

## NATIONAL ERITREAN FESTIVAL 2026 COMMENCES



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The National Eritrean Festival 2026 was officially opened on Saturday morning by President Isaias Afwerki at the Expo Grounds.

At the opening ceremony, which featured colorful traditional dances and songs from the country's various ethnic groups, showcasing unity in diversity, President Isaias, accompanied by senior Government and PFDJ officials, members of the Diplomatic Corps, as well as several nationals from inside the country and abroad, toured the various displays and was provided with briefings.

During his visit to the regional villages, President Isaias observed regional products, the expansion of social service institutions,

agricultural development programs, historical and heritage materials and photographs, cultural and natural resources, innovative and creative works, as well as the resources of the Eritrean Red Sea, and was provided with briefings by the organizers.

President Isaias also visited an exhibition presented by the Ministries of Defense and Information, a book fair, sculpture and painting displays, and bazaars organized by various institutions.

The National Festival 2026 will remain open until 26 July, featuring traditional and modern music performances, traditional villages representing the cultures and traditions of Eritrean ethnic

groups, Eritrea's agricultural and marine resources, seminars, bazaars, photo and material displays, artistic programs, innovative and creative displays, children's programs, among others.

## MINISTER OSMAN SALEH HOLDS TALKS WITH HIS EGYPTIAN COUNTERPART

Foreign Minister Osman Saleh, met in Cairo on Sunday with his Egyptian counterpart, Foreign Minister Dr. Badr Abdelatty, for extensive talks on consolidating the strategic and historical partnership between the two countries.

The two Foreign Ministers discussed current developments in the Horn of Africa in greater depth and coordinated their respective positions on matters of mutual interest.

The Foreign Ministers recalled

the meeting between the two Heads of State held in Cairo last month as well as previous exchanges of Ministerial visits between the two countries. In this regard, Foreign Minister Osman Saleh and his Egyptian counterpart noted that conducive groundwork has indeed been accomplished to elevate the bilateral ties of friendship and cooperation to a new and higher level and thereby augment the benefits and interests of both peoples.

The two Foreign Ministers

also underlined that the security and governance of the Red Sea is, in full consonance with international law, the exclusive and normative responsibility of the littoral States.

Foreign Minister Osman Saleh also met in Cairo with Mr. Massad Boulos, President Trump's Senior Advisor for Arab and African Affairs, for extensive talks on enhancing Eritrea-US bilateral ties, as well as on broader regional matters and developments.

## ERITREAN DELEGATION PARTICIPATES IN OACPS SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS



The Eritrean delegation, led by Mr. Negassi Kasa, Eritrea's Ambassador to the European Union and the Benelux countries, participated in the 121st Session of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States, held in Brussels, Belgium, on 15 and 16 July.

The session, in which representatives from over 65 countries took part, was moderated by the current chairman, Mr. Seedy Keita, Minister of Finance and

Economy of the Gambia.

The session focused on strengthening the organization's weak financial position, reviewing the contributions of member countries scheduled for revision in 2017, and strengthening multilateral cooperation with strategic partners.

Regarding the organization's financial position, the Eritrean delegation underlined that unless the organization becomes self-reliant and maintains ownership of its policies, it will not be able to engage as an equal partner with the European Union. The delegation also called on member countries to pay their contributions in a timely manner.

The session also adopted various recommendations to support the organization's activities.



Minister Osman Saleh with his Egyptian counterpart



Minister Osman meeting President Trump's Senior Advisor for Arab and African Affairs

# REPORTAGE

## Festival Eritrea 2026 Opens Its Doors at the Asmara Expo Grounds

By: Mussie Efrim

The Eritrean National Festival stands as a major annual cultural highlight held every summer at the Expo Grounds in Asmara. Serving as a vibrant celebration of the nation's rich heritage, diversity, and unity, the week-long event brings together communities across all six administrative regions and nine

artistic expression, and historical exhibits, the event serves as a bridge between past and present, offering a comprehensive journey through the heart of the nation.

The highly anticipated National Festival 2026 officially commenced on July 18, 2026, at the Expo Grounds in Asmara, officially inaugurated by President Isaias Afwerki.

was the visit to the regional villages, which illustrated both Eritrea's cultural traditions and its ongoing development projects:

**Agricultural Development:** Exhibits highlighted state-led initiatives, notably the construction of water-catchment infrastructure and strategic dams across the country, which are transforming agricultural productivity. Regional administrations presented high-yield seed varieties and modern farming techniques.

**National Food Security:** The Eritrean Crop and Livestock Corporation (ECLC) showcased local produce made possible by reservoir water security, including fresh dairy products delivered to public markets and fruit crops cultivated along reservoir perimeters.

**Research Initiatives:** Pilot projects from the Halhale research farm featured fresh and packaged foods testing methods for sustainable long-term development.

Alongside agricultural developments, regional displays outlined the government's strategic expansion of public health and educational infrastructure, emphasizing free access to healthcare and schooling across remote areas.

Delegates were also guided through historical and environmental exhibits. Cultural artifacts, preserved heritage materials, and archived



ethnic groups to showcase traditional music, folk dances, regional attire, craft exhibitions, and culinary traditions.

Functioning as a dynamic crossroads, the festival provides a space where Eritreans from across the country and the global diaspora converge to reconnect with their roots and celebrate their shared identity. For international visitors, it offers an immersive glimpse into the nation's cultural mosaic, bringing together all nine distinct ethnic groups within a single, lively perimeter. By weaving together cultural heritage, modern

The opening ceremony began at 9:00 AM as President Isaias performed the traditional ribbon-cutting, accompanied by senior government and PFDJ officials, high-ranking Army Commanders, members of the diplomatic corps, religious leaders, and citizens from both home and abroad.

Following the ribbon-cutting, the Expo Grounds erupted into a lively procession representing Eritrea's nine ethnic groups across all six administrative regions. Dressed in colorful traditional attire, cultural



troupes escorted the delegation from the entrance gates toward the main festival venues, filling the path with traditional music, dance, and celebratory performances.

Following the opening procession, President Isaias Afwerki and the accompanying delegation embarked on an extensive tour of the diverse pavilions, receiving detailed briefings from event organizers and regional representatives.

A central highlight of the tour

photographs offered a look into the nation's history, while detailed environmental displays highlighted the ecological diversity and economic potential of the Red Sea coastline.

Specialized institutional pavilions presented by the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Information highlighted key national milestones:

**Ingenuity & History:** The Ministry of Defense showcased field tools, adapted medical equipment, and technical solutions developed by lib-



eration fighters during the struggle for independence.

**Gender Equality:** Displays documented the historical roles of female fighters who participated across technical repair, medical care, and combat command positions, laying the groundwork for modern societal transformation.

boost productivity across various sectors.

In cinema, the festival highlighted the historical journey and current developments of the Eritrean film industry. Marking a milestone, this year's event celebrated the launch of the Eritrean Film Festival, an initiative created to support the



The festival grounds featured curated sculpture and painting galleries displaying contemporary Eritrean artwork, alongside commercial bazaars highlighting local enterprises and craftsmanship. A sprawling book fair drew visitors with a collection of historical literature and newly published works by local authors.

A standout feature of this year's festival was the technology and innovation section, where young innovators showcased creative projects and practical applications of artificial intelligence designed to

growth and international reach of local filmmaking.

The opening tour concluded through the culinary and commercial sectors of the Expo Grounds, where visitors experienced regional cuisine and traditional home-brewed beverages.

Festival Eritrea 2026 will remain open to the public through July 26, 2026, featuring daily cultural performances, regional village displays, educational seminars, bazaars, and youth programs.



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## SpotLight

# Beyond Smears: Eritrea's Enduring Commitment to peace, Cooperation, and Sovereignty

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In recent weeks and months, Eritrea has increasingly become the target of coordinated campaigns seeking to tarnish its image. Some of the usual hired lobbyists, partisan commentators, and actors pursuing narrower strategic interests have attempted to cast the country as a “disruptive force” in the Horn of Africa. Among the most frequently repeated claims is the allegation that “Eritrea harbours a deep-seated hostility towards Ethiopia and is intent on obstructing its economic progress”.

Yet, however often these accusations are repeated, they remain utterly erroneous and implausible. Not only do they ignore Eritrea's historical experience and misrepresent its guiding principles, they also fundamentally and wilfully distort its track-record and long-standing vision for regional peace and cooperation.

At the heart of Eritrea's regional outlook lies a simple but consistent premise: the prosperity of one country strengthens the prospects of all.

Far from viewing development through the lens of rivalry, Eritrea has long maintained that lasting peace and economic progress are mutually reinforcing across the Horn of Africa. This has not been an occasional political slogan but a defining feature of its national outlook, articulated repeatedly by policymakers and embedded within the National Charter itself.

The Charter, adopted in 1994 shortly after Eritrea's formal independence, affirms that the country's foreign policy is intended to advance “peace and stability in our region” while strengthening cooperation with governments and peoples alike. It further recognizes that “economic and cultural development cannot be achieved in isolation from the surrounding and international countries,” emphasizing the importance of fostering “active and comprehensive cooperation with our neighbours and the wider world”.

Seen through this lens, development and prosperity are not a zero-sum enterprise. Economic progress is not diminished when neighbouring countries succeed.

On the contrary, it is amplified. The notion that Eritrea would deliberately seek to undermine Ethiopia's development – or that of any neighbouring state for that matter – therefore stands in direct contradiction to both its stated policies and its strategic interests.

Crucially, this perspective is inseparable from Eritrea's own historical experience. For generations, the country has endured repeated external aggression, from colonial occupation to unlawful territorial claims in the modern era. Those experiences have reinforced a central lesson: sovereignty is neither negotiable nor secure unless it is consistently defended.

Accordingly, Eritrea's position has remained remarkably consistent. As succinctly stressed by President Isaias Afwerki on 24 May 1998 when Ethiopia had declared war on Eritrea, “Eritrea neither seeks territory belonging to others nor covets their resources... At the same time, it has steadfastly maintained that it will neither surrender what is rightfully its own nor compromise on the principle of sovereign equality.... In PIA's exact words: . “ናጉና ኣይከብን፡ ዘይናጉና ኣይንደልን”.

Shallow critics frequently mischaracterize this position as evidence of belligerence. In reality, Eritrea's military and diplomatic posture has been shaped not by expansionist ambitions but by the imperative of safeguarding its independence against external pressure and coercion.

Importantly, history has imparted another valuable lesson. Having repeatedly borne the consequences of foreign intervention and destabilization, Eritrea is acutely aware of the destructive consequences such policies inflict upon nations and societies. Rather than reproducing those practices, it has drawn from its own experience a broader principle: no country should be subjected to the same infringements upon sovereignty that Eritrea itself has endured. Consequently, respect for national independence, mutual coexistence, and non-interference has become a defining feature of its regional approach.

These principles are reinforced by Eritrea's own development trajectory. Beneath the often sensational portrayals lies a

country possessing considerable assets for long-term economic growth. Rich mineral deposits, productive agricultural potential, an advantageous strategic location, and a resilient, industrious population provide a solid foundation for sustainable development.

Coupled with a long-standing commitment to self-reliance, these strengths leave Eritrea with neither the need nor the incentive to impede others' progress.

Indeed, Eritrea's future prosperity is closely linked to the broader stability of the Horn of Africa. Peace is therefore not simply an aspirational ideal but a practical necessity. A secure and stable regional environment creates opportunities for expanded trade, integrated infrastructure, increased investment, and mutually beneficial economic partnerships that can raise living standards across national borders. In this sense, Eritrea's commitment to regional peace is fully aligned with its own long-term national interests.

Against this backdrop, the persistence of campaigns portraying Eritrea as a source of instability becomes easier to understand. Such narratives are rarely innocent misunderstandings. Rather, more often, they serve distinct political purposes.

Political science has long recognized scapegoating as a mechanism through which governments deflect attention from domestic shortcomings by directing public frustration toward an external adversary. Diversionary theories of conflict similarly explain how political leaders confronted by internal pressures may manufacture external tensions – or exaggerate existing ones – to cultivate a “rally-round-the-flag” effect and consolidate domestic support.

Accordingly, casting Eritrea as the regional antagonist fits squarely within this pattern, especially with the Potemkin Party in Ethiopia. The resulting narrative diverts attention from governance failures, economic challenges, and spiraling conflicts of its own making, while providing a convenient external target onto which blame can be projected. Under such circumstances, repetition becomes a substitute

for evidence, and political utility outweighs factual accuracy.

Nor are domestic political calculations the only factor at play. The campaign to vilify Eritrea is also intertwined with enduring expansionist and irredentist aspirations that run counter to the principles of sovereign equality and internationally recognized borders. Casting Eritrea as an obstacle or antagonist helps legitimize these ambitions, reframing territorial revisionism as a defensive or even necessary response. In this way, misinformation serves not merely as political distraction but also as a vehicle for advancing broader strategic objectives.

Looking ahead, there is little reason to expect these campaigns of vilification to disappear. Narratives built upon repetition rather than

evidence often prove remarkably resilient. Yet no amount of rhetoric can alter the fundamental realities. Eritrea continues to ground its regional policy in peaceful coexistence, unwavering respect for sovereignty, and the conviction that sustainable development is best achieved through cooperation rather than confrontation.

For observers across the Horn of Africa and beyond, the challenge is therefore straightforward: to distinguish carefully between politically motivated caricatures and verifiable facts. Doing so reveals a far more consistent picture – one of a country whose policies continue to be guided by enduring principles of sovereignty, self-reliance, regional stability, and constructive engagement.

## News

### ERITREAN COMMUNITY FESTIVAL HELD IN THE UK



Eritrean nationals residing in the United Kingdom celebrated their annual festival on 18 and 19 July in Chelmsford under the theme “Our Resilience; Our Guarantee.”

The annual festival, which was officially opened by Mr. Saleh Abdella, Chargé d’Affaires at the Eritrean Embassy in the UK and Ireland, was attended by nationals from various cities across the United Kingdom.

The festival featured traditional villages reflecting the culture, identity, and history of the Eritrean people. It also included displays by the National Union of Eritrean Women portraying the journey of Eritrean women through various stages of the country's history, as well as a children's village and other activities.

Mr. Ahmed Mahmud, chairman of the National Committee, expressed

gratitude to all organizations, communities, and national associations for their participation and contribution to the successful organization of the colorful event.

Mr. Tewolde Yohannes, head of Public and Community Affairs, said that the annual festival is an occasion that reflects Eritrean identity, introduces Eritrea and its people to foreigners, enables youth and children to better understand their culture and identity, and strengthens unity and harmony among nationals.

Mr. Saleh Abdella also conducted a seminar for the participants focusing on the objective situation in the homeland, as well as regional and global developments.

At the event, awards were presented to nationals who graduated with first degrees, postgraduate degrees, and doctoral qualifications.



# From Rolling to Dipping: The Iconic Beauty of Eritrean Tihlo

By: Kidane Shimendi

Tihlo is an iconic Eritrean traditional dish widely celebrated for its unique flavor and cultural elegance. Its distinct culinary tradition serves as a testament to the grace of Eritrean women, national unity, and the warm hospitality of its people. Deeply embedded in the national identity, this rich cultural heritage—combined with profound nutritional benefits—continues to captivate both local diners and international visitors.

Unlike other East African variations, Eritrean Tihlo possesses distinct components and preparation techniques that set it apart. Generally, Tihlo consists of three main components: the barley dough, the Tihlo stew or sauce, and Siljo, a traditional fermented legume dip. Each element incorporates organic, indigenous ingredients renowned for their health benefits.

The preparation of Tihlo requires specific ingredients for each of its three key elements. The rich Tihlo sauce relies on a quarter kilogram of minced beef or biltong, one small cup of butter or spiced ghee known as tesmi, and two tablespoons of dilik, a fiery chili paste made from berbere powder mixed with water and oil. For the dough, one medium cup of roasted barley flour is combined with salt to taste and water for kneading. Finally, the traditional fermented Siljo dip is prepared with a cup of barley flour, a cup of milk or buttermilk (birah), a tablespoon of minced garlic, and a paste of

mustard seeds called senafich.

Cooking Tihlo follows three distinct steps, beginning with the preparation of the Siljo. To make the dip, the barley flour, minced garlic, and senafich mustard paste are thoroughly mixed with buttermilk or yogurt, then allowed to ferment slightly to develop its characteristic tangy flavor. Next, the cook prepares the Tihlo sauce by heating the dilik chili paste and butter together inside a traditional clay pot called a xahli. The minced beef or biltong is added to the pot and cooked slowly over low heat with constant stirring. In contrast, small splashes of water are added periodically to prevent the rich spices from burning, until all the flavors meld into a deep, fragrant stew. In the final cooking phase, the dough is crafted by kneading the roasted barley flour with water until it forms a smooth, firm mixture, which is then shaped into a shiny, mountain-like mound glistening with oil or butter.

The art of serving Tihlo is an essential part of the experience, as groups gather in a circle around a communal platter to enjoy the meal together. Tihlo is traditionally served in a mesob, an ornate, handwoven dining basket made of straw and raffia.

A piece of injera, the traditional fermented sourdough flatbread, covers the base of the platter, and the hot clay pot containing the Tihlo sauce is set directly in the center. To keep the Siljo dip from sinking into the hot stew, a small piece of injera is floated on top

of the sauce to act as a platform for the condiment. A woman then meticulously prepares small dough balls for the waiting guests, rubbing a tiny amount of water or butter onto her palms to prevent sticking while pinching off pieces of dough and swiftly rolling them into perfectly smooth spheres around the platter. Tihlo also features a unique dining etiquette; while most Eritrean meals are eaten directly using fingers and injera, Tihlo uses a specialized two-pronged wooden fork called a shint'ar. Diners use the shint'ar to spear a dough ball, dip it directly into the vibrant sauce and Siljo, and enjoy it in a single bite.

Culturally, Tihlo is reserved for special occasions such as festive gatherings, cultural holidays, and wedding ceremonies. Tradition dictates that it should never be prepared for a single person or groups smaller than four, as it is fundamentally a communal experience. Beyond its social role, Tihlo's natural ingredients offer significant health benefits. Its primary component, barley, is exceptionally rich in dietary fiber, promoting healthy digestion and regular bowel movements. The soluble fiber in barley also provides metabolic support by regulating blood sugar levels and supporting weight management. Additionally, barley delivers essential B-vitamins such as niacin and thiamine for cellular energy, along with key minerals like magnesium, phosphorus, and selenium that support strong bones and immune function.

Similar to other traditional



**Sauce**  
Eritrean dishes, Tihlo embodies cuisine. Everything from crafting profound cultural significance. It the clay pot and woven mesob



**Tihlo's Siljo**

is not an everyday meal; families to sculpting the dough reflects prepare it to honor special guests, an enduring cultural elegance.



**Dough with Shint'ar**



**Tihlo**

travelers returning from long journeys, or major life milestones as a true expression of community warmth and respect. Eating around a shared platter, known as a meadi in Tigrinya, fosters national unity while promoting mindful, slower eating habits that improve digestion. Furthermore, the reliance on barley showcases Eritrea's rich agricultural heritage and sustainable food systems. Above all, Tihlo highlights the grace, artistry, and wisdom of Eritrean women, who act as the primary architects of the national

In conclusion, Tihlo is far more than a meal—it is a living symbol of Eritrean hospitality, unity, agricultural abundance, and culinary mastery. Through dishes like Tihlo, younger generations connect with their history, culture, and ancestral wisdom. As national celebrations draw near, let us embrace and celebrate these traditional culinary art forms in all their authentic beauty. (I have made my references from Asmeret Damer's *The Mystery of Our Dishes*, 2022, and *Fretsaeri Magazine*, Issue No. 07, 2026)

# OPINION

## Festival Eritrea: a Catalyst for Growth in Domestic Tourism

By: Irdi Issaias

Festival Eritrea, the annual national festival, is being held at the Expo Grounds in Asmara. It is an occasion to celebrate the country's rich cultural heritage and multi-ethnic unity. It provides a platform to promote cross-cultural appreciation and for local communities to proudly showcase their talents, traditional cuisines, craftsmanship, and artistic skills.

In addition to its immense social and historical value, the national festival has an important economic function, acting as a dynamic, self-sustaining engine for domestic tourism. Thousands

by cultural, musical, culinary, and civic gatherings has emerged as the most reliable catalyst to motivate citizens to explore their homeland.

In Eritrea, national festivals have successfully evolved from purely socio-cultural gatherings into major economic drivers. By investing in and strategically promoting national and regional events, Eritrea can cultivate a thriving domestic tourism market that operates on its own terms, insulated from fluctuations in international travel or external economic pressures.

All six of Eritrea's regions have designated pavilions at the



pavilions embark on an immersive journey across Eritrea's geography without ever leaving the capital. Guests walk through life-sized replicas of traditional homesteads, observe ancestral practices up close, and participate in regional folk dances. The festival grounds ring with the vibrant music of the nation's nine ethnic groups, featuring chorus-style chanting and rhythmic drumming. Spectators admire the dramatic sword dances of the Bidawyet, marvel at the intricate embroidery of the Rashaida, and join the energetic round dances of the Tigrinya. At the same time, the brilliant colors of traditional attire add a stunning visual vibrancy to the atmosphere.

This major gathering triggers an unprecedented seasonal wave of internal travel as families, youth groups, and regional delegations travel to Asmara from every province, stimulating the transport, lodging, and service industries. The economic ripple effect created by this domestic migration is substantial. Hotels, pensions, and family guest houses throughout Asmara reach

maximum capacity, generating immediate revenue for service staff and hospitality workers. Restaurants, traditional coffee houses, and seasonal food stalls enjoy high customer volume, exposing visitors to regional culinary variations and local ingredients. Simultaneously, open-air bazaars set up across the grounds offer direct sales channels

history. By celebrating these customs and values, the gathering ensures the continued vitality of ancestral traditions and passes them forward to upcoming generations. Year in and year out, as the committee coordinating the national festival, as well as regional administrative bodies, enhance their organizational frameworks, the long-term



of Eritreans from all over the country and the diaspora come to experience the annual event, which provides a powerful, much-needed boost to the local hospitality and travel sectors while laying a solid foundation for sustainable internal growth.

The festival's enduring success rests upon Eritrea's unique cultural landscape, which places a profound emphasis on community, solidarity, and togetherness. Every public celebration is an occasion for the expression of the nation's identity, weaving a vibrant tapestry where diverse regional traditions unite as a single family. When global conversations turn to tourism development, the focus often shifts toward international long-haul flights, luxury resort chains, and foreign travel markets. While international visitors remain a valued component of the global travel trade, the genuinely resilient backbone of any national travel economy tends to lie within its own borders. Worldwide, internal travel driven

Expo grounds. A visit to these pavilions allows visitors to step into an authentic representation of regional life, offering an insightful glimpse into the daily routines, creative solutions, and economic potential of communities from every corner of the country.

Visitors stepping into these



for local craftspeople, enabling women artisans in particular to reach eager consumers with hand-carved pottery, finely woven baskets, embroidered textiles, and traditional jewelry.

At its core, the festival remains deeply committed to preserving and honoring Eritrea's living

strategic priority should be to integrate cultural preservation with sustainable economic innovation. By implementing these coordinated strategies, Eritrea can ensure that the financial and social benefits of domestic tourism are distributed equitably across all regions.

As music echoes across the Expo Grounds, Eritrea reaffirms a fundamental truth: the nation's greatest resource for economic vitality and social development lies within the unity and shared identity of its people. Ultimately, every journey taken by an Eritrean citizen to participate in the national festival is far more than a recreational trip; it represents a direct investment in local job creation, business expansion, and national cohesion. By offering a national stage where culture, innovation, and commerce converge, the festival demonstrates that domestic tourism can be a primary engine of sustainable economic growth.





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ANNOUNCEMENT

1. **Position:** Auto Electrician  
**Department:** Mining  
**Section:** HME-Maintenance  
**Number required:** Two (02)

**Primary Purpose**

- The primary duty of an Auto Electrician is to use electronic diagnostic equipment to diagnose electrical issues within a vehicle & equipment. Auto electricians are trained to install brand new electrical wiring or manufacture harnesses as needed, replace and repair defective components, as well as maintain, diagnose, and repair already existing electrical components. Auto electricians can work on HME, Support Equipment, lifting equipment and any equipment normally associated with open pit mining.

**Essential Function**

- An auto electrician’s tasks typically include Performing electronic diagnostics on vehicles to identify faults. Repairing electrical and electronic faults in vehicles, replacing damaged/faulty parts where necessary. Performing checks and tests to verify the success of repair work. Good strong technical ability.

**TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREAS**

**Planning**

- Follows the “Planned Maintenance Schedule”.
- Follows daily job cards.

**Implementation of the Plan**

- Identify the highest priority for each day and focus on completing relevant tasks.
- Ensures good housekeeping.
- Carries out actual maintenance and repairs in an efficient and effective way to minimise downtime. Makes use of Electronic Technical (Cat ET) system to diagnose problems.
- Performs regular inspections to detect potential problems before they cause breakdowns.
- Minimises downtime by ensuring the best techniques are being used to repair breakdowns.
- Ensure safety requirements are fulfilled at the workplace, including leading Field Level Risk Assessment (FLRA) and proper use of the appropriate PPE. Report any safety issues/incidents.
- Comply with mine’s cardinal rules and other safety, environmental or other rules and standards as directed. Identifies any hazards in the workplace.
- Conducts preventative maintenance on the Workshop by checking the following: circuit & wiring diagrams, sketches, operation manuals, manufacturer’s instructions and engineering specifications. Troubleshooting malfunctions.
- Carries out “Fault finding” by using relevant testing instruments.
- Removes defective parts and examines form and texture of parts to determine causes of failure.

- Determines changes in dimensional requirements of parts by using relevant measuring instruments.
- Understands and is familiar with basic auto electrical systems.
- Installing new vehicle wiring systems
- Diagnosing electrical issues and proposing a course of action
- Repairing and replacing faulty wiring or electrical systems
- Servicing and repairing electrical systems on a wide range of automotive equipment
- Attends technical and other training as required by supervisor.
- Installing and troubleshooting site radios and fire suppression systems
- Troubleshoot and repair electrical system within the automotive industry.
- Work in confined spaces,
- Carry out any other task as directed by General Foreman or above.

**Reporting**

- Compile daily; progress auto electrical reports as requested.

**Unique requirements/other information**

- Candidate must be physically medically fit.

| Qualifications:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Knowledge and Experience                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proof of trade certification as Auto Electrical Technician or diploma</li><li>Any certification on Heavy Mining Equipment Auto Electrical will be advantageous</li><li>Must be a holder of his country vehicle license.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5 Years experience as Auto Electrician in mining business</li><li>3 Years experience in HME and Support Equipment maintenance</li><li>Certificate in Air Condition Maintenance will be advantageous</li><li>Certificates for technologies: engine, electricity, air conditioning systems will be advantageous.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Technical Skills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Behavioral Skills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Read electrical and hydraulic diagrams</li><li>Knowledge of reasons for auto electrical failures</li><li>Knowledge of electrical and air conditioning systems</li><li>Knowledge of technologies: engine, electricity, air conditioning maintenance and fault finding</li><li>Use the technical documentation of the manufacturers</li><li>Writing of service reports.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Independent and responsible, able to make decisions.</li><li>Leader, ability to chair meetings</li><li>Observer, with a good spirit of analysis and synthesis.</li><li>Rigorous, organized, methodical and persistent.</li><li>Good interpersonal skills and business-oriented</li><li>Ability to impart his knowledge, motivate his teams &amp; High level of accuracy</li><li>Mobile, available and motivated</li><li>Communication(English)&amp; Assertiveness</li><li>Interpersonal Relations &amp; Integrity</li><li>Prioritizing skills &amp; multi-skilling</li><li>Ability to work towards strict deadlines</li></ul> |

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2 Position: Senior Mining Supervisor

Department: Mining

Section: Load and Haul

Number required: One (01)

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Primary Purpose

- To manage and coordinate all day-to-day facets of the mining load and haul operation. To effectively support the operational requirements in a safe and cost effectively manner. Knowledge transfer and mentoring is a must in this role to Engineers, Supervisors, Crew Leaders and all Operators.

Essential Function

- Ensuring that mining operation outcomes are met through a safe, effective with efficient utilization of resources (human and capital), in accordance with company objectives. Accountable for delivering individual and team production targets, coaching and mentoring the team members for continuous improvement.

KEY TASK DESCRIPTION EXPANDED TO CORE PERFORMANCE AREAS

- Manage daily load & haul mining operations safely and efficiently
- Lead, supervise and mentor engineers, supervisors, and operators
- Ensure production targets, cost control, and equipment utilisation
- Enforce safety, health & environmental standards
- Drive team performance, training, and continuous improvement

Unique requirements/other information

- Candidate must be physically medically fit.
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- Multi skilled with previous mining capital projects execution experience.

| Qualifications:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Knowledge and Experience                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>15 years operational experience complemented with extensive experience as a Supervisor / Superintendent.</li></ul>                                                                                                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Significant experience in a mining environment</li><li>Comprehensive Supervision and leadership skills in international mining operation</li><li>Previous expatriate experience</li><li>Able to understand priorities and utilize equipment to deliver outcomes as per the mine plan</li><li>Extensive experience as an all-round operator. Frontline Management</li><li>Supervisors Development Program</li><li>Hard rock mining experience</li><li>Pit dewatering experience.</li></ul> |
| Technical Skills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Behavioral Skills                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Computer Literacy (Word, Excel, Power Point)</li><li>Good English written and verbal skills</li><li>Certificate 4 Trainer and Assessor</li><li>Problem solving and solution implementation</li><li>Frontline Management.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Live and breathe Bisha Core Values</li><li>Interpersonal skills</li><li>Ability to work under pressure</li><li>Results oriented</li><li>Good interdepartmental communication</li><li>Ability to work in multi-disciplinary environment</li><li>A commitment to safe work practices</li><li>Self-motivation and organisation and planning skills</li><li>A willingness to transfer knowledge to a national workforce</li><li>Ability to mentor the workforce.</li></ul>                    |

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 provided 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

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that the shareholders of **ERITEC PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANY**, on their Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2025, have resolved that;

- Pursuant to Circuit Court of Fairfax County's, Virginia U.S.A. judgment under file Fiduciary Number FI-2023-0000159 on 23/01/2023 and the same judgment has been duly authenticated by relevant Eritrean Institutions that the late Mr.Leakemariam Ogbamichel's 725 shares per value of 1,000.00 (One Thousand Nakfa) Nakfa have been transferred to Mrs. Alganesh Tekeste.
- Mrs. Alganesh Tekeste has sold and transferred her 50 shares per value of 1,000.00 (One Thousand Nakfa) to Mr. Teages Ogbamichel.
- The post of the General Manager of the company having formerly been occupied by Mr. Leakemariam Ogbamichel has been terminated and this Extraordinary Meeting has appointed **Mr. Tekletsion Ghebremedhin** as General Manager of the company with the powers and duties laid down in the Articles of Association and various resolutions.

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# A Journey of Identity and Transformation: The Story of Two Sisters

Habtom Tesfamichael

First, could you please introduce yourselves to our readers and share your backgrounds?

**Dliet:** We came from



Lwam Tesfaendrias

Edmonton, Canada, though we were born and raised here in Eritrea. I left the country after finishing seventh grade. I always dreamed of going to Sawa. When I was a little girl, people would ask what I wanted to be; while I would say “a pilot” because I liked flying, I always insisted that I wanted to go to Sawa first. I was inspired by a young woman who rented a house from us in Mendefera—she was a Sawa graduate and a parade leader for a military demonstration. Seeing her made me feel that one day, I should do exactly what she did.

After finishing high school in Canada, I asked my father to let me go. He was surprised that I still wanted to go even after moving to Canada, but he used it to motivate me, saying that if I got good grades, he would let me go. I got all A’s! Later, he suggested I finish college first so I could serve professionally. I agreed and earned my diploma in accounting. By the time I finished, Lwam had just graduated high school, so it was the perfect time for us to come together.

**Lwam:** well, I didn’t initially plan to come. I left Eritrea when I was only five years old. As a child, I didn’t go out much, and I hadn’t even learned Tigrinya properly. The idea was entirely my older sister’s. When she first suggested it, I didn’t think it would actually happen, but once the process started, I realized it was becoming a reality.

So, Dliet, how did you convince

*In today’s edition, Eritrea Profile brings you a conversation with two sisters, Dliet and Lwam Tesfaendrias, who traveled from Edmonton, Canada, to join the 38<sup>th</sup> Round National Service. Dliet, 25, holds a diploma in accounting, while her younger sister Lwam, 19, recently completed high school. Their journey from the cold winters of Alberta to the intense heat of Sawa is a story of rediscovering roots, overcoming diaspora-born misconceptions, and building a stronger sense of self. We spoke to them about their experiences, the challenges of military training, and the life lessons they are taking back with them.*

**Lwam, and what challenges did you face regarding Sawa’s perception abroad?**

**Dliet:** Many people abroad hold a negative view of Sawa. I wanted to bring Lwam so she could experience true Eritrean identity firsthand. She was hesitant because she had never been away from our mother or our home before. She only knew Sawa as a military facility and had heard many negative political rumors. She even spoke to Eritrean friends at her high school who told her discouraging things.

To convince her, I showed her everything—documentaries and videos about national service—and had her talk to friends who had already gone through Sawa. I told her the truth about both the rewarding aspects and the challenges. Eventually, she agreed.

**Lwam:** It was hard because of what I heard from friends. I was worried about the military aspect and the political rumors. But Dliet was persistent and showed me reality through others’ firsthand experiences. I decided to trust her and see it for myself.

**What were your first impressions upon arriving in Sawa, and how did you begin your service?**

**Dliet:** Because we had already completed our secondary education, we weren’t sent straight to the academic halls. Instead, we were stationed with the finance department at the training center to work there until the military training cycle began. It was a great experience; the staff showed us around and helped us understand Eritrea much better. The most difficult adjustment was the weather. Coming from Canada, the heat is intense—it is still hard for me to get used to it!

**Lwam:** At first, I was stressed because we had already finished school, and I didn’t know what we would be doing. But working in the finance office was a nice transition as we adapted to the

climate. When the military training finally started, we were excited. It was strange at first—doing everything collectively and sharing communal showers with so many people—but our company-mates were so cooperative that I adapted very quickly.

**Sawa is often described as a “melting pot.” How has the military training and collective living shaped your understanding of the country?**

**Dliet:** “Melting pot” is a very accurate description. You meet people from all cultures, regions, and backgrounds. Sawa changes your habits; you learn to correct yourself immediately and avoid repeating mistakes. In our oath, we pledge to serve free of narrow regional or tribal sentiments, and you see that principle in action in every movement we do.

The combination of the climate and military training really tests your limits. I remember our battalion commander telling us: “At first, it might be tough for you. But the harder you train, the easier it becomes for you in challenging conditions—like, God forbid, during conflict.” That helped me understand the true purpose of being here. I don’t think people fully realize how fortunate we are to have Sawa.

**How has Sawa changed you both, mentally and physically?**

**Lwam:** It made me realize how much I took for granted back in Canada. It taught me to use the opportunities I have more wisely and to value things I didn’t pay attention to before.

**Dliet:** Mentally, it was a complete digital detox. In Canada, I was addicted to my phone; I was only away from it while sleeping. Here, I’ve learned to be truly present. Physically, I’ve become much stronger. I used to be “squeamish” and couldn’t even carry a heavy bucket of water. Now, I have built real muscle and stamina! Our company was very competitive. Being around strong people motivates you. We used to lag during morning runs, but we



Dliet Tesfaendrias

have improved so much.

**What are the most important life lessons you will take back to Canada?**

**Dliet:** Time management is the biggest lesson. What I used to do in an entire day in Canada, I now accomplish in an hour here. At home, doing laundry could take three days from washing to putting it away in the closet. Here, you exercise, clean your quarters, and wash your clothes all within a tiny window of time. There is no lazy person in Sawa—we are amazed by our own efficiency!

**Lwam:** I learned that you have to do things at the right time. You

can’t procrastinate. You don’t know when you will be called for the next task, so you must make the most of the time you have right now.

**What is your message to the diaspora and to those who might be uncertain about coming to Sawa?**

**Dliet:** Many in the diaspora think Sawa is a “correction center” for youth with behavioral issues. That is not the purpose of Sawa at all. It is where true Eritrean identity is built—willingly and consciously. It brings together people from all walks of life. It is a place to learn, grow physically and mentally, and understand Eritrea as a microcosm of our whole nation.

**Lwam:** It almost feels like a movie experience, but it is a powerful reality for us. I believe our embassies and consular affairs offices should play a greater role in providing people with detailed information. By pooling the skills and capacity of the diaspora, we can create even more opportunities to contribute. My goal now is to pursue further education to serve my country better in the future.

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### MAI-NEFHI COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING .....

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The guest of honor, Mr. Abraha Asfaha, Minister of Public Works, noted that the Government of Eritrea, recognizing that human resources development is a main pillar of national development, is making substantial investments in the sector. He urged the graduates to enhance further the knowledge they acquired during their college education through hard work, dedication, and creativity.

Dr. Araya Zeray, Dean of the College, noting that the graduation day marked the culmination of years characterized by rigorous discipline, relentless academic pursuit, and intellectual growth, said that the graduates’ journey is anchored in three core principles: cultivating intellectual alertness, commitment to resilient design, and service through professionalism.

A representative of the graduates expressed the graduates’ conviction to apply the knowledge they had gained in the service of their country and people.

At the event, medals of merit were presented to outstanding students.