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No amount of pressure would sway the nation from achieving its aspirations, he says



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President assures the world that the Republic of Somaliland is here to stay



He reassured friends and foes alike that the nation of the Republic of Somaliland is here to stay for ever without being swayed by any entities and that no any amount of pressure would sway the determination and resolve of the people from achieving their aspirations.

The Head of State similarly was convictional that the nations aspirations as a de jure state is there to remain hence no foes would curtail its determination whatsoever. The President expressed the sentiments as he addressed the nation on the occasion of the 33rd celebrations of the 18th May Anniversary that saw the country declare the re-assertion and re-establishment of her independence that was first earned from the British on the 26th of June 1960.

Thus, it was the day that Somaliland severed its ties and dissolved the ill-fated union entered with Somalia, which was an Italian protectorate, following Mogadishu's tyrannical tendencies that perpetrated genocide of Somalilanders.

H.E. Musa Bihi reminded the nation that the gumption Somaliland had when it entered its union with Somalia was propelled by the dream of the Greater Somalia, a determination that was fronted by Somaliland that would have seen all Somali inhabited areas come to one thresh-hold.

This dream was first undermined by the Mogadishu administration which was quite partisan in its distribution of the national cake and power play, thence had Somaliland terribly short circuited.

The result, the President explained, saw belligerent and dissent by

Somalilanders who cried foul; the Mogadishu government thereafter exacerbated the situation instead of addressing it and acting in a just and appropriate manner.

The President noted that the subsequent persecution of the people who were deemed insurgents resulted in the armed struggles that triumphantly resulted in the declaration of the reverting to the initial statehood.

He explained at length how the Somali government of Mogadishu, to their chagrin, have tried to undermine Somaliland in the past three decades and even stepped up their fight against Somaliland's nation-hood in recent times instead of pacifying and unite their own backyard.

He pointed out that Somaliland has progressively remained on course to steadfastly make progress in all spheres of social-economical, political and security sectors over the years without tangible foreign funding.

H.E. Musa Bihi sent his greetings and congratulations to the people of Somaliland on the occasion of the observance of the national day hence urged them to be united solidly hence remain steadfast to the cause, aspirations and determination with the resilient nature they have depicted over the decades to achieve their dreams.

He took a swipe at the Mogadishu administration led by Hassan Sheikh Mohamoud for running berserk when Somaliland entered a bilateral MoU with the government of Ethiopia for the good of both nations. He noted that the cry of unheralded "holy war" against

Ethiopia declared by Hassan Sheikh was only not tenable, uncalled for or binding, but only depicted bitterness and deep-rooted loathing of the aspirations of the people of Somaliland.

He said that they globe trotted all over to decry Somaliland's aspirations demanding that they, Mogadishu, enter the Ethiopia agreements instead, and by thus, bringing forth to limelight their hypocrisy.

The President was categorical that the agreements with Ethiopia is at an advanced stage and would be seen to be implement in a professional manner and in conformity with international standards of bonafide treaties.

He echoed former President Dahir Rayale's words of wisdom that cautioned against virulent words by politicians across the political divide in public during the electioneering campaigns period.

He called for sobriety and positive engagements devoid of malice that may foment seeds of discord amongst the populaces during the elections campaigns season.

He joked with his main competitor Dr. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Iirro who is the WADDANI flag-bearer saying that any of them that wins the presidential race should congratulate the other.

H.E. Dahir Rayale Kahin who addressed the audience immediately before the President was invited to the dais by the Hargeisa City Mayor Cllr. Abdikarim Ahmed Mooge who hailed Somalilanders and their resilience for impeccably building the nation from scratch without any international help.

Present at the dais to grace the occasion was also former Vice Presidents H.E. Abdirahman Aw-Ali Farah and Ahmed Yusuf Yasin, Senate Speaker Hon. Suleiman M. Adan, Speaker of the House of Representatives Hon. Yasin Hiir Faratoon, Chairman of the WADDANI Mr. Hirsi Ali X. Hassan, WADDANI presidential candidate Hon. Abdirahman M. Abdillahi, service commanders, officials from the KULMIYE Party and the UCID Party, members of the cabinet, MPs, diplomats, distinguished local and foreign guests.

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Somaliland government has once again reiterated that the implementation of the Somaliland-Ethiopia MoU that was signed between the two countries on the first day of the first month of this year by the leaders of both nations is on course and at an advanced stage.

The state at the same time has confirmed the upgrading of Ethiopian consular office in Hargeisa, Somaliland as a full embassy as first disclosed by the Head of State H.E. President Musa Bihi Abdi in his address to the nation in the occasion of the national 18th May celebrations.

The elaborative sentiments were made by the Information, Culture and National Guidance minister Hon. Ali Hassan Mohamed, alias Ali-Marehaan on Saturday during an interview with BBC Somali Service monitored by the THT.

The minister emphasized that the upgrading of the Ethiopian representative office in Somaliland to a fully fledged one was officially a bonafide information since it was revealed by none other than the President himself in his speech to the nation during the most important date of the government calendar.

He similarly reiterated that the agreement of the crucial bilateral relations in the said MoU between both countries was right on course

and would be implemented duly and in due cause as per procedural international treaties, a fact that he said the Head of State himself addressed in his speech.

Hon. Ali made it clear that the latest development in Somaliland-Ethiopia relations is not a new chapter of policies, but indeed, it is the apex of a three-decade old of multi-prong bilateral relations that fledge and bolster even more as time goes hence has concretely solidified.

In responding to prods of queries by the interviewer, the minister was vivid that the government of Mogadishu does not hold any sway over Somaliland and that the charting of the future of the country was not in any way the concern of Somalia at all.

He made it clear that the nation of the Republic of Somaliland had a healthy relation with Ethiopia long before the Mogadishu government built a semblance of governance institutions in their own back-yard.

He similarly pointed out that the Somaliland-Ethiopia border was far much longer than that shared with Somalia hence its bulk of economical, social and security relations has been for eons.

He assured the listeners that Somaliland aspirations were on course as envisioned.

Unprecedented mass Holy Quran recitation held in Hargeisa

who graced the unprecedented occasion where a mass recitation of the whole of the Holy Quran was recited in a single session on Thursday.

The event that saw 200 participants, 100 from each gender, was closely monitored by several clergy, religious tutors and teachers.

Minister Mohamed Haji Aadan Elmi,

who closed the session, said he was happy that such a mass recital session of the whole of the Holy Quran at a go was held in Somaliland, which is the second country in the Islamic world to witness such a fete

"I profoundly thank and praise all those who mooted this and organized it. So, too, do I hail the

participating youth who were reciting the Holy Quran", he said and added observably, "I understand such accomplishments have only been done in Gaza hence it is befitting for our own youth to do the same".

On his part Hon. Buuhane noted the veneration of the session and the esteem it holds within the society



and the Islamic cultural tenets.

A prominent clergy and Islamic scholar Sheikh Ismail Abdi Hurre, (Sheikh-Ismail Dheeg), pointed out

that reading the Qur'an is "an act of worship in itself and it is even more profound when it done en-masse".

Main Somaliland opposition party will back sea deal if it's in Somaliland interest, Waddani Information Secretary



Adam said his party encourages the Ethiopian government to access Somaliland's sea and build infrastructure. Peaceful border and security are in the best interest of both sides.

Somaliland has the right to reach an agreement with any country. What matters is to make sure any agreement is beneficial to all the parties.

That is what Somaliland did and continues to do, the spokesperson added.

Better known as Waddani, the party also seeks elevated ties with Ethiopia with or without power. "We welcome any agreement which enhances the two countries standing and mutual benefits."

If the Waddani party gets elected in the next election, it plans to give a fresh boost to relations between the two neighbors in terms of economic engagement, security cooperation and people-to-people relations. Ethiopia has been by our side during Somalilanders' turbulent years.

"The two sides have much room for cooperation with complementary interests.

Somaliland can export fish while Ethiopia can utilize the sea access. Berbera can be a good area of collaboration. We hope the country will get a preferential rate in the port."

The second largest and leading opposition party in Somaliland welcomed the recently inked Addis Ababa, Hargeisa sea access deal while calling for more work for its effectuation.

Waddani National Party which reportedly stood second in the last poll with approximately 42% of the votes also cherished the all-round ties between the neighboring peoples.

The national party which is bracing for the upcoming election also pledges to come up with a policy that heightens the bilateral cooperation between Addis and Hargeisa.

"Our party's position is that we welcome any agreement that elevates cooperation and cultivates trust between the two brotherly peoples," said Party Shadow Minister of Information Mahmoud Adam Jama speaking to The Ethiopian Herald.

"Our party is confident that Ethiopia is genuine in its relationship with Somaliland," the spokesperson added.

The party is also optimistic that the partnership between Ethiopia and Somaliland will witness elevation under its leadership should the party win a national poll.

Dahir Rayale cautions against tribalism and hate-speeches as he addresses the nation during 18th May celebrations

Dahir Rayale Kaahin advised the nation to shun tribalism and clannish tendencies as he delivered a speech at the 33rd anniversary commemoration event of the May 18th Day that the country re-asserted its nationhood.

H.E. Dahir Rayale who was the 3rd Head of State of the country congratulated all the people of Somaliland both within the country and abroad.

He wished them success, prosperity, and progress, noting that the nation of Somaliland has come a long way.

He cautioned politicians to tread a path a path that is devoid of tribal sentiments as the start their political campaigns for the forth coming presidential and political party elections that is around the corner. He warned against hate speeches, malicious and sarcasm in public utterances that may fan seeds of discord and tarnish the harmony cherished.

"We have urged political parties and organizations to veer away from tribalism and compete in a political party-oriented system", he said, and continued; "It has been a long road to where we are today. It did not come lightly. The youth may assume all has been well, but nay, we have come a long way through bitter



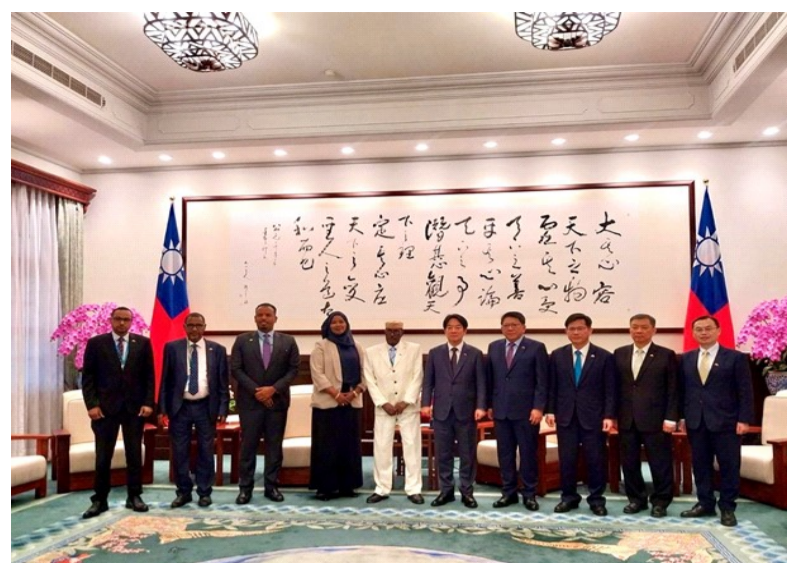
struggles" He said that his main advice is for the politicians and the people of Somaliland to shun tribalism and completely veer away from clannish tendencies which he lamented that has taken root in recent times. Noting that the political parties systems was mooted to aid electioneering processes and cultivate a zero-tribal tolerance. Saying that the introduction of political parties' culture was to nip the buds of tribalism since where

clannish tendencies reign supreme, the essence of nationhood fizzles out.

He appealed to politicians and the populaces alike to be objective and nurture justifiable wisdom that is worth its salt and be fair-minded and impartial.

he similarly advised present and future leaders to be more just in their dispensations by upholding impartiality, justice and equality to all the subjects in the country and nation of Somaliland.

New Taiwanese President vouches for continued relations with Somaliland



By M.A. Egge

The new president of Taiwan, William Lai, has vouched that his administration will continue its relations with the Republic of Somaliland.

President William Lai who held a meeting with the delegation from the Republic of Somaliland last Monday who attended his inauguration led by the First Deputy Chairman of the Senate Hon. Saeed Jama Ali said that his administration gives importance to Africa.

He promised at the meeting to continue the cooperation and relations between the Republic of Somaliland and Taiwan.

Hon. Saeed Jama Ali highlighted that there are many aspects of cooperation in Taiwan hence they are committed to strengthening their relations.

He congratulated the new President of Taiwan William Lai and his vice president Hsiao Bi-khim for their election and pointed out that the relations between Somaliland and Taiwan have improved immensely in recent years.

The Somaliland delegation graced the occasion with their presence as part of the 51 international delegations that is attending the inauguration of the 16th elected president of Taiwan

The Somaliland delegation included the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Rooda Jama Iimi, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives Hon. Mohamed Hassan Saeed and MP Omar Jama Farah from the same Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Representatives.

Somalilanders' sentiment remains high on port deal

HARGEISA- Jubilant Somalilanders who took to the street to celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the 'restoration of independence' cheered their port deal with Ethiopia.

Optimism among Somalilanders remains as fresh and as high as it was in the wake of the announcement of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the utilization of sea access with Ethiopia. This year's national day celebration, what Somaliland calls 'restoration of independence', came on the heels of the January 2024 pact inked between Addis Ababa and Hargeisa allowing Ethiopia to develop a port or have access to a sea outlet in the Gulf of Aden.

Shadia Mohamed Roble is a Somaliland national. She has been a journalist for five years. She served in BBC Somalia service and VoA as a reporter. "I received the MoU between Ethiopia and Somaliland with warm hearts. Public opinion has also been positive. I was able to chat with many people here in Hargeisa, and their reaction was positive.

Shadia, who now resides in Canada, said the accord will bring lofty dividends to both sides. Somalilanders feel excited that the neighboring side is forging strong



bilateral ties with Ethiopia.

"Ethiopia has been there for us in the time of agony and suppression and it had been on our side during Mohamed Siad Barre's repression. The people of Somaliland are celebrating the MoU and it is a great deal for both sides and the leaders worth admiration and recognition."

According to the journalist, it is only the historical foes of Ethiopia and Somaliland that appear to be opposing the MoU. Some countries are green-eyed on the deal, for they do not want the prosperity of the two neighbors. "The partnership between Ethiopian and Somaliland will get momentum and the grand ambition will come to reality."

"With or without the benediction of external parties, the accord according to me will see the day's light," Shadia opined confidently.

Abdirahman Habane is a lecturer at

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the University of Hargeisa and researcher at the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies. The academician highlighted that the reaction of Somaliland scholars toward the port deal has been positive and remains high. The pact is an action towards a better future. If managed well, it will lead toward prosperity for both sides. And, it is a positive gesture amidst the increasingly hostile situations in the Horn of Africa.

"Somaliland has the sole right to decide which countries it has to work with and what it has to do with its sea or land. And, many nations are collaborating with Somaliland. And, Ethiopia should be no different and such a deal must not come as a bombshell." The Horn region is rocked by terrorism and other violent acts, and any cooperation among entities in the region should be considered a positive move, the academician

emphasized. He appealed to people in academia to conduct research and write more articles to turn the agreement into implementation. "We welcome the agreement and good benefits the deal might bring to both parties," a street vendor commented on the issue to The Ethiopian Herald. It was earned that both Ethiopia and Somaliland are working on wide ranges to translate the port deal into reality.

I will do everything possible to see the Republic of Somaliland achieve its independence, pledges MP Gavin Williamson

Parliament, congratulated the people of Somaliland on the commemoration of the 33rd anniversary of the National Day of Somaliland on 18 May. Mr. Gavin Williamson, who published a brief message of congratulations and congratulations on his Facebook page, promised to continue his support for the cause of Somaliland's recognition in his capacity as a member of UK MPS who are steadfast in seeing to it that Somaliland gets recognition. "I congratulate all the people of Somaliland on the 33rd anniversary of the day they reverted to their independence. I stand with you in your struggle, and I welcome the progress that has been made in the



efforts to recognize your nation," said the Republic of Somaliland MP Williamson, adding, "I will do everything possible to see to it that becomes an independent nation".

Dahabshiil Group, Dutch diplomats discuss roles in projects development

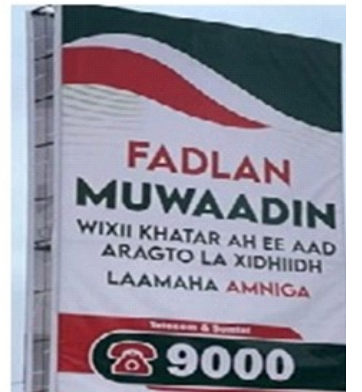


By M.A. Egge The general manager of Dahabshiil Group Mr. Abdirashid Mohamed Duale held a worthwhile meeting with a delegation of Dutch diplomats that focused on the role that Somali businessmen take in development projects. They pondered on similar important

issues that can be realized by working together now and in the future in concerted efforts by the entrepreneurs, governments and international organizations that would go down well in creating job employments, development and thus alleviate poverty.

They parleyed on the role of Somali businessmen in development and what can be supported. The Dahabshiil Company has close cooperation with some international countries to support Somali development programs, especially in renewable energy projects.

Fledgling performance of the Somaliland national security agency welcomed by members of the public



By M.A. Egge

The Somaliland National Security Agency has in recent times been a formidable institution with its performance fledgling following the stewardship of the incumbent Commander of the outfit Mustafa Mohamed Hassan alias Ba'lul. Reportedly, he has brought positive tangible changes for the better in all aspects of the institution's general modus-operandi during his leadership of the agency. The security agency of Somaliland, which is in charge of the overall security intelligence and protection of Somaliland's national interests inside and outside the country, has recently had its services being greatly welcomed by the members of the public for the measures they have taken to strengthen security. As witnessed, the major campaign to educate the public and inform them on the security agencies' efforts and the imperativeness of the concerted ways of means that the members of the public would supplement on bolstering the services, various hotlines were established that are manned full time. Of note is the number 9000 dial calls

that are provided by both Telesom and Somtel services. Equally provided is a security threat prevention center that is open 24 hours a day. Improvements has been made in the proficiency and skills of the security officers and general staffers of the agency. He strengthened foreign relations and worked to make many friends to help Somaliland in its associated aspirations. All regional offices have been revamped and equipped with a lot of equipment such as quality vehicles, specialized facilities and the improvement of the strategic services. The most appropriate means of public rapport has been established just as the human resource sector of the agency now deals with the welfare of the staffers more apt. Given the positive developments steps the commander has been steering the agency, it is believed that sky is the limit in their performances just as the members of the public has become very contented with the services they render.

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Advancing Justice: Reforming the Legal System in Somaliland Embracing Equity, Trust, and National Progress



Introduction

As a senior member of the **International Council of Jurists** and an advisor to the government, I am compelled to share insights on justice. It is my firm belief that constructive criticism and proactive measures are essential for the continual improvement of our legal system. The Quran aptly states that religion is advice; therefore, I offer this counsel not to criticize our justice system, but rather to provide recommendations aimed at advancing it for the betterment of our nation. Through thoughtful analysis and practical suggestions, this article endeavors to contribute to the establishment of stronger checks and balances within our legal framework.

It is worth noting that many countries have both a Minister of Justice and a Chief Justice to ensure a more effective justice system. The division of responsibilities between the High Court and local and regional courts is essential for maintaining accountability and promoting fairness in the judicial process. We need checks and balances in every department of the government, and we need to promote justice reform. Checks and balances are necessary not only among the Executive, Legislative, and Judiciary branches but also within each department, including the distinction between the High Court and Local and Regional Courts.

The Interplay of Investment and Justice

The relationship between local and foreign investment and the state of justice, as well as the occurrence of violence, is deeply intertwined. This intricate nexus underscores why regions like Europe and America tend to attract higher levels of foreign investment, closely followed by countries such as the UAE and Singapore. However, it's crucial to acknowledge that the prevalence of violence in any given country often intensifies due to a deficiency in the administration of justice.

Long-Term Vision in Leadership

Positions such as President, Vice President, Ministers, Chief of Justice, General of the armed forces, or

Director General are typically short-term. However, a robust legal system is designed for the long term, ensuring justice for both present and future generations. Those currently in power may find themselves as ordinary citizens later on, potentially regretting their failure to enact reforms during their tenure. **It's not uncommon for heads of different departments to resist reform while in office, only to later realize the missed opportunities.** This resistance may come back to haunt them upon leaving or retiring from their current roles. However, it takes courage for heads of departments to accept reform for the betterment of the current and future generations, and this could be their legacy.

The Quranic and Hadith Perspective on Justice

Allah said in the Quran "O believers! Stand firm for justice as witnesses for Allah even if it is against yourselves, your parents, or close relatives. Be they rich or poor, Allah is best to ensure their interests. So do not let your desires cause you to deviate from justice. If you distort the testimony or refuse to give it, then know that Allah is certainly All-Aware of what you do." (Quran, Surah An-Nisa – 135)

The prophet said "The best deed in the sight of Allah is to render justice." – Hadith (Prophet Muhammad)

The Crucial Role of Justice in Investment

The correlation between investment and justice stems from the fundamental need for a stable and secure environment to conduct business. Investors are naturally drawn to regions where the legal system is perceived as fair, transparent, and capable of upholding the rule of law. Conversely, in areas where justice is compromised or where there's a lack of accountability, investors may hesitate to commit resources, fearing potential legal risks or instability.

Addressing Violence through Justice Reform

The presence of violence within a society often serves as a clear indicator of underlying systemic

issues within the justice system. When individuals perceive that justice is not served equitably or that there's impunity for wrongdoing, it can lead to social unrest, protests, or even outbreaks of violence. This, in turn, creates an environment that is inhospitable to investment, as businesses are wary of operating in regions plagued by instability and insecurity.

Pivotal Juncture: Somaliland's Call for Justice Reform

In the pursuit of a fair and efficient legal system, Somaliland stands at a pivotal juncture, poised to implement comprehensive justice reform. Central to this endeavor is the establishment of a robust framework that not only ensures accountability and impartiality but also fosters public trust in the judiciary.

The Islamic Legal Justice System

The Islamic Legal Justice System (ILJS) involves interpretations (fiqh) of divine law (shari'ah) and has consistently led efforts to protect human rights and ensure fair trials for all. It's important to note that Islamic law does not contradict or deny customary law, as many are aware.

The Imperative of Separation of Powers

The Need for Separation of Powers: In matters of justice, be it at police stations, prosecutor's offices, or regional and district courts, undue influence can derail the system, leading to failure or persistent unrest. Power separation is paramount for national progress.

Court Partitioning: Strengthening Checks and Balances

Justice reform hinges on delineating clear lines of authority and accountability within the judiciary. Somaliland should decentralize authority, with district courts under the Ministry of Justice and the High Court under the Chief Justice's leadership.

Creating a System of Checks and Balances

Effective justice reform demands oversight and review mechanisms. By segregating leadership between the High Court and district courts, Somaliland can establish a dynamic framework wherein lower court decisions undergo impartial scrutiny by higher authorities.

Recommendations for Implementation

Legislative Support: Enact legislation akin to **South Africa** to formalize power separations and define judiciary roles.

Capacity Building: Emulate **Rwanda's** investment in specialized training for judicial personnel aligned with international

standards.

Public Awareness Campaigns: Model successful campaigns in **Kenya** to engage communities and raise awareness of justice reforms.

International Partnerships: Leverage partnerships with entities like **UNDP**, as seen in **Tunisia**, to bolster resources for reform.

Monitoring Mechanisms: Implement frameworks akin to **Colombia** to track reform progress and impact.

Expanding on Technological Integration

Digital Case Filing: Mirror **Estonia's** digital court system for enhanced accessibility to case management.

Remote Court Proceedings: Adopt **Canada's** video conferencing technology to surmount geographical barriers.

Data Analytics: Utilize data-driven insights akin to the **USA** to inform policy and enhance judicial effectiveness.

Online Legal Aid: Establish online platforms akin to **India** to improve access to justice for marginalized communities.

The Role of the High Court

The **High Court** serves as the final recourse for redress, ensuring fair and impartial justice delivery. It safeguards rights and liberties through judicial review, upholding constitutional principles and preventing encroachments on citizens' rights. Additionally, it shapes legal precedent, fostering stability and confidence in the legal system. However, the High Court's efficacy requires clear separation from lower courts. Managed independently by the Chief Justice, it ensures focused arbitration of legal disputes. Meanwhile, the Minister of Justice oversees lower courts' efficient functioning, maintaining administrative integrity without impeding the judicial process.

Islamic Teachings on Justice Islam places significant emphasis on the importance of justice. Justice is considered a fundamental principle in Islamic teachings, deeply ingrained in Islamic core values and ethical framework.

Here are some key aspects of what Islam teaches about the importance of justice:

Fairness and Impartiality: Islam emphasizes the importance of treating all individuals fairly and impartially, regardless of their social status or background. The Quran states, "O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives. Whether one is rich or poor, Allah is more worthy of both. So follow not [personal] inclination, lest you not be just. And if you distort [your testimony] or refuse [to give it], then indeed Allah is ever, with what you do, Acquainted" (Quran, Surah An-Nisa – 135).

Divine Guidance: Islamic law, known as Shariah, provides comprehensive guidance on

matters of justice. It encompasses both divine revelation from the Quran and the teachings and actions of the Prophet Muhammad (Hadith). Islamic legal scholars, through the processes of interpretation (fiqh), consensus (ijma), and analogy (qiyas), derive principles to address contemporary issues while remaining rooted in the foundational texts.

Protection of Rights:

Islamic legal principles prioritize the protection of human rights and ensure fair trials for all individuals. Violators of these rights face punishment under Islamic criminal law, which is derived from the Quran, Hadith, ijma, and qiyas. Islamic jurisprudence emphasizes the principles of accountability, transparency, and due process to uphold justice.

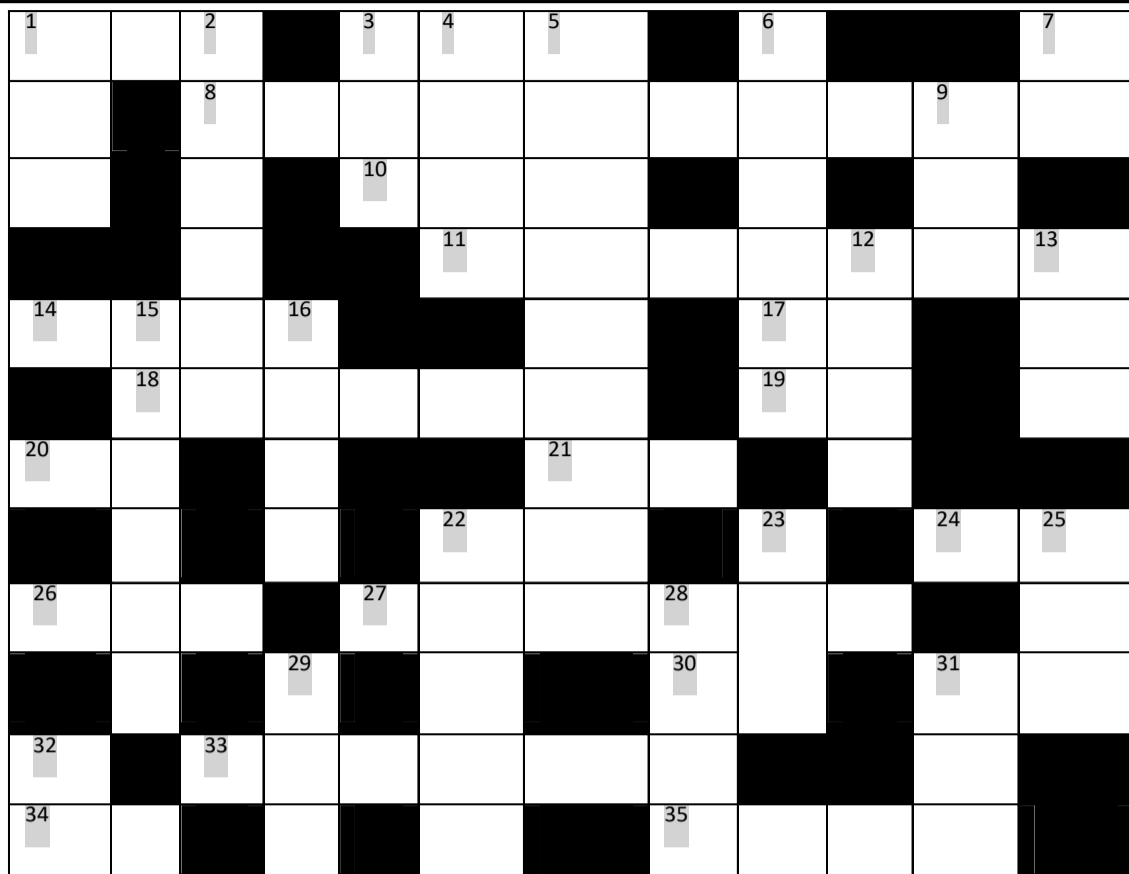
Conclusion

The path to a stronger legal system in Somaliland is illuminated by the principles of equity, trust, and national progress. By embracing comprehensive justice reform, Somaliland can navigate towards a future where fairness and accountability reign supreme. Through the implementation of strategic measures such as court partitioning, technological integration, and international collaboration, the foundation for a more just and equitable society can be laid.

As we strive towards this vision, it's essential to recognize that the journey towards justice is ongoing and multifaceted. It requires unwavering commitment from government entities, civil society, and the international community. By addressing the core issues of power separation, checks and balances, and capacity building, Somaliland can chart a course towards a brighter future where the rule of law is upheld, and citizens' rights are protected. Ultimately, the success of justice reform in Somaliland hinges not only on legislative measures and technological advancements but also on fostering a culture of transparency, accountability, and public participation. Through collaborative efforts and a shared commitment to the principles of justice, Somaliland can realize its potential as a beacon of justice and progress in the region. Furthermore, to ensure effective checks and balances, **it is imperative that the High Court and Constitutional Court are overseen by the Chief Justice, while local and regional courts are under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Justice.** This structural arrangement will facilitate the necessary oversight and accountability within the judiciary. Additionally, reform efforts should extend to both the police and judiciary systems, with the government and parliament taking proactive steps to push forward these reforms.

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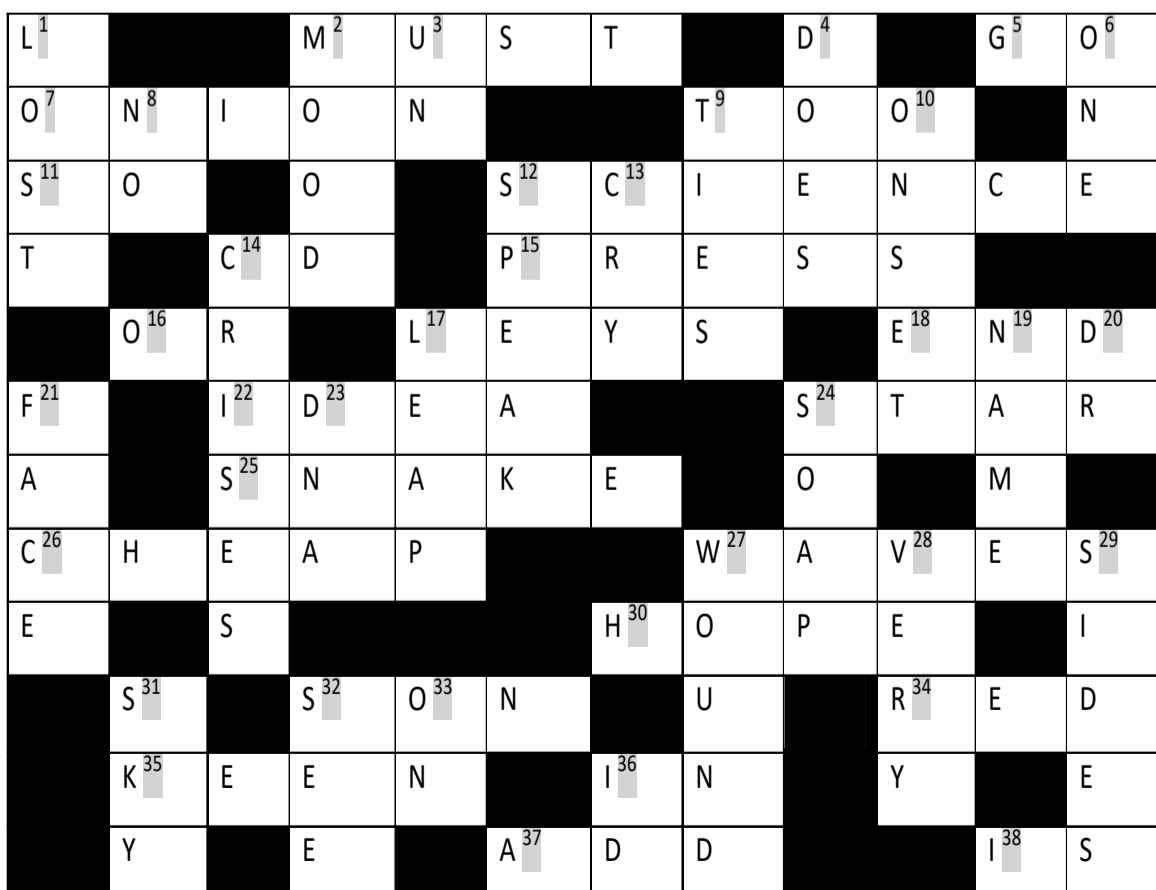
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- 3 shed tears
- 4 vicinity
- 5 travelers
- 6 increasing
- 7 U'S
- 9 Have a meal
- 12 Almost immediately
- 13 Sun shine
- 15 Nearby
- 16 Simple
- 22 brain power
- 23 individual
- 25 Perceive or look
- 29 Carpet
- 31 double or single bed
- 32 Negative or nope

ACROSS

- 1be present.
- 3 crowns head wear
- 8 storylines.
- 10 Yeah
- 11 Support
- 14 Concern assist
- 17 Negative
- 18 Cause
- 19 Travel
- 22 be present
- 24 Remains
- 26 Furthermore
- 27 Symbols
- 30 United Nations in short forms
- 31 Be there
- 34 Atop
- 35 Stated

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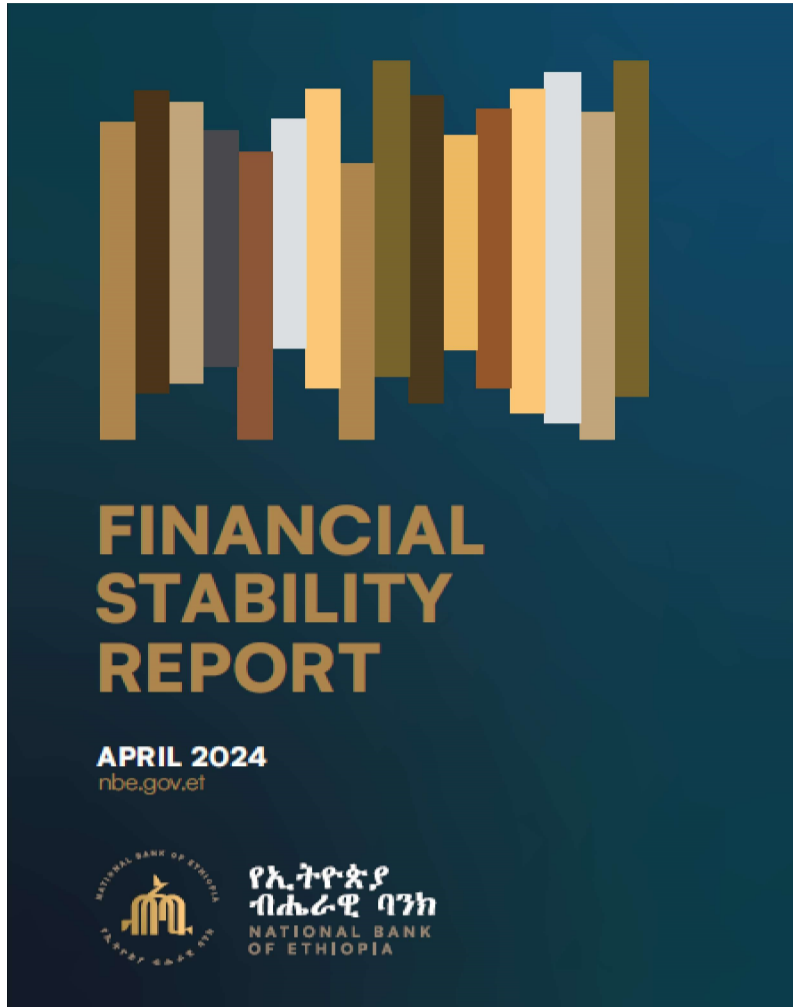
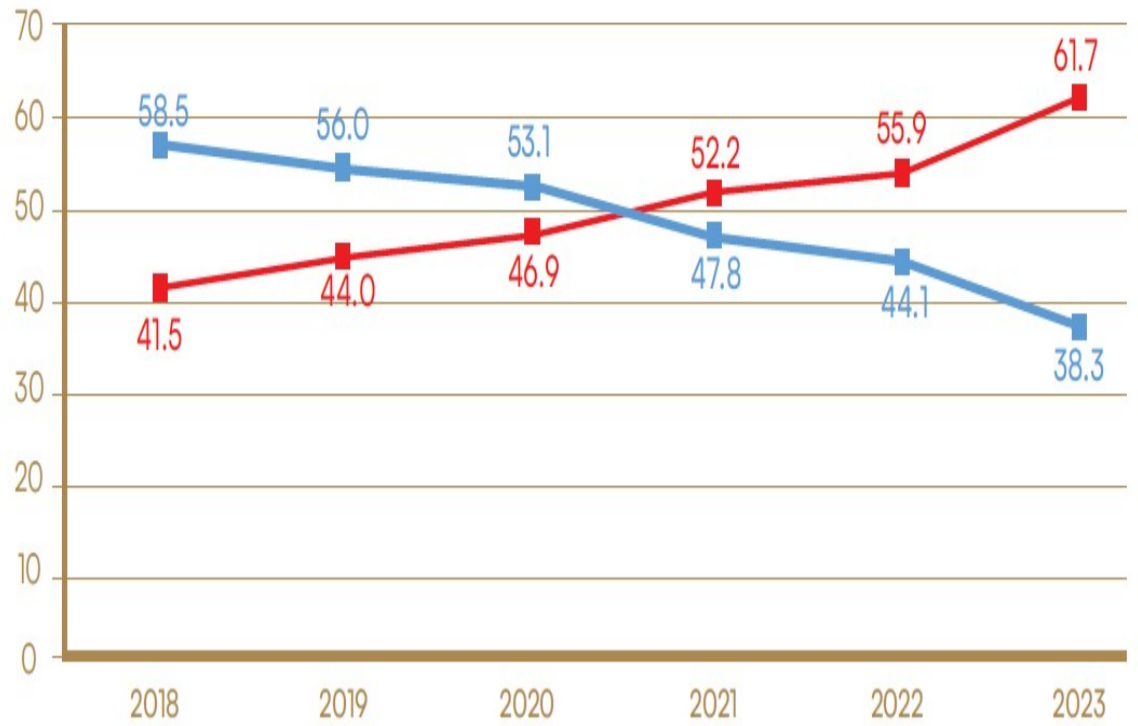


Figure 8: Banking Sector Credit Distribution to Public and Private Sectors, 2018-2023 (percent of total banking sector credit)

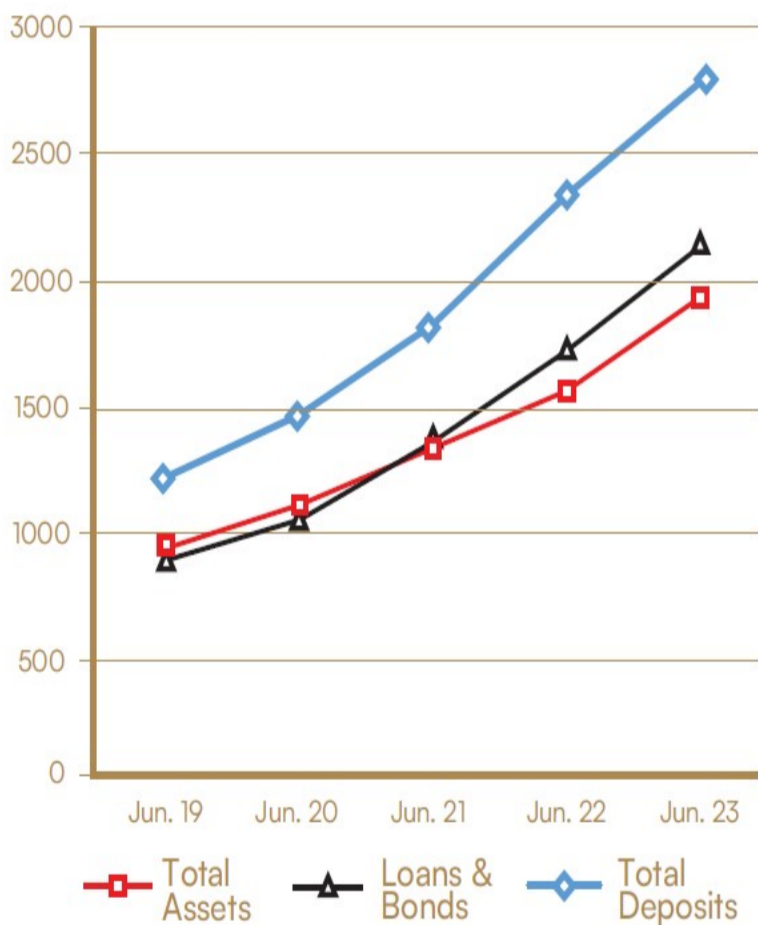


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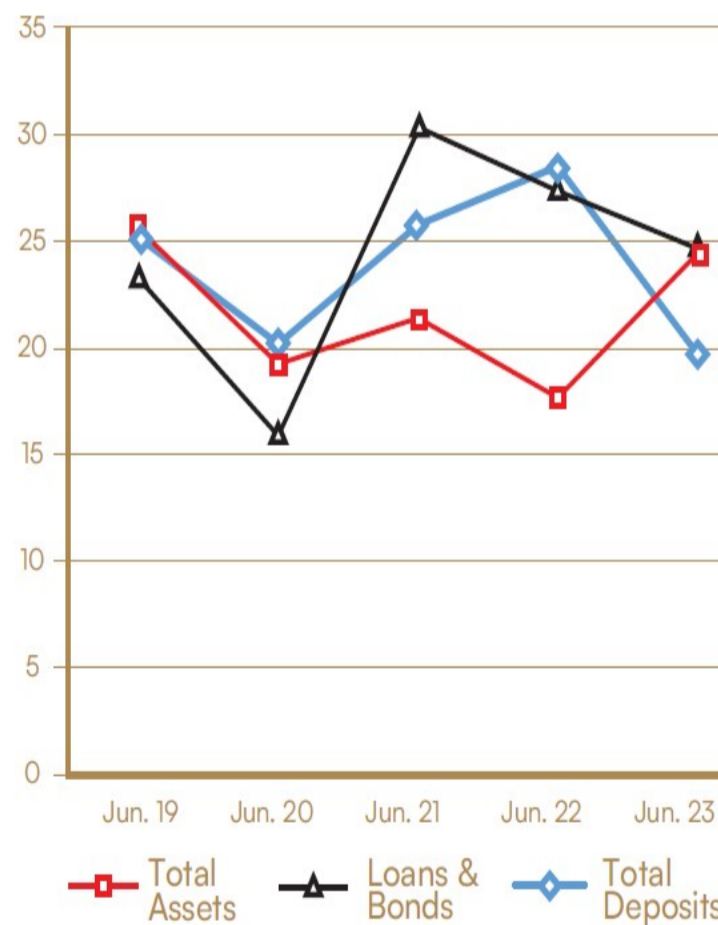
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Figure 7: Bank Assets, Loans & Bonds, and Deposits, 2019-2023

A. Values in Billion Birr



B. Annual growth rates in percent



In line with international trends, Ethiopia established a deposit insurance scheme in 2021 (Box 1). By reducing the likelihood of bank runs, this is expected to contribute significantly to stability in the banking and microfinance sectors, and hence, to the overall financial system. Ethiopia's Deposit Insurance Fund The Ethiopian Deposit Insurance Fund (The Fund) was established as per Council of Ministers Regulation No. 482/2021 to serve as a financial safety net for depositors of commercial banks and microfinance institutions. The

Fund is an institution with a legal personality that is accountable to NBE. It is mandated to determine initial and annual premiums, set the coverage ceilings for insured money deposits (which may not be more than Birr 100,000), make payments to eligible depositors up to the extent of insured deposits, recover the payments made from the liquidation proceeds of failed financial institutions, collect premiums from member financial institutions 14 and various contributions from other sources, and deal with parties at fault in member financial institutions' failure and manage court cases.

The main objective of the Fund is to contribute to the safety, soundness, and stability of the Ethiopian Financial System. It also aims to protect depositors by introducing a deposit insurance fund. The Fund is expected to enable payments to member financial institutions' depositors with insured deposits in case of an insurance event. In doing so, it is also anticipated to mitigate risk and contribute to the stability of the financial system. The Fund has issued a directive related to initial and annual premium contributions and managed to collect Birr 2.8 billion in 2023/24 Q2 in the form of initial

and annual premiums, which were invested in short-term government securities. 3.2.1.2 Industry Structure and Systemic Risk Of the 30 commercial banks registered before end of June 2023 in Ethiopia (excluding the DBE), one is a state-owned bank; three are private interest-free banks; five 15 are micro-finance institutions (MFIs) transformed into commercial banks; and the rest are conventional private commercial banks. NBE distinguishes (based on asset size) three types of commercial

banks: large, medium, and small banks. Their respective roles in the market are as follows (Table 5):

Large Bank: The only large bank in the country that also dominates the industry is the state-owned Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE). At end-June 2023, its total assets and deposits constituted almost half (49.5 percent and 48.7 percent, respectively) of the whole banking sector. However, its total capital accounted for just over a quarter (27.5 percent) of the total. Although its market share had declined from the previous year, CBE is clearly a domestic systemically important bank.

Medium-sized Banks: At end-June 2023, the combined assets of the five medium-sized banks 16 accounted for 28.0 percent of the sector's total assets, slightly higher from the previous year. Their total deposits accounted for 29.4 percent of the sector's total, marginally lower than at end-June 2022. On the other hand, their entire capital was 31.0 percent of the sector's total, up from 28.8 percent of the previous year. None of these banks is currently regarded as a systemic bank, despite their growing market share.

Small Banks: At end-June 2023, the combined assets and deposits of the 24 small banks 17 accounted for 22.5 percent and 21.9 percent, respectively, of the whole banking sector – an annual increase of 3.4 and 2.6 percentage points, respectively. Likewise, their combined total capital share increased from 40.2 percent of the sector's total capital in 2022 to 41.6 percent at end-June 2023. The growth of the small banks' aggregate market share can

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