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**THE CROWN COUNCIL OF ETHIOPIA**

**HIS IMPERIAL HIGHNESS PRINCE ERMIAS SAHLE-SELASSIE HAILE-SELASSIE**  
PRESIDENT

## **STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF HIS EXCELLENCY DR. MINASSIE HAILE**

It is with profound sorrow that we mourn the loss of His Excellency Dr. Minassie Haile, a towering statesman, diplomat, and servant of Ethiopia. His departure marks the loss of one of the last great pillars of an era when our nation's voice carried strength and moral clarity on the world stage.

Dr. Minassie Haile devoted his life to the service of Ethiopia with exemplary dignity, wisdom, and patriotism. As Minister of Foreign Affairs, as a trusted spokesperson of His Imperial Majesty Emperor Haile Selassie I, and as a leading advocate within the Organization of African Unity, he helped shape and preserve Ethiopia's diplomatic legacy. Through his vision and eloquence, he ensured that Ethiopia stood not only as a guardian of her own sovereignty, but also as a beacon of freedom and African solidarity.

He served His Imperial Majesty with fidelity, and his eloquent representation of Ethiopia's position on international issues upheld the highest ideals of truth, justice, and peace. In his stewardship of our diplomacy, Ethiopia's role as a founding force for African unity and independence was safeguarded and highly respected.



Dr. Minassie's eloquence and vision on the world stage reflected the highest ideals of our nation. He accompanied His Imperial Majesty on numerous historic state visits, including the landmark journey to Jamaica in 1966, where Ethiopia's presence inspired and uplifted a people deeply connected to our ancient heritage. He also stood alongside the Emperor during official visits to the United States and other countries, where he represented Ethiopia's dignity and Ethiopia's aspirations to the wider world with the utmost pride and integrity. In this regard, Dr. Minassie was much more than just a diplomat. He was an unwavering Patriot for the cause of Ethiopianism.

On behalf of the Crown Council of Ethiopia, Prince Ermias Sahle-Selassie Haile-Selassie announced, "I extend my heartfelt condolences to Dr. Minassie's beloved family, his colleagues, and to all who mourn the loss of a great son of Ethiopia. As we mourn his loss, let us also make sure to honor his memory, his service, and his legacy."

May Almighty God comfort his family and loved ones in this time of great loss. May His Excellency Dr. Minassie Haile rest in eternal peace.