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Press Release

In the wake of a recent series of demonstrations and protests with violent escalations, concern has been expressed regarding travel safety in certain regions of Ethiopia. The Embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in Berlin would like to alleviate these concerns and inform the general public, that all tourism destinations and cultural sites in the Bahir Dar and Gondar region remain safe and open to travelers.

On August 31st 2016 the German Federal Foreign Office issued an update to their travel- and security advice section for Ethiopia. This travel advice was prudently given in good faith, since beyond news about the protests no concrete information about safety and stability in that area had been available at that time. The German and Ethiopian governments agree in their assessment, that in the face of uncertainty, caution is always the most reasonable course of action – the guaranteed safety of innocent citizens and tourists is paramount.

We are happy to report that since then all domestic and international tourism has commenced peacefully and is confirmed to commence peacefully in the future. All national peace and security agencies confirm the safety of touristic attractions and cultural centers that had been the subject to security concerns before. No single incident involving either domestic or international tourists has been encountered during the subject period.

The Embassy wishes all travelers a delightful visit and a pleasant experience in Ethiopia, the land of origins.