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World and African Remembrance Day for Road Crash Victims



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Save the Nation (SNA) has commemorated World and African Remembrance Day for Road Crash Victims. The Commercial Transport Associations, the Commercial Drivers Association, the Ethiopian Federation Employers Association, civil society organizations (CSOs), local media, and other different key stakeholders attended the event.

The event started with a press release about why the Day of Remembrance was celebrated and its importance. Save the Nation's Executive Director expressed to the media that the objectives of the World and African Day of Remembrance by the United Nations (UN) and the African Union Commission (AUC) for road crash victims are to provide a platform for road crash victims and their families too. Specifically:

To remember all those who have been killed or seriously injured on the roads.

To acknowledge the crucial work of the emergency services.

To advocate for better support for road traffic victims and their families.

To promote evidence-based actions to prevent and eventually stop further road traffic deaths and injuries.

After the speech of Mr. Mesganaw, the chief officer of the Aabet hospital, Mr. Nigusu expressed his appreciation to Save the Nation (SNA), the Global Road Safety Partnership (GRSP), and the rest of the above-mentioned stakeholders that came to the hospital to remember the victims. He stated that the hospital is under too much pressure because more than eight people are hit and injured by vehicles every day, making it difficult for the hospital to treat other patients; the hospital also lacks proper and sufficient equipment to treat these victims who

come in injured every day; and he urged all stakeholders to work on all risk factors, including behavioral and environmental factors to help reduce road accidents in the country.

In another speech, Mr. Tadele Yimer, the vice president of the Ethiopian Federation Employers Association, expressed his pleasure at being at such an important event and thanked the organizers. He stated that his organization is fully prepared to support the Save the Nation effort in combating the carnage of road traffic injuries and calls on all stakeholders to collaborate to achieve the desired change.

Following the press release, Save the Nation recognized first responders' efforts by presenting them with a bouquet and thanking them for their unwavering lifesaving assistance daily.

After that, Save the Nation and all stakeholders visited all the road crash victims in the ward and provided them with a small amount of cash.

Then the group headed to Entoto Mountain Park and held a memorial candle-lighting program and one minute of silence.

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