



PM Abiy Launches National Tax Revenue Movement

Addis Ababa December 21/2018 Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has launched today the National Tax Revenue Movement that aimed at improving tax collection system of the country.

The movement was launched under the theme of “Delivering on my Responsibility: Demanding my Rights”.

Addressing the launching ceremony, which was held at the African Union hall in Addis Ababa, PM Abiy said tax revenue is one of the critical foundations of a country’s civilization and development.

Researchers showed that tax revenues are critical to sustainable development as they are providing governments with independent revenue for investing in development, reducing poverty and delivering public services.

Taxation is one of the most important ways in which developing countries like Ethiopia can mobilize their own resources for sustainable development, he said.

He stated that expansion of infrastructure will create strong and competent private sector which in turn create plenty of job opportunities for citizens.

So, building strong infrastructure is critical which supported from tax revenue, the Prime Minister underscored.

He urged tax payers to develop an enhanced frame of mind on tax payment responsibility through which they demonstrate their love of country and family.

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