MEDIA ADVISORY:

Official Inauguration Ceremony of the African Union (AU) Memorial Wall in Honour of Our Heroes and Heroines

Representatives of the media accredited to the African Union in Addis Ababa are invited to cover the Inauguration Ceremony of the African Union (AU) Memorial Wall in Honour of Our Heroes and Heroines who paid the ultimate price in AU Peace Support Missions.

What: The Commission of the African Union hereby informs the media in Addis Ababa that there will be an Official Inauguration Ceremony of the African Union (AU) Memorial Wall in Honour of Our Heroes and Heroines who paid the ultimate price in AU Peace Support Missions across the continent.

These missions include; the AU Mission in Sudan (AMIS), the AU Special Task Force in Burundi (AMIB), the AU Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), the African-led International Support Mission in Mali (AFISMA) and the African-led International Support Mission to the Central African Republic (MISCA). They were all deployed to contribute to peace and stability in the affected regions and countries.

This inauguration is symbolically part of the 2019 celebration of Africa Day, 25 May, the day on which the then Organisation of African Unity (OAU), now African Union (AU), was founded in 1963.

When: 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm GMT + 3, Saturday 25 May 2019;

Where: Lobby of the Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Peace and Security Building, AU Headquarters;

Who: It will bring together high-level representatives from the Commission leadership, Member States, RECs/RMs, AUC Staff and AU Partners.

Why: Thousands of valiant Africans, serving as civilians and members of the security forces from AU Member States have contributed to the AU efforts to enhance peace, security and stability on the continent. Some of these brave men and women have in the course of duty paid the ultimate price, thus sacrificing their lives, so that millions of other Africans may live in a more peaceful and prosperous world.

As a continent, we cannot thank them enough, however, this symbolic gesture commemorates their highest sacrifice.
This ceremony therefore seeks to honour these noble Africans who have distinguished themselves in the service of mankind.

Kindly find attached the programme.

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