

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, April 22 (Infosplusgabon) - UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein on Sunday begins his second official visit to Ethiopia, at the invitation of the Government, his office announced Saturday from Geneva, Switzerland.

In the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, he will also take part in a high-level dialogue between the African Union and the UN Human Rights Office.

High Commissioner Zeid last visited Ethiopia in May 2017, when he met the then Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn and other high-ranking Ethiopian officials and civil society members to discuss the human rights situation in the country and the work of the UN Human Rights East Africa Regional Office.

"The Government of Ethiopia earlier this year invited Zeid to conduct a follow-up visit to the country," the UN Human Rights Office said.

During the four-day visit, Zeid is due to meet with the new Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed as well as other high-level officials, the Speaker of the House of People's Representatives and the Chairperson of the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission, representatives of civil society and Government critics who have recently been released from prison.

On Tuesday, Zeid will deliver opening remarks and participate in the African Union-United Nations High-Level Dialogue on Human Rights, to be held at the AU headquarters. He is scheduled to deliver a lecture at Addis Ababa University later the same day.

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