government of Eritrea has so far refrained from issuing any statement. Primarily because it is not privy to, and has not to date obtained any information on, the withdrawal from the party concerned: that is the State of Qatar.

The Government of Eritrea believes that the hasty decision taken by Qatar has occurred against the backdrop of a turbulent climate. It does not, thus, see it appropriate to engage in speculative analysis at this stage. The Government of Eritrea will make its views known when it obtains full information of the entire episode.

**Ministry of Information  
Asmara  
17 June 2017**

**Africa Week in Asmara**

Africa Week event was held in Asmara from 1-3 July 2017. The event was organized in collaboration between the Foreign Ministry, Culture and Sports Commission, the UN offices as well as African Embassies based in Asmara.

The activities included exhibitions, sports competitions and film screenings. An exhibition depicting traditional food, customs and tourism attractions was also displayed by the participating Embassies.

Members of the diplomatic corps that took part in the Africa Week said that the program was aimed at strengthening the existing relations between Eritrea and the other sisterly African countries.



## Eritrean Higher Education Institutions Graduated 30,000 Students Since 2008

### *FREE EDUCATION FOR ALL, AT ALL LEVELS*

The seven Higher Education Institutions, located in various parts of the country, have since their establishment in 2008 graduated 29,902 students in Master's, first degree and diploma, including 256 in Medical Doctorate. The colleges are significantly contributing in producing professionals that are playing due role in the nation building process.

Higher Education Institution	Number of Graduates
Eritrean Institute of Technology	13571
Hamelmalo College of Agriculture	4840
Halhale College of Business and Economics	4694
Massawa College of Marine Science and Technology	1550
College of Arts and Social Sciences	1476
Asmara College of Health Sciences	3515
Orotta Schools of General Medicine and Dental Medicine	256 (since 2006)
<b>Total</b>	<b>29902</b>

### Eritrean Institute of Technology

**Location:** Mai Nefhi, Central Region

**Latest Graduates:**  
1463



### College of Arts and Social Sciences

**Location:** Adi Keih, Southern Region

**Latest Graduates:** 281  
(42% of whom are female)



## Eritrean Higher Education Institutions Graduated ...

### Asmara College of Health Sciences

Location: Central Region

Latest Graduates: 565 (45% of whom are female)



### Halhale College of Business and Economics

Location: Southern Region

Latest Graduates: 315 (42% of whom are female)



### Hamelmallo College of Agriculture

Location: Anseba Region

Latest Graduates: 440 (50% of whom are female)

