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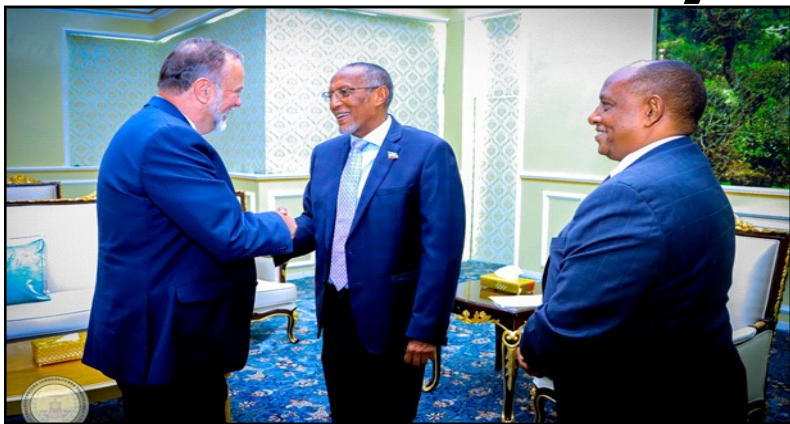
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## World community appreciates security stability, development, free and fair elections, and democracy of the country -President



### US Delegation attested that the country is peaceful and stable

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The President of the Republic of Somaliland, H.E. Muse Bihi Abdi received at the presidential palace a large delegation from the United States of America consisting of former diplomats and military, and the Academic of the Heritage

Foundation who were on a business trip to the country for the last few days. He gave the delegation general information about the progress made by the country and the cooperation of the people and the successive governments that were transferring the power of the

democratic system subsequently. The president also shared with the members of the delegation the issues of Somaliland that the international community and the rest of Africa can acknowledge, which is security, development, free and fair elections, democracy, and

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## Opposition leaders want the mantle of leadership through malice-President



### The opposition leaders will take responsibility for the protests that have resulted in deaths and injuries

President H.E. Muse Bihi Abdi has sent his heartfelt condolences to the families of the people who lost their lives during a chaotic opposition protest. He also prayed for the quick recovery

of those injured. The Head of State said the chaos were caused by the irresponsible opposition's decision to flout the government directive of peaceful protest.

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## Police Condemn Opposition for Flouting Directive of Peaceful Demonstrations



The Somaliland Police Services has revealed that they will hold the opposition parties to account for going against the government directive to hold a

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## Chief Justice assured judiciary independence to US delegate



The Supreme Court Chief Justice Dr. Adan H. Ali Ahmed received a large delegation from the United States of America in his office yesterday.

Dr. Adan informed them about the role of the judiciary in the building of

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The National Political Organization Committee has revealed that 15 political organizations have fulfilled phase

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## Vice President Urge Opposition to desist from violence and return to Negotiation Table

The vice president of Somaliland H.E. Abdurahman Abdillahi Ismael Sayli'i has called on the opposition to desist from acts of violence and instead return to the negotiation table. "I'm calling on the opposition fraternity to stop all acts of violence

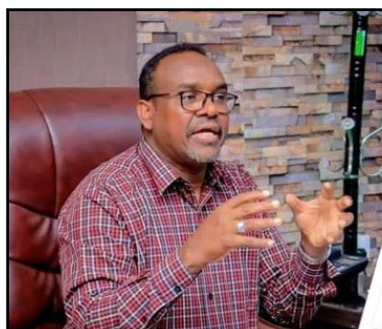


and come back to the negotiation table. Please exercise patience, we don't want you to destroy the peace and harmony existing in Somaliland", the vice-president urged.

He revealed that the opposition's

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## Opposition is responsible for all losses incurred during a demonstration



Minister of information, culture and national guidance Hon. Suleiman Yusuf Ali Koore has told the opposition that they will be held responsible for all losses incurred during the Thursday demonstrations.

He revealed that the leaders of the

two opposition parties UCID and WADDANI will be foot the bills of the destruction caused by their ugly protest.

He stated that death and injuries had occurred across the country due to violent protest by the opposition.

"Many police officers have been

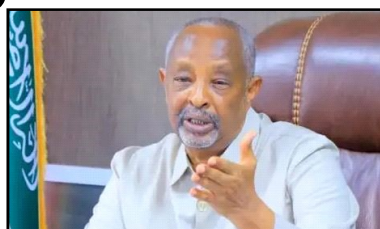
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## Armed Militia from Mogadishu Nabbed in Hargeisa

The minister of internal security Hon. Mohamed Kaahin Ahmed has announced that

Somaliland Police have arrested a rag-tag militia from Mogadishu,

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cooperation. He thanked the members of the delegation for their visit to the country.

On the part of the delegation, they thanked the President and the people of Somaliland for the valuable welcome they received in the country, noting that they visited many places during their stay in the country given that they came to the country at different times; but that was the time when they came from the country recovering from the destruction of wars, but today is a time when there is a lot of progress in the country, and they were aware of the changes and progress that Somaliland has made during that period.

They praised the government and the people of the Republic of Somaliland for the progress they have made in terms of security, democracy, and good governance, and they showed that the country is peaceful and stable.



Many people praise Somaliland the development and inter-dependence and cooperation of the people and the government.

The President was flanked at the meeting by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Dr Isse Keyd Mohamud, Financial Development Dr Saad Ali Shire and the Somaliland Ambassador to the United States Amb. Bashir Goth.

The delegation was composed of Mr. Tibor Nagy, former Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, Ambassador J. Peter Pham, former US envoy in charge of parts of West Africa, especially the Sahel region, former commander of the United States Forces in Africa (Africom) General William "Kip" Ward, and Mr Joshua Meservey, from the Heritage Foundation, specializes in African and Middle Eastern politics.

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Somalia. He revealed that the group was sent to Somaliland to create a terrorist cell and wreak havoc on the country's security.

Minister Mohamed Kaahin informed the public that the terrorists will be paraded for citizens to see with their own eyes.

The minister gave a stern order to security personnel to arrest anyone who tries to hold demonstrations outside the designated locations set by the government.

He revealed this during a press conference he held on Wednesday.

"As I'm talking to you (the press) Somaliland Police Services has captured a militia from Mogadishu, Somalia. We shall in due process reveal their names, the numbers of terrorists captured, and their local cahoots. The militia was sent to Somaliland to create a terrorist cell



and wreak havoc on the peace and harmony of the country. We have our evidence and exhibits. We shall parade to the nation at a public place for all Somaliland people to see the enemies of the country", said the minister.

He ordered security personnel to arrest anyone who tries to go against the ministry of internal security directives pertaining to the locations of the demonstration.

All Somaliland armed forces police, army prisons, immigration, and fire

brigade have been put on red alert on the security arrangements of the opposition demonstration.

He said, "I call on all security services apparatus to be vigilant on anyone who tries to disrupt the peace and security of the country." He went on to warn the opposition "Any leader who tries to incite or create an atmosphere of insecurity will be dealt with according to the laws of Somaliland. We cannot gamble with the security of our people; it is our most important endeavour."

This was a day before chaotic demos resulted to half a dozen deaths in the city and elsewhere in the country. See updates elsewhere in this issue.

## Opposition leaders want the mantle of leadership through malice-President

The president said that the people of Somaliland today showed that they were united for the greater good of the country.

He confirmed that the inciters of the violence, the two opposition parties UCID and Wadani will be held responsible for the loss of lives and destruction of properties as a result of them going against the constitution to hold violent demonstrations.

President Bihi said, "As you are all aware there were unwarranted deaths and injuries of civilians. This could not have happened had the opposition followed the government directive to hold a peaceful protest."

The head of state stated that the former Waddani party leader Mr. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Iirro and Mr. Faisal Ali Warabe UCID chairman will be held responsible. The president said, "For the past 6 months the opposition parties have been planning to hold demonstrations. They even deliberately ignored the laws of the country for their own agenda".

He revealed that they had informed the opposition not to demonstrate since the country is reeling from drought and the economic slowdown caused by Covid 19.

"Some of our people can afford only one meal a day, anyone with a rightful mind can gauge that it was not the right time to demonstrate", said the president.

The president said that the country is facing many challenges that need to be prioritized.

He said the opposition made a deliberate attempt to slate the demonstration on this day because they got wind that a large delegation of the international community was to visit the country.

"These two opposition leaders want the mantle of leadership by tarnishing the reputation of



Somaliland. They want to give the impression that Somaliland is a chaotic country and spoil the peace", he noted.

The president called it unfortunate that the opposition have no plan for Somaliland.

"UCID and WADANI's hidden plan, which they don't tell people, and which is anarchic is, 'let's not compete with the new political organizations that are registered according to the law!' and also the two men of WADDANI are the ones who campaigned for the law and had in prior signed the political organization."

President Musa Bihi Abdi confirmed that 95% of the population did not participate in their flawed protest.

The head of state thanked members of the public for maintaining peace and ignoring the opposition parties. He confirmed that five people had lost their lives, three in Hargeisa, one in Burao and Erigavo respectively.

The president also revealed that more than 100 people were injured during the chaotic opposition demonstrations.

He said most of the injured were security personnel.

He vowed to hold responsible some rogue members of parliament who were inciting tribal animosity.

The president added that there will not be any demonstration till further notice and the government will deal with anyone who tries to hold demonstrations.

## The Number of Political Organizations that have Fulfilled Required Regulations



one of the requirements set the committee.

The registration committee confirmed that they have commenced to peruse the application documents of political organizations.

A terse statement from the office of the registrar of political organizations Mr. Saeed Mohamed Elmi that reached the Horn Tribune Newspaper news-room read:

The national political organization's

registration committee on 10/8/2022 announce the following details;

1.The 45-grace period of registrations of political organizations ended yesterday Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

2.The number of political organizations that have fulfilled the requirements for registration are 15. The perusal of their applications commences immediately.

## Police Condemn Opposition for Flouting Directive of Peaceful Demonstrations

peaceful protest. Speaking at police headquarters the deputy commissioner of police (operations) Comdr. Ibrahim condemned the opposition parties for creating chaos across the country.

He revealed that the opposition supporters flouted the government directive of peaceful protest and attack the police.

He said, "They were instructed to follow the rule of law but instead unleashed violence on the police. Some were armed with guns, others with machetes and all types of crude weapons."

The police boss confirmed that 62 police officers were seriously injured by the rowdy opposition supporters.

Most of the injured policemen were based in Hargeisa, Burao, and Erigavo.

He added, "In Hargeisa, 22 police officers were injured by the marauding opposition supporters. In Burao 29 policemen were hurt while in Erigavo 11 officers were harmed by the opposition demonstrators."

The police confirmed that 21 civilians were injured in Hargeisa and 6 in Burao.

The deputy police boss confirmed three deaths, two in Hargeisa and one in Erigavo.

"We have apprehended about 100 trouble-makers they will be arraigned in court soon. Their files have been forwarded to the Attorney



General's office." Stated the police boss.

He went on to reveal that the opposition parties Wadani and UCID leaders will be held to account for all the damages caused by their supporters.



## Vice President Urge Opposition to desist from violence and return to Negotiation Table



quest for power should not come at the price of the destruction of property and loss of lives.

The deputy president stated this during an event he officiated in Hargeisa.

He urged the opposition to return to the negotiation table. He also told them that the Thursday violent demonstrations is an eye opener for opposition parties, and it is about the importance of peace and harmony in the country.

"Let not anger make you reach hasty decisions since the repercussions of your actions will destroy the hard-earned peace and stability of our beloved country", Vice President Abdirahman Abdillahi Ismael Sayli'i said.

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areas. We had an agreement with the opposition however, they went ahead and violated the law by holding violent demonstrations. They refused to follow police orders to stay away from areas where the government had barred protest", he said.

Minister Suleiman said, "Members of the public should know that the government of Somaliland belongs to them and do the right thing, protect it from falling into anarchy."

The minister stated that the government is sad about what happened the loss of lives and the destruction of properties.

The minister urged members of the public to respect the security agencies.

"The police work for our security we should assist them to maintain law and order", the minister urged the people.

injured by rowdy opposition supporters because they refused to follow the government directive to demonstrate in designated areas." The government spokesperson confirmed that the opposition violence and destruction of property will be a lesson for people in

Somaliland about the importance of peace in national building and development.

He went on to say that the opposition parties will pay for the loss of lives and destruction of properties.

"Opposition parties went against orders to protest in designated

## Chief Justice assures judiciary independence to visiting US delegate



the nation and the reform efforts that have been made in recent times, which include improving the quality of education. of the Judiciary, the extension of justice and legal services, which have a major role in the Mobile Courts.

The Chairman accompanied by the Supreme Court advisor Dayib Muhammad Noor also spoke about the role of youth leadership in the country's courts and noted that in the past year alone, the courts of the have heard 21,559 cases, were their judgment ended efficiently.

The delegation from the United

States thanked Supreme Court Chief for the warm welcome he gave them and for information about the structure and process of the Judiciary, the Supreme Court, and all the judicial bodies of the country. The governor gave an explanation of the structure of the various courts including the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Court and the entire judicial body of the country, and the independence of the judiciary and the good role they play in the nation-building process.

Somaliland Ambassador to the United States Amb Bashir Good and

Nasir Mohamed Ali Director of the Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution at the University of Hargeisa, were accompanied by a delegation led by Mr. Tipor Nagy, the former Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, accompanied by Ambassador J. Peter Pham, the former ambassador of the United States in charge of West African countries, the former commander of the American forces in Africa (Africom) General William Kip Ward and Mr Joshua Meservey from the Heritage Foundation.

## Editorial: The government should deal with certain media sowing seeds of discord

**L**earning from yesterday, live for today, and hope for tomorrow is an adage; means recalling your past mistakes prevents repetition and brightens your future. To let the missteps palpated before not bring ways and means of foreboding the same are misplaced as far as harvesting experiences are concerned.

If you don't learn about the anomalies that have happened in the world, you may be disadvantaged. The problem of the genocide in Rwanda when it was happening and its aftermath, the international community or the friendly governments, were watching, but no one took any action to prevent it.

As in the case of atrocities committed in the former Yugoslavia around the same time, the international community largely remained on the sidelines during the Rwandan genocide.

A United Nations Security Council vote in April 1994 led to the withdrawal of most of a U.N. peacekeeping operation (UNAMIR), created the previous fall to aid with governmental transition under the Arusha accord.

As reports of the genocide spread, the Security Council voted in mid-

May to supply a more robust force, including more than 5,000 troops. By the time that force arrived in full, however, the genocide had been over for months.

Since Somaliland regained its independence, it has been enjoying peace and progress year after year, and subsequent administrations have had a role in its development.

Somaliland's most important asset that has been blessed by God, and ahead of many recognized countries in the world, is the stability and security of the country and the order of the government system. It is truly a treasure to be preserved and worth sacrificing everything for.

Unpleasant events, which if not prevented can create danger, are appearing in some media, first of all, some TV stations are acting in a way that is beyond the ethics of the journalism profession.

When a person violates the ethics of the media profession, when legal action has to be taken against him/her, it is not possible to use the right of speech as an excuse, and is it a democracy? It's not reasonable, it's not what logic and law allow.

Prevention is better than cure so the government must take appropriate action against certain media stations that have crossed the fence of the media ethics, acting without

## SOHASCO and UNFPA celebrates World youth Day in Hargeisa



The Hiraal Youth Center in collaboration with the local organization SOHASCO and the international organization UNFPA celebrated the World Youth Day on Friday night 12 August, 2022.

The program featured a discussion on "The Role of Youth in Social Development". Discussion on the influence of youth is also touched upon in this year's theme of "Engagement" a world fit for all ages." and especially on how each

generation can get the life they are entitled to.

Head of Training of Hiraal Youth Center Ayan Hussein initiated the discussion with the panelists and the participants analyzed together. The Executive Director of SOHASCO Abdirisaq Hussein wrapped up the program and deliberated how the center stands by the youth and helps them to present their talents and creativity.



# China Fumes Over Somaliland's Warm Ties With Taiwan

**China Fumes as Somaliland Refuses to Unfriend Taiwan: Few African regions have the nerve to say no to China. Independence-minded Somaliland is one.**



By Michael M. Phillips

THT- Shortly after a fire destroyed the biggest market in this independence-minded republic of Somaliland, a senior Chinese diplomat asked permission to visit to pay his respects.

Fei Shengchao, Beijing's ambassador to Somalia, told Somaliland authorities he wanted to discuss how China could help mitigate the impact of the disaster, which devastated the local economy, and aid victims of Covid-19 and the East African drought. As the visit approached, Mr. Fei added a few other stops to his itinerary in Hargeisa, Somaliland's capital: He wanted to meet with lawmakers. And opposition leaders. And university students.

The ambassador's requests raised immediate suspicions among Somaliland authorities. Beijing's real agenda, they concluded, wasn't to talk emergency aid. It was to recruit local allies to sabotage Somaliland's warm diplomatic relations with Taiwan.

"It was purely political," said Essa Kayd, Somaliland's foreign minister. Mr. Kayd told Mr. Fei he wasn't welcome. The trip never happened. We thought it wasn't appropriate—not because we feared anything but because it was different than the agenda we agreed upon," Mr. Kayd

said in an interview.

Few African regions have the nerve to say no to China, whose state-owned companies have blanketed the continent with sprawling seaports, sleek airport terminals, smooth highways—and soaring debts.

Somaliland is one of the few, one of two remaining Taiwanese diplomatic outposts in sub-Saharan Africa.

Somaliland is "open to all bilateral relations we can have with any country, but it has to be unconditional, no strings attached," Mr. Kayd said. "We're not going to allow anyone to dictate who we can have a relationship with."

The China-Taiwan standoff that is raising tensions in the Asia-Pacific region, and pushing Washington and Beijing toward a new Cold War, is also playing out on the Horn of Africa. Somaliland, whose goal is recognition as a state independent of Somalia, has allied itself with Taiwan, whose goal is to remain separate from the People's Republic of China.

Somaliland's leaders "are not only seeking secession but also fanning the flames to undermine the independence and unification of other countries, harming others without benefiting themselves," Mr.

Fei told The Wall Street Journal. "They will only end up shooting themselves in the foot."

The ambassador declined to comment on his aborted trip to Hargeisa after the April Waaheen Market fire, which caused \$1.5 billion in damage.

Meantime, the independence issue has made natural bedfellows of China, which considers Taiwan, a self-ruled island 100 miles off its coast, part of its territory, and Somalia, which feels the same way about Somaliland.

Over the weekend, Somalia's foreign ministry issued a statement in apparent response to U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's high-profile visit to Taiwan last week. Beijing responded angrily to the Pelosi visit, conducting days of military exercises around Taiwan.

Somalia "declares its full solidarity with the People's Republic of China in defending its sovereignty and territorial integrity, while affirming its firm position to respect the one-China policy, considering Taiwan an inalienable part of China's territory," the Somali ministry said. China has donated armored personnel carriers, ambulances, water trucks, and land mine detectors to Somalia, and promised food aid, according to Beijing's embassy in Mogadishu. Earlier this year, China named a special envoy to the Horn of Africa, who in June led what Beijing described as a peace conference with governments from the region.

Staking out a position opposite to Somalia's, Somaliland parliamentarians released a statement Monday decrying China's military exercises near Taiwan "as this could destabilize the peace of the region."

Washington, meanwhile, is trying to juggle its interests in the Horn. The Pentagon operates a major base in Djibouti, Somalia's neighbor; China has its own seaside military facility just a few miles away, with enough pier space to dock an aircraft carrier. The U.S. is deeply tied to Somalia by the never-ending war against al-Shabaab, al Qaeda's most active global affiliate, making it wary of any diplomatic move that might break up the country and weaken the fragile Mogadishu government.

President Biden recently ordered hundreds of American special operators to set up camp in Somalia to train and advise local commandos to fight al-Shabaab. Former President Donald Trump had pulled some 700 U.S. troops from the country in the final days of his term, and Mr. Biden's decision



marks a reversal.

Meanwhile, the Biden administration is tempted by the strategic lure of Somaliland, which is relatively stable and relatively democratic. There is growing support in Congress for closer direct ties with Somaliland.

A former British protectorate, Somaliland secured independence on June 26, 1960, five days before Somalia became independent of Italy. The two countries unified shortly afterward, but relations soured when Somali dictator Mohamed Siyad Barre bombed Hargeisa and slaughtered Somalilanders by the tens of thousands in the late 1980s.

Somaliland declared itself independent in 1991.

Famine and clan warfare soon followed throughout Somalia, events culminating in a failed U.S.-led intervention, the 1993 downing of two American Black Hawk helicopters in Mogadishu, and the deaths of 18 U.S. Army Rangers, Delta Force operators, and other American troops.

After a frustrating decades-long quest for international recognition, Somaliland sees an opportunity in the Great Power competition between the U.S. and China. Somaliland leaders have offered the Pentagon use of the port and runway in Berbera, located on the shores of the Gulf of Aden, overlooking crucial sea lanes between the Indian Ocean and Suez Canal.

The alternative, Somalilanders hint darkly, is Chinese dominance of the region.

"If the world wants to give China 850 km [528 miles] of the waterway to spite Somaliland, Somaliland will not be the only losers," said Edna Adan, Somaliland's former foreign minister, one-time first lady, and grande dame of its independence push.

In May, Gen. Stephen Townsend, then-commander of American forces in Africa, and Larry André, the U.S. ambassador to Somalia, paid a surprise visit to Berbera to inspect the docks and runway, which once served as an emergency landing

strip for the space shuttle.

The U.S. military already has access agreements for hangars and other facilities in Mombasa, Kenya; Libreville, Gabon; and Entebbe, Uganda.

"If the U.S. doesn't do something in Somaliland, eventually you're going to have a [Somaliland] government that can't say no to China's influence," said a senior U.S. military official.

Taiwan used to have more friends in Africa. Burkina Faso, Gambia and Sao Tome, and Principe switched allegiances to China over the past 10 years. Now Taipei's remaining diplomatic partners among the 54 U.N.-recognized countries in Africa are the tiny kingdom of Eswatini, formerly known as Swaziland, and Somaliland, which swapped representatives with Taiwan in 2020. Taipei also maintains a trade office in Nigeria and two lower-level liaison offices in South Africa.

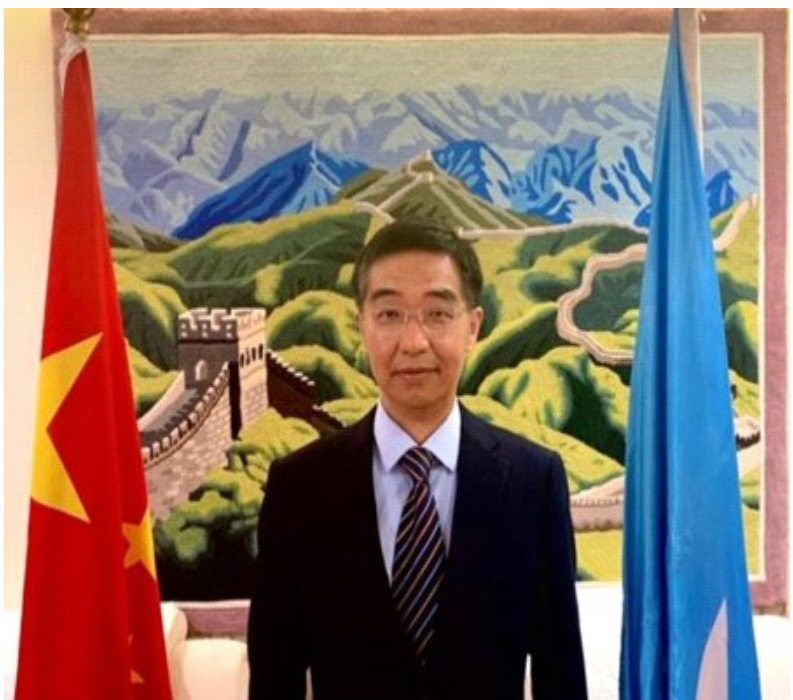
Taiwan's office in Hargeisa resembles a two-story luxury home in a walled compound. The red-white-and-blue flag of the Republic of China—as the government in Taipei is formally known—flies outside.

The Chinese sent multiple delegations to Hargeisa to try to kill the alliance in the cradle, recalled Abdirasir Hersi, director-general of the Somaliland foreign ministry at the time. Beijing offered to build roads and airports if Somaliland shunned Taiwan.

The Somalilanders wouldn't budge. The Chinese were furious, Mr. Hersi recalled. Beijing was irked again when Somaliland sent an official delegation to Taiwan this year.

Taiwan stations five diplomats in Hargeisa, as well as technical experts in health, agriculture, fisheries, and other areas. During the Covid-19 crisis, Taiwan provided Somaliland with vaccines, oxygen generators, testing equipment, ventilators and ambulances.

"It is a geopolitical chess piece-in-waiting," said Ambassador Allen Chenwa Lou, Taiwan's top representative in Hargeisa.





# SIGNIFICANCE OF PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS TO SOMALILAND'S ECONOMY

During this sensitive juncture of post-Covid-19 economic revival, Somaliland is believed to be an insanely favored investment destination and it's a now-or-never scenario for the patent rules and regulations to be enacted and enforced to shelter our hardworking service sector from the notoriously unfair international trade agreements in Africa.

Our people despite lacking the basic elements of running a successful business start-up within the country as argued by the annual "Ease of Doing Business index" that's published by the world bank, had cemented their legacy as one of the unique societies on this earth to create their own system of entrepreneurship wherever they go, and as the old saying goes; where there is a Somali community there is innovation, creativity, openness and most importantly there is an entrepreneurial spirit that sustained them and their families during the last thirty years of state rebuilding and democratization process. However, that energy and passion for business and commerce are in great danger specifically in this market-driven economy run by the forces of demand and supply. Hundreds of casual cheap laborers have flooded

into the country doing exactly what locals could do, other groups have started to import vegetables and fruits that Somaliland farmers use to dominate the market. As of recent, some Egyptian tradesmen have recently started to import fruits as common as oranges and bananas into the country, yet our domestic capacity could even export the produce after covering the local demand.

In addition to that, Yemeni economic refugees are now taking over the construction and decoration sector, and together with the Bangladeshi cheap and skilled labor they have totally replaced the local semi-skilled construction workers eliminating a huge amount of local taxation because it's evident that foreign workers do repatriate their profits back to their home countries without contributing a single coin to the Somali economy and that will end up causing economic leakage/bleeding resulting from the capital flight syndrome. That gives us a simple glimpse of how significant patents and copyrights are to our subsistence economy and it is paramount for our society to draw a clear line guided by the principle of "Somaliland nationals first".

Nevertheless, the recent endeavor



of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) provides enormous opportunities for the peasant African agricultural sectors to compete in the global value chain, it encourages factors like tax holidays, subsidizing farmers and SMEs, creating incentives for the struggling African economies and most importantly a complete blockade on the lopsided over-seas trade agreements that hampered

African countries and made their markets flooded with imported goods, posing a tremendous pressure on the domestic produce. Hence, for Somaliland to utilize this international trade game which is a double-edged sword needs us to revitalize our trade soil by breaking new grounds and initiating policies that can make us equal international trade partners, not serfs, a trade that is a win-win situation for all of us, a trade that will not keep Somaliland as a hostage and prisoner. Having said that, it's evident that the only way out is by designing contextually relevant patent rights that safeguard the rights of our men and women in the agriculture and service sectors

who are the hidden heroes running our economy behind the shadows because they are simply unable to compete, they simply cannot compete with the global standards. And as a result, Africa which is the home of 9 out of the 15 fastest growing economies in the world is losing more than USD 5 billion with some large countries like the DRC importing more than 60 percent of all food that could be grown, packed and packaged locally by young people.

In concluding remarks, the reality on the ground gives us no choice rather be so strict on protecting our subsistence economy from the Asian invasion and Arab brutality in conquering our service sector. By saying that, I firmly believe that our domestic patenting clauses should be fully enacted by the new members of the parliament at the end of 2022. Furthermore, if designing these laws is not feasible in the near future the government can resort to establishing an Institution like the Somaliland National Bureau of Standards & Innovations (SNBSI) which embodies the values of small and medium enterprises and safeguards them from both local and international duplications, once a Somaliland investor initiates a business idea, that's all; unless the fundamental three principles of quality, cost and time are questioned.

By: Adisamad M. Farah

## US delegate visits Hargeisa Cultural Centre



The Chairman of the Hargeisa Cultural center, Dr. Jama M. Jama, gave detailed information about the

center's services to the American delegation that visited yesterday. Although no further information has

been released, Dr. Jama was seen explaining the arts and crafts depicted at the cultural center. He showed a room that is collected in the remains of the burned materials in the Waheen market. Statement the HCC posted on Twitter read; "It was a great honor for us to collaborate with the IPCS Hargeisa and receive the highest US delegates to Somaliland and give them a tour of the facilities and services we offer to the community". Dr. Jama thanked the US delegation's visit to the cultural center



## Revenue heads in 7 locales trained in financial management

The Director General of the Ministry of Financial Development Mr. Mohamed Abdi Gurhan on Thursday concluded at Asood Hotel in the city of Hargeisa an important training conducted for the Directors of Admin & Finance, Accountants, and Revenue Directors of local governments in the districts of Hargeisa, Burao, Borama, Berbera, Erigavo, Laasanod, and Gebilay. Local government officials were specialized trained in the Somaliland government's Financial Information Management System (SLFMIS) and the International Standard Chart of Accounts for the local governments.



The training was jointly organized by the Ministry of Finance and HAPITAT and officials from the Ministry of Interior participated.



## The government has ordered free treatment for civilians injured in the illegal protests



Minister Mohamed Kahin Ahmed, who visited the community of the injured from the illegal protests, ordered free treatment.

The Minister of the Ministry of Internal Affairs Hon. Mohamed Kahin Ahmed, accompanied by the Minister of Defense Hon. Abdiqani

Mohamud Aateeye (Farid), visited the civilians and the soldiers who were injured in the riots organized by the two opposition parties, Wadani and Ucid.

The Ministers inspected the health condition and the injuries suffered by the Police Force and the civilians both, and The Ministers prayed to God to give them speedy recovery to those who were injured. Minister Kahin ordered that all the injured people be treated free of charge, and the government is responsible for providing medical services for the treatment of injured people.

## Police Chief Defends his Force against Opposition's Malicious info

The Commissioner of Police Major General Mohamed Adam Saqadhi has in the strongest terms possible defended his force against what he termed as a malignant report authored by opposition party WADDANI.

The latest information was written by the chairman of the National Party (WADDANI) chairman Mr. Hirsi Ali Haji Hassan.

The police boss stated that the opposition party WADDANI had made a habit of levelling false accusations against the Somaliland Police with the intention to bring disrepute and demean the integrity of the police force to gain political mileage.

Speaking about the opposition ploy to undermine the Somaliland Police Major General Saqadhi had these to say "The police are the symbol of Somaliland statehood, however of late the opposition party WADDANI has started a smear campaign to tarnish the reputation of our armed forces. Hence, this may damage our country's status as peace heaven." Police Commissioner Saqadhi went on to say "We want to address this issue and inform the public what the agenda of opposition party WADDANI is all about. As you are aware they have written two seditious pieces of information about the Somaliland Police Force in a space of three months. The first report was a terse four-page statement. It was followed by the



latest version a seven-page of malignant information about our armed forces written by their chairman Mr. Hirsi Ali Haji Hassan. The WADDANI report is written with only one main goal to tarnish the name of our police " Major General Saqadhi explicitly touched on major crimes committed by the WADDANI chairman against the Republic of Somaliland he said "When the WADDANI chairman Hirsi was a commissioner of Somaliland National Electoral Commission he intentionally resigned abruptly so that the elections to be postponed. He also improvised a vehicle into to a technical war machine to cause insecurity in the country but the quick and alert Somaliland intelligence scattered his plans, confiscated his war armour, and arrested him. He was also involved in the arrest of a lady and jailing her for insulting him in a dubious circumstance."

The police boss confirmed that

Somaliland Police Services will not allow the holding of unlawful demonstrations in the country planned by the opposition party WADDANI.

He warned those with the intention to bypass the country's constitution to hold an illegal protest will face the full wrath of the law.

The police boss confirmed that only those with permission to demonstrate can be allowed to hold protests and congregate.

He went on to urge those people who want to hold protests against the government should follow the law as article 15 of our constitution states they should go to the ministry of internal security to apply for a permit.

The police chief's sentiments follow the opposition party WADDANI presidential aspirant Mr. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro's call to his supporters to come out to demonstrate on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2022.

## Opposition leader Odinga ahead in Kenya's presidential race, official results show

NAIROBI (Reuters) - Veteran opposition leader Raila Odinga led Kenya's presidential race, official election results showed on Saturday, pushing Deputy President William Ruto into second place.

With just over 26% of votes counted, Odinga had 54% and Ruto had 45%, according to results provided by the Kenyan election commission and displayed on a large screen at a national tallying center in the capital, Nairobi.

East Africa's wealthiest nation and most vibrant democracy held presidential, parliamentary and local elections on Tuesday.

Ruto and Odinga are in a tight race to succeed President Uhuru Kenyatta, who has reached his two-term limit. Kenyatta fell out with Ruto after the last election and has endorsed Odinga.

Official vote tallying has been proceeding slowly, fueling public anxiety.

Election commission chairman Wafula Chebukati blamed party agents, who are allowed to scrutinise results forms before they are added to the final tally.

"Agents in this exercise cannot proceed ... as if we are doing a forensic audit," he told a news briefing on Friday.

"We are not moving as fast as we should. This exercise needs to be concluded as soon as possible." Representatives from Odinga and

## US doctor issues warning of many undiagnosed polio cases



**A health official in New York State has told the BBC there could be hundreds or even thousands of undiagnosed cases of polio there.**

It follows an announcement last month that an **unvaccinated man had been paralysed by the virus in Rockland County, New York.** His case has been linked genetically to **traces of polio virus found in sewage in London and Jerusalem.**

Developed countries have been warned to boost vaccination rates. Dr Patricia Schnabel Ruppert, health commissioner for Rockland County, said she was worried about polio circulating in her state undetected. There isn't just one case of polio if you see a paralytic case. The incidence of paralytic polio is less than 1%," she said.

"Most cases are asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic, and those symptoms are often missed.

"So there are hundreds, perhaps even thousands of cases that have occurred in order for us to see a paralytic case."

Dr Ruppert confirmed that scientists are looking at "a linkage" between the New York paralysis case and traces of poliovirus found in wastewater in London and Jerusalem, after genome sequencing was conducted on samples from the three locations.

"This is a very serious issue for our global world - it's not just about New York. We all need to make sure all

our populations are properly vaccinated," she said.

Vaccine-derived polio

The US man who was paralysed has a form of "vaccine-derived" polio, which occurs because some countries use a weakened form of the virus in their vaccinations.

In rare cases, it can mutate and then be transmitted through poor hygiene to others who are unvaccinated.

Global travel means these cases can crop up in countries which are not used to seeing polio, but where there are pockets of low vaccination. Although weaker than the original or "wild" form of the disease, vaccine-derived polio can still cause serious illness. The virus can attack the nerves in the spine and base of the brain. This can cause paralysis, usually in the legs, but if the breathing muscles are affected too, it can also be life-threatening.

The US and most developed countries use a newer form of the vaccine, which does not contain any live virus. Dr Ruppert said she never thought she would see a case of polio in the US in her lifetime.

Some areas of Rockland County have historically low vaccination rates of only 60%. In 2018, there was an outbreak of measles there.

Field teams are now being sent into these areas to encourage better uptake of polio vaccination, particularly in children.

In the UK, more testing is currently being carried out **after traces of polio virus were found over several weeks at Beckton sewage works** during wastewater surveillance.

The UK Health Security Agency is expected to release more details soon about which areas of London are most affected.



Ruto's coalitions did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Reuters news agency and other media outlets have been tallying results forms from 291 constituencies posted on the election commission website. These have not yet been verified, and this tally is running well ahead of the official one.

As of 1200 GMT, Reuters had tallied 237 forms, which showed Ruto in the lead with nearly 53% of the vote, compared to just over 46% for Odinga. Two other candidates had less than 1% between them.

Nineteen other forms could not be included in the count because they were unreadable or were missing information.

The forms Reuters is tallying are

preliminary and the results subject to change. After the forms are uploaded to the commission's website, Kenyan election law requires that they are physically brought to the national tallying center, where party representatives can examine them for any discrepancies.

The process was designed as a safeguard against the kind of rigging allegations that have triggered violence after previous polls. More than 1,200 people were killed after a disputed 2007 election and more than 100 killed after a disputed 2017 election. The winning candidate must receive 50% of the national vote plus one, and at least 25% of the vote from 24 of 47 counties.

The commission has until Tuesday to declare a winner



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# The 'traumatic experience' of US monkeypox patients

The US declared monkeypox a public health emergency late last week. It follows weeks of concern that more needs to be done to contain the virus.

On a private daily Zoom call, adult gay men who have contracted monkeypox compare notes.

They share their frustrations over trying to get tested or treated but being turned away by healthcare professionals.

They throw around tips on how to manage pain that gets worse with each new blister on your body and leaves you unable to do anything. And, to keep from going stir-crazy as they wait for the lesions to heal, they bond over a shared experience none of them asked for.

The first US monkeypox case this year was detected on 18 May in the state of Massachusetts. Since then, more than 10,000 cases have been **reported** across the country, in every state except Wyoming.

Although anybody can contract the virus through direct contact with an infected person or surface, men in recent sexual contact with other men have accounted for the vast majority of cases.



Last Thursday, the federal government declared a public health emergency over the outbreak, a move that is expected to speed up the distribution of vaccines, treatments and related federal resources.

Those who've already endured a bout of the virus wish the help had come a lot sooner.

"It's a very traumatic experience," said Jeffrey Galaise, who hosts the Zoom meetings. "I'm a different person having been through this."

"If you haven't lived through it, you have no idea the kind of pain that this is, and the red tape that's attached to trying to get help and support."

The New York native, 41, began

feeling sick on the day he was supposed to get his vaccine.

Currently on day 25 of the illness, he has experienced practically every symptom, from the lesions and swollen lymph nodes to an extended high fever.

Although public awareness is rising, vaccines remain in short supply and the Biden administration has said it will stretch the limited number of jabs available by administering only a fifth of one full dose.

But the virus is spreading quickly in larger states like New York, Florida and California. In San Francisco, one state senator said seeking out the vaccine feels "a little bit like the Hunger Games", a reference to the dystopian Hollywood movie trilogy in

which people fight to the death for food and supplies.

Mr Galaise also claims that information on how to treat the virus after you've got it is still sparse.

"People are really suffering and nobody knows what to do," he said. Gay men from all over the country drop in to his hour-long **Zoom conversations**, which have become a de facto support group and shared space for resources.

Silver Steele, an adult entertainer from Texas, has joined a couple of sessions.

His monkeypox ordeal lasted nearly a month. Lesions developed all around his mouth, making eating difficult, and he lost some 13lbs (5.8kg) in weight.

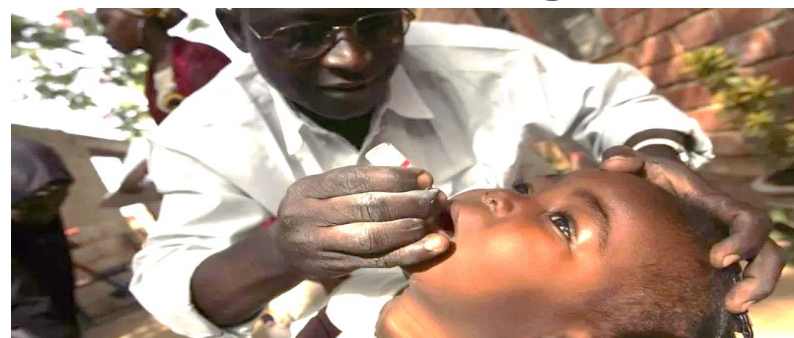
Aside from taking an oral anti-viral drug known as Tpoxx, which has been in short supply, "all you can really do is pain management", he said.

Yet the 42-year-old considers himself lucky, as he has heard "horror stories" from other patients - about anal lesions that make you feel like you're excreting needles and penile lesions that become bacterial infections of their own.

"Even though my face looked really disfigured, I didn't have anything below the waist," he said.

"I will gladly take it on the lip for the world to see as long as I don't have to deal with any of that garbage."

## Polio: Do we have to worry about it once again?



**Polio used to be one of the most feared childhood diseases. It can attack the nervous system and - in just a few hours - leave someone paralysed.**

If it paralyses the chest muscles, people are unable to breathe.

And the sarcophagus-like iron lung, which uses bellows to keep the patient breathing, was once a common sight on polio wards.

But all this feels like a long-forgotten era - and for good reason.

The disease has almost been wiped off the face of the planet.

And this is the context in which to consider the news polio **has paralysed** a young man in the US and, in London, a million children are being urgently immunised.

Since they were developed, in the early 1950s, vaccines have completely transformed polio.

Without them, 20 million people who can walk today **would have been paralysed**, the World Health Organization estimates.

The disease has been beaten back from a global problem in the 1980s to enclaves in just a couple of countries now.

And this includes the outstanding triumph of Africa being declared polio-free in 2020.

But although Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries where polio continues to circulate, this endemic disease remains a threat to the rest of the world.

First, these countries can seed outbreaks elsewhere.

The first case of wild polio in Africa for more than five years was reported in a three-year-old girl in Malawi.

It was the same strain found in

Pakistan - although, nobody is sure how it travelled.

And in February, Malawi had to **declare a wild polio outbreak**. Secondly, the vaccine used both in endemic countries and to deal with outbreaks can itself create a problem.

And this is what is now affecting the UK and other countries.

The most potent polio vaccine uses oral drops of a weakened but still live form of poliovirus.

It is cheap, easy to give and leads to outstanding immunity, which makes it ideal for responding to outbreaks. However, it works by causing a stomach infection - so it is in people's faeces, from where it can spread to others.

At one level, this is advantageous as it indirectly immunises others.

But as it passes from one person to the next, it can mutate until it can cause paralysis again.

This is known as vaccine-derived poliovirus.

London sewers

The oral vaccine has been hugely successful - but this ability to revert to its more dangerous form is why countries aim to switch to an injection of dead virus once they are polio-free.

The UK has used injections since 2004.

What is now turning up in London sewers is virus that has come from using the oral vaccine elsewhere in the world.

Some of the samples show signs of regaining the ability to cause paralysis - and genetic analysis suggests the virus has been spreading.

It is also directly related to samples found in wastewater in the US and Israel.

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