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The multi-party Indian Parliamentary delegation, which is on a visit to Ethiopia from May 30-31 and June 01, 2025 in the aftermath of Pahalgam terror attack, held fruitful interactions and intense discussions with top Ethiopian lawmakers, dignitaries, African Union Commission.

2. The Indian delegation started their visit by meeting with His Excellency Mr. Adem Farah, Deputy Chairperson of the Prosperity Party in the rank of Deputy Prime Minister. The visiting delegation conveyed India's unified and determined stance against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Hon'ble Members of Parliament briefed on India's 'New Normal' against cross-border attacks, zero tolerance for terrorism, and all political parties resolve to stand united in all matters of national interest. Both sides reiterated their zero-tolerance approach to terrorism. Deputy PM strongly condemned the terrorist act and expressed the need for collective international action. He also conveyed Ethiopia's strong commitment to work with India in the field of counter-terrorism.

3. Thereafter, the delegation had fruitful discussions with the African Union and exchanged views on ways and means to counter terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. It is worthwhile to mention that African Union has a well-structured definition for terrorism which clearly defines the acts which constitute terrorist acts. This interaction paves the ways for more focused engagement between India and the African Union on preventing and combating terrorism across the world.

4. This was followed by meeting with the His Excellency Mr. Tadesse Chafo, Hon'ble Speaker of the House of People's Representatives of Ethiopia. Both sides explored the possibility of strengthening cooperation between lawmakers of both the countries in carrying forward the message of zero-tolerance against the terrorism. The Hon'ble Speaker conveyed his deepest sympathy and expressed solidarity with the people of India. He underscored the need for urgent and coordinated action to deal with the issues of terrorism in all forms and manifestations.

5. During the meetings, the delegation members underscored the continued threat of cross-border terrorism and deliberate attempts to sow social discord in India. They highlighted that Operation Sindoor, conducted by India in response, was calibrated, targeted and proportionate, demonstrating India's commitment to countering terrorism without escalating tensions. The Ethiopian side emphasized its own zero-tolerance policy against terrorism and condemned the terrorists act committed on 22 April against innocent citizens. They expressed willingness to work together to address this global challenge.

6. The day concluded with fruitful interaction with Indian community based in Ethiopia. The delegation recognized the vital contribution of diaspora and conveyed India's commitment towards its diaspora. They also commended the diaspora for upholding the Indian ethos of unity, pluralism, tolerance, civilizational principles of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' and their contribution in resisting divisive forces in destabilizing India's social fabric.

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