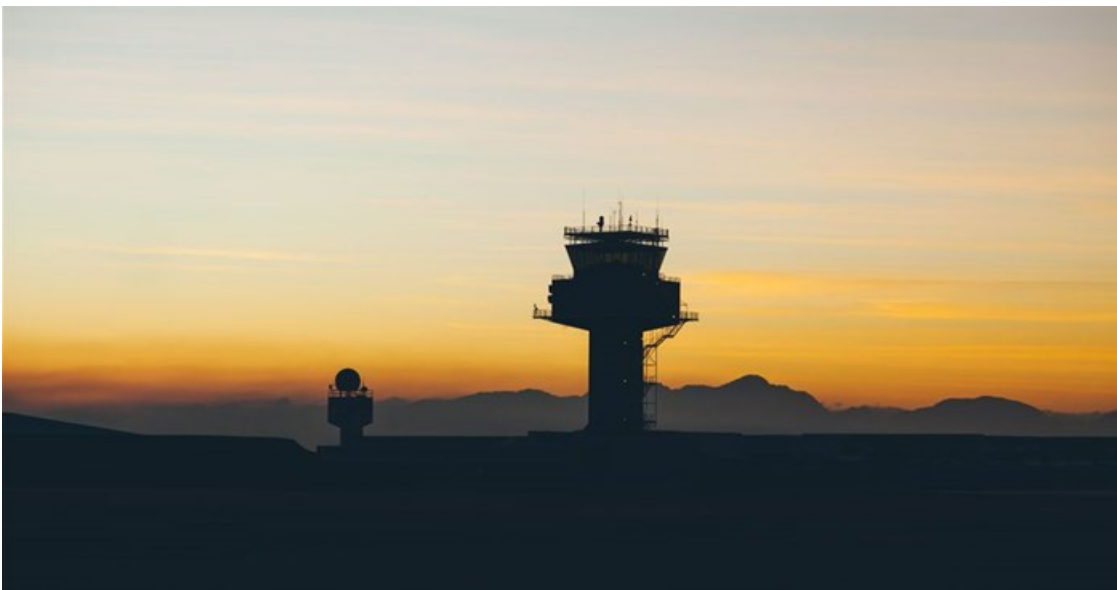


Ethiopian Airlines resumes flights to Eritrea after 20 years

Ethiopian Airlines has announced that, after 20 years, it will resume daily flights to Asmara, the capital and the largest city of Eritrea, on 17 July 2018.

This follows agreements reached in Asmara between H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and President H.E. Isaias Afewerki of the State of Eritrea.

Said group CEO of Ethiopian Airlines, Tewolde GebreMariam: "We feel an immense honour and joy to resume scheduled flights to Asmara after 20 years, following the visit to Eritrea by H.E. Dr. Abiy Ahmed, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.



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"With the opening of a new chapter of peace and friendship between the two sisterly countries, we look forward to starting flights to Asmara with the B787, the most technologically advanced commercial aircraft, which gives customers unparalleled on-board comfort.

"The resumption of air links will reportedly play a critical role in boosting the overall political, economic, trade and people-to-people ties between the two sisterly countries.

"Thanks to Ethiopian Airlines' extensive network of more than 114 international destinations in 5 continents, our flights to

Asmara will avail best connectivity options to the vast Eritrean Diaspora Community across the world and will boost the flow of investment, trade and tourism into Eritrea.

"Very quickly, we plan to operate multiple daily services and to start cargo flights in view of the huge market potential between the two sisterly countries," he said.

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