World of Stamps:

Landlocked Countries: Ethiopia, Part 3

by Geir Sør-Reime

Ethiopia after 1974

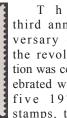
September 12, 1974, Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed by the Derg, a Soviet-backed military junta, and after harsh torture he died in August 1975.

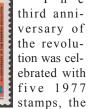


1975 revolution 1 year Sc. 747

The Derg ruled Ethiopia from 1974 till 1991. In 1975, on the first anniversary of their revolution, a set of five stamps were issued 1975 to celebrate the fall of the mon-

archy. Stamps were also issued for the second anniversary of the revolution in 1976, and a definitive series of 18 stamps and showing the republican crest was also issued in 1976.







1979 revolution 5 years Sc. 940

ETHIOPIA 70c

1976 revolutionary

definitive Sc. 801



four 1980 stamps, the seventh with three 1981 stamps, the

1982 revolution 8 years Sc. 1049

eighth with two 1982 stamps, the ninth with three 1983 stamps, and the 10th anniversary with a set of 10 stamps, all of

1984 revolution10 years Sc. 1105



which included an effigy of President

Left 1986, revolution 12 years Sc. 1154; right 1987, revolution 13 years Sc. 1186

Stamps were also issued 1985 for the 11th anniversary of the revolution (three stamps), the 12th anniversary with four 1986 stamps, and the 13th anniversary with four 1987 stamps.





Left, 1988 people's republic 1 year Sc. 1226; right, 1990 flag Sc. 1282

In 1987 a "Democratic People's Republic" was proclaimed, and its first anniversary was celebrated on four 1988 stamps, one of which featured a portrait of President Mengistu Haile-Mariam. For the second anniversary of the People's Republic three 1989 stamps were issued. In 1980 a definitive series of 19 values featuring the flag of the People's Republic was issued.

Transitional Government



The Derg and its People's Republic was abolished in 1991, and a transitional government took over. The third anniversary of the tran-

sitional government was commemorated on four 1994 stamps, and a new definitive series featur-



1994 transitional ing a fox also government Sc. 1376 was issued.

1994 definitive Simien Fox Sc. 1393T



Above, 1996 Democratic Federal Republic Sc. 1437-41 on FDC; right, 2000 definitive

In 1995, Ethiopia was proclaimed as a democratic federal republic, and in 1996, five stamps were issued to celebrate that. A new definitive series of 23 values featuring a woodpecker was issued in 1998, and a similar series of 23 values featuring a Mene-



2000 Amhara flag Sc. 1540

lik's Bushbuck was issued in 2000. In 2005 a similar series featuring a Black Rhinoceros with 10 values was issued

The federal structure of the state was underlined with a 2000 set of 10 stamps displaying the flags of the (then nine) constituent states and of the federal republic.



2014 Southern Nation costume, Hamer, Sc. 1793

2014 a set of four stamps depicted costumes of four southern Ethiopian regions.



2008 martyrs, Sc. 1720 2008 three stamps

were issued in memory of the victims of the 'Red Terror' by the Derg 1976-78, and in 2011 three stamps celebrated the 20th



2011 martyrs Monut o ments, Sc. 1760

anniversary of the end of the military dictatorship. 2016 six stamps were issued



2016 victory 75 years, Sc. 1844

niversary of the 1941 victory over the Italian occupation forces and the role Ethiopian patriots played in it.

The ethnic diversity of Ethiopia has sometimes led to armed conflicts between the central government and some of the larger ethnic groups. The most well-known of these are probably the Tigray War 2020-22 where around 500,000 people died of violence and famine.

In mid-2023 a war started in the Amhara Region between the Fano militia and the central government and this is still ongoing.



Get to know Stamp News Magazines AT REDUCED RATES

U.S. Stamp News Monthly The only magazine covering all aspects of U.S. stamp & cover collecting USSN Online, just \$21.00 Special Print Edition, \$58 *

Mekeel's & Stamps

Founded in 1891, covering all aspects of U.S. and worldwide philately Available in print or online Special Print Edition (24 issues) \$75 *

M&S Online, just \$27.00

* These are laser printed in full color, created at the request of our subscribers and are priced at our printing and mailing costs The Best of Stamp News Online The only general interest magazine designed for the web—Online ONLY! 1 yr. (12 issues, Reg. \$17) \$12.50

"To Read them is to love them!"

Send payment (& email address for online) to: STAMP NEWS

42 Sentry Way, Merrimack, NH 03054 Free ph: 603-424-7556, Subs@StampNewsNow.com (charges: incl. expire date & 3 digit sec. code)













