

PRESS RELEASE

Diplomats, Staff at London Embassy Raise over 2 million Birr for GERD



4th April 2014

Diplomats and staff at the Ethiopian Embassy in London today pledged their monthly salary to buy bonds amounting to £68,250 (around 2,120,000 Birr), in connection with the 3rd anniversary of the launching of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD).

Following discussions on the progress made in the implementation of this huge national undertaking, employees of the embassy vowed to remain seized and unanimously decided to mobilize funds, joining hands with the Ethiopian Diaspora residing in the UK.

H.E. Berhanu Kebede, Ethiopian Ambassador to the UK, in remarks made at the staff meeting, urged compatriots to intensify engagement in all development endeavours mapped out to make poverty history and realize growth and economic prosperity.

The River Nile, as H.E. Foreign Minister Dr. Tedros Adhanom recently said in an article, “is a symbol of cooperation and collaboration” and Ethiopia will uphold its principled stance to always work for a win-win solution regarding the utilization of the waters of the Nile.

The diplomats and staff of the Ethiopian Embassy in London had previously raised £60,000 (1,920,000 Birr) in support of the national drive to undertake the construction of the Hidase Dam, which upon completion will generate 6,000MW of power that will feed the fast growing Ethiopian economy.

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Date: 12 April 2014

Time: 3pm - 8pm

Venue: Embassy of Ethiopia, 17 Princes Gate, LONDON SW7 1PZ

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GRAND ETHIOPIAN RENAISSANCE DAM