



## **UK Returns Locks of Hair Belonging To Emperor Tewodros II**

Locks of hair belonging to Emperor Tewodros II have been officially handed over to Ethiopia by the British National Army Museum.

Ethiopian Minister of Culture and Tourism, Dr Hirut Kassaw, received the hair at a ceremony held in London yesterday.

The Minister also requested the Museum to return 11 replica Arks of the Covenant, which are currently in storage at the Museum, emphasising that the Arks were more than just artefacts.

The locks of hair belonging to Emperor Tewodros II were removed by a member of the British expeditionary force led by Field Marshal Robert Cornelius Napier after the Emperor chose to commit suicide rather than surrender at the battle of Maqdala in 1868.

The Ethiopian National Archives and Library Agency (ENALA) and the British Library in London yesterday also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to collaborate in various sectors.

Ethiopia's Minister of Culture and Tourism, Dr Hirut Kassaw, signed the MoU on behalf of ENALA.

The agreement will see the institutions foster greater collaboration, research, capacity building and knowledge exchange.

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