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President highlights hypocrisy of Somalia and allies as concerns Somaliland sovereignty

He reiterates holding of general elections as scheduled and vows the defense of the nation

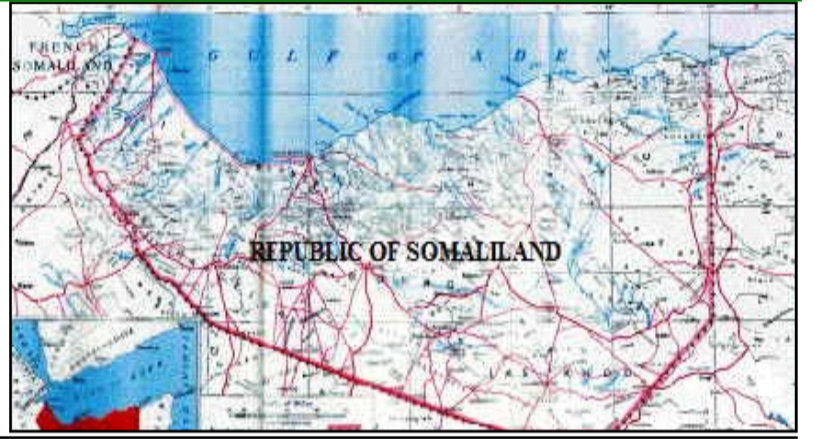


By M.A. Egge

The President of Somaliland H.E. Musa Bihi Abdi has highlighted the epitome of hypocrisy of Somalia President Hassan Sheikh and that of his allies as he addressed hundreds of members of the public in Saraar region.

The President reiterated that the

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President passionately addresses armed forces servicemen at the front-lines



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The President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Musa Bihi Abdi gave a passionate morale-boosting speech to several contingents of the military servicemen stationed at the

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Somaliland is a united nation, Waddani chair scoffs at day-dreaming Somalia premier



The Chairman of the Waddani political party Mr. Hirsi Ali Haji Hassan has scoffed at Somalia's insinuation of depicting division in Somalilanders

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NEC, elections stakeholders reach consensus to introducing IRIS-BVVS Voter Verification System in the elections



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It has been agreed that the IRIS biometric Voter Verification system would be used in the forthcoming presidential and political parties' elections come November 13th 2024, with its use confined to only the six major towns

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Sweden asked to prevent conflicting war instigation by Somalia in the wake of Somaliland-Ethiopia deal



The Swedish government has been asked to prevent conflict and war that Somalia is creating by the cooperation agreement between Somaliland and Ethiopia.

Member of Parliament Markus Wiechel who presented a question

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Minister of Finance Dr. Sa'ad Ali Shire chaired a meeting on briefing the Finance Sub-committee of the House of

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forthcoming national presidential and political party elections would be held as scheduled in November and that it would not be postponed at all.

In the same breath, he pointed out the legal upgrading of the Saraar region would be done as per constitution.

While strongly saying that the nation of Somaliland will staunchly defend itself to the hilt against foreign subversions against it led by the Somalia regime, the President was categorical that no forms of undermining and intimidation by any powers may be dampen the country's resolve to defend itself.

He expressed his shock that the Somalia leader would stand at a sacred pulpit inside a mosque and spew lies about Somaliland. He wondered how Hassan Sheikh would turn a blind eye to the fact that Somaliland and Somalia were completely two separate entities and nations, and that since Somaliland re-asserted its

independence by dissolving the ill-fated union with the former southern Italian Somalia, "this nation has been independent once more for the past 34 years and had completely nothing in common with Somalia at all".

Somaliland has its own trappings of nationhood as concerns the national flag, constitution, national government institutions (legislature, judiciary, executive, military), monetary currency, territory etc that are completely separate from Somalia and yet blind eyes are turned naively towards the facts.

The president wondered why Somalia assumes, naively again, that they can enter an international pact as if Somaliland was part of it. He questioned the morality of Somalia entering talks with Ethiopia concerning a portion of Somaliland's territory while broodingly assuming that it has jurisdiction to do so, a fact testified by Ethiopia itself, and her (Somalia's) allies Qatar, Egypt and Djibouti, in cahoots.

He maintained that whatever happens, Somaliland was convicted to safeguarding and defending her rights to the hilt, within and without, and at all costs as had done before.

He made it clear that all Somalilanders in the country despite political affiliation differences were strongly united in the defense and safeguarding of national integrity.

He once again expressed his dismay at the likes of the Egyptian state that have failed to open the Rafa Crossing such that relief supplies may reach the afflicted war-raven people of Palestine yet they poke their unjustified ill-driven motives towards subverting the aspirations of the Somaliland nation.

He observed that nations forge for matters in line and directly concerning their selfish interests and turn blind eyes to truths, facts and righteousness at the expense of, and as opposed to, moral rights. He pledged the unwavering defense of the nation against any threats whatsoever.

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frontlines in the eastern parts of the country.

The Head of State emphasized the imperativeness of a nation to have formidable security forces in place for the safeguarding of both internal and external security interests of the country and her people.

"Foremost, we all acknowledge as all nations elsewhere in the world would, that any country ought to have a formidable military whose strength safeguards the security of its people and defense of the country at large", he said.

He said that it was trivial to have a weak military force and that it was dangerous to a country.

He noted that the Somaliland Armed Forces has been an apparatus that

has had its people contented with hence have safeguarded their security welfare to the hilt since its inception.

He pointed out that the forces had for the past four decades been active all along hence they had high in their ranks the brave esteem of the fallen heroes during the struggles for the re-assertion of the country's independence.

Similarly among the ranks are the aged and retiring, the active ones who had joined in the recent past, and all those who would in future be part of the brave men and women servicemen will always be the brave heroes who are ready to selflessly give their lives for their nation and people, if need be.

He reminded the military of their steadfastness for the past four decades and assured them that the nation and her people are indebted to them and are content with their national services.

He was categorical that the struggle of the aspirations of the nation was continuous hence that the military was a back bone of the efforts which would not rest until it secures the integral territorial rights of the nation as per independence.

He acknowledged that minor setbacks can be witnessed in any struggle but that do not impede the achieving and furthering of the endeavors envisioned and expected.

He pointed out that the formidability

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in the country.

The agreement comes in the wake of an earlier consensus by the electoral stakeholders to put the kits in trial tests across the country and ultimately reach a decision thereafter after reviewing its viability in the electioneering process.

the latest consensus there seals the agreement in a meeting held on Thursday at the headquarters of the National Elections Commission (NEC) that brought all the concerned stakeholders together.

The completion of the trials operation of the IRIS-BVVS Voter

Verification System implemented by the NEC was random in various locations across the country, most notably in four (4) polling stations namely Ara-garanuug (Boorama), El-hume (Odweyne), Gedi-Haan (Buraq), and the University of Hargeisa (Hargeisa).

The meeting saw in-depth review of the viability of the process and the leaders of the various political parties, organizations, the NEC and others delved into its pros and cons before reaching the agreement to put the system in use only at the designated locations that they collectively specified.

Sweden asked to prevent conflicting war instigation by Somalia in the wake of Somaliland-Ethiopia deal

to the Minister of Foreign Affairs Hon. Tobias Billström in the Swedish Parliament on 20 August 2024, demands that he take diplomatic measures to prevent the conflict in Somalia.

Hon. Wiechel's questions reads as follows;

The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ethiopia and Somaliland, which among other things gives Ethiopia access to the port of Berbera, a very important port on the Gulf of Aden adjacent to the Red Sea, will have far-reaching diplomatic and humanitarian benefits in a strategically very important location. This agreement opens up positive effects that affect millions of people in the region and also has the potential to benefit relations between this region and Europe, and not least Sweden.

Ethiopia has a central role in the region as one of Africa's most populous nations and a rapidly growing economy. By gaining access to a strategically located port, the country's capacity to participate in global trade is strengthened, which can result in economic growth, improved infrastructure and a strengthened trade balance. It reduces costs and increases the efficiency of import and export operations, which directly affects food security and can improve the standard of living of millions of people.

Cooperation between Ethiopia and Somaliland also promotes regional integration and security, which is important for stabilizing the Horn of Africa, a historically turbulent region. Stability in Ethiopia and its vicinity means a reduced risk of conflicts and humanitarian crises, which of

course has a positive impact outside the region as well.

For Sweden and Europe, a stable and economically stronger Ethiopia means improved trade relations and new investment opportunities. It can lead to increased imports of Ethiopian goods and open doors for European technology and expertise to contribute to local development, including a green transition. Stability in the region also reduces migration and refugee pressure towards Europe through improved living conditions in the home countries.

What is worrying in this situation is the fact that Somalia's unelected president Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has threatened war, as well as approached both Turkey and, most recently, Egypt to strengthen their military capabilities. It is thus a dictator, whose ministers include former terrorist leaders, who, despite having no control over his own territory, is prepared to invade the most democratic country in the region. Worse yet, there is extensive evidence that Somalia is at risk of continuing the ethnic cleansing of Somaliland's dominant clan (Isaaq) that began during dictator Siad Barre's time in power.

In light of the above, Foreign Minister Tobias Billström is requested to answer the following question:

Can the Minister consider taking diplomatic steps to prevent Somalia from starting an unnecessary war or possible genocide, and if not, what steps can we expect from the Minister and the Government?

The question of MP Wiechel published on the website of the Swedish Parliament said that the response of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Md. Tobias is expected on September 2, 2024.



of the military prowess and the people's aspirations have been formidable all along and their efforts

would be re-doubled to fearlessly achieve and realize its justified aspirations.

Treasury briefs Parliamentary Finance sub-committee on 2025 National Budget estimates



Representatives regarding the preparation of the 2025 budget. The meeting of the treasury officials and those of the precise Sub-committee on Economic and Budgetary Policy of the House of Representatives exchanged suggestions on the preparation of the 2025 budget and its priorities. The treasury briefed the legislators on the preparation that is underway of the 2025 National Budget and its areas of priorities with the overall view of the economy for the next 3 years. Both sides exchanged views and suggestions of the next financial estimates as per the guidelines of the third National Development Plan of NDPIII.

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populaces as to naively assume that they expect the political future to usher in good riddance in their favour. The opposition leader was equivocal that the nation and the people of Somaliland were one, united and in solidarity as far as the nation of the Republic of Somaliland was concerned, in a statement broadcasted in his X account. The retort come in the wake of a public conference the Somalia premier had that saw him wishfully hope that they (Somalia) were willing to wait for a change of guard in Somaliland so as to advance their re-union dream. Mr. Hirsi pointed out that the Somalia wishful thinking was nothing other than day-dreaming on the part of Somalia leadership hence made it clear that the party's policy was in line with the aspirations of the



people that have re-asserted their nationhood, whose sovereignty was borne of independence from the British colonialism.

Police arrest women duo for spewing vitriolic and inciting sentiments in public



By M.A. Egge The Somaliland Police has arrested two women Qadan Abdilahi Mohamed and Ubah Abdirahman Omar for indulging in acts of misdemeanor in public, they have announced. The two have been reportedly apprehended for spewing acrimonious and vitriolic words

through the social media by spreading insults, public incitement and indulging in vices that are against the behavioral morality of the Islamic religion that is against the country's laws. In carrying out their duties, the police arrested the two on Friday evening in line with dutiful measures of safeguarding and protecting the

religion, culture and public safety hence said that they would be arraigned before a court of law expeditiously. On the same note, the Police Headquarters is sending a warning to caution the members of public against indulging in such malpractices since they would be answerable to the laws of the nation.

Somaliland coast guards nab illegal fishing trawler with 13 Yemeni fishermen

By M.A. Egge In an operation that lasted twelve hours, the Somaliland Coast Guard at the Zeyla station managed to apprehend an illegal foreign fishing trawler with 13 fishermen. An officer who spoke for the Somaliland coast guard said that they have succeeded in arresting thirteen fishermen from Yemen, who were fishing illegally in Somaliland waters. He explained the trawler which was attached with two boats was illegally harvesting fish in Somaliland waters

hence was filled with large catchments of assorted species of fishes predominant in the area. He said that following a tip-off and a direct command from their Admiral, Brig Gen Ahmed Hurre Harriye, they tracked the trawler for twelve whole hours amidst a windy and heavy rainfall they braved, until ultimately capturing the culprits. The spokesperson pointed out the nabbed Yemeni illegal fishermen would be arraigned in court swiftly once the investigations are wrapped up.

Education ministry to streamline examinations management procedures

By M.A. Egge The education ministry is convictional that national examinations should be guided by schemes that deter, hinder and impede any disrepute that may tarnish its essence. In a meeting held under the auspices of the National Education Board, the education department, examinations council and representatives from the Edna Aden, Amoud and Hargeisa universities converged to see to it that the management of examinations be streamlined in order to maintain a high quality of educational standard in the country. The conference opened by the Chairman of the National Education Committee, Prof. Suleiman Ahmed Gulleed who explained that the meeting was focused on issues related to the certification exam in secondary schools for the academic year 2023/2024, and how to solve the challenges of cheating and other associated hiccups surrounding the examination system. The chairman of the National Examinations office Mr. Daoud Ahmed Farah gave a detailed report at the meeting about the challenges faced in the high school certificate examination, especially in the 2023/2024 school year. The report focused on how to solve the problems that arose during the examination, and the current stage of marking of the certificate

examinations going on. The minister of financial development Hon. Sa'ad Ali Shire suggested at the meeting that strict laws with stringent provisions should be issued to prevent students from causing problems in exams. Members of the National Education Committee, such as Prof. Suleiman, Prof. Omar, Dr. Adna Adan and Mrs. Raaqiya emphasized, in consensus, the need to find a lasting solution to the issue of cheating and associated hiccups in the system of exams. A number of important points drawn from the conference included: ● Quickly create comprehensive stringent rules and procedures encompassing all conducts regulating processes of national examinations. ● 2. That the National Examination Office should declare the official period of the examination in accordance with the National Education Act No. 77/2018 and the Examination procedure. ● 3. Prompt preparations of complete report on the examinations as conducted, with the National Examination office working in conjunction with the universities incorporated. ● It's worth noting that recently the national universities were co-opted to aid in the invigilation processes for the immediate past exams in an effort to streamline the services.



No room for alien forces to interfere in Ethiopia, Somaliland seaport access deal



Since the dawn of history, Egypt has been interfering in the internal affairs of Ethiopia at various points in time. As there is nothing which makes Egypt happier than driving Ethiopia into unfamiliar waters and delving into unexplored realms, the county has been working around the clock to drag through the mire the reputation of Ethiopia and the positive moves unfolding in various regions of the country.

It is important to highlight that since the laying of the cornerstone for the construction of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), Egypt has been working around the clock to interference in the internal affairs of the country and expressing its disappointment in various ways in the face of Ethiopia's stance on fair and equitable water use on Nile River.

In the present circumstance, failing to learn from its past mistake, Egypt has sustained expressing its disappointment on the heels of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ethiopia and Somaliland on the topic of access to seaport.

In actual fact, Ethiopia with a population of more than 120 million has no access to seaport which enables the country to smooth the path of its import and export procedures, grow its economy and other related aspects. To everyone's dismay, aside from fanning the flames of hatred and animosity between Ethiopia and Somaliland, Egypt has continued badmouthing the recently signed deal.

Somaliland vowed to continue defying and counter-fighting the ongoing smear campaign by what it calls 'arch and historical adversaries' to fracture the glowing ties between Addis Ababa and Hargeisa. The all-weather Comradery between the two neighbors will get more boosts devoid of external meddling, said recently the Somaliland Ministry of Information in an exclusive interview with *The Ethiopian Herald*.

Since the signing of the Ethiopia – Somaliland sea deal, some external entities tried to besmirch the very intent of the agreement and bewilder the international community with coordinated propoganda, Director General at the Ministry Mustafe said "Some Arabian entities that have issues with Ethiopia on the Nile are trying to use

us as a weapon to attack our brothers in need. But surely, Somaliland cannot serve as a bullet to hit Ethiopia,"

"We believe Ethiopia is the second country for Somalilanders. Ethiopia was there by our side when we were being subjugated and chased by a dictatorial rule. Somaliland people faced persecution elsewhere. Ethiopia was the only country that hosted fleeing Somalilanders and treated them well when they were killed and tortured by Mohammed Siad Barre.

Somaliland cannot conspire against their second nation. Ethiopia is where they can go and get refuge during turbulent times. It is clear that many Somaliland communities live in Ethiopia and there is also a large population of Ethiopian origin, he added.

Somaliland has the full right and ability to decide its fate without any external involvement. It is also countering the smearing propoganda campaigns waged by some entities through aggressive communication work. Ethiopia's well-being and security are beneficial to Somaliland, as to him.

To fend off the ongoing acts of meddling and defamatory propoganda, Somaliland media tries to explore Ethiopian media and align their agenda accordingly. Some entities have also tried to cast doubt on the deal saying it is all rhetoric but currently lawmakers are working on the deal and will announce the progress in due time. Albeit Ethiopia at different points in time pulled out all the stops to familiarize the wider international community with the honest truth surfacing in every corner of the county, Egypt has kept on bewildering the global community with barefaced lie time and again. In a similar way, at the current stage, it has continued as always hoodwinking the worldwide community with hoax news with a focus on winning the hearts and minds of the global community and accomplishing their hidden agenda going behind closed curtains.

Following the illegal moves of Egypt with regard to the issue, high government officials from Ethiopia and Somaliland have been tossing around scores of ideas against its evil acts which do not reflect the existing circumstances on the ground.

Though Ethiopia has been working around the clock for changing the lives of its people, its economic growth as well as catapulting development, Egypt has persisted engaging in smear campaign against the positive moves of Ethiopia and Somaliland in relation to the pact. Blinded by hatred, Egypt has kept on misleading the international community with erroneous and disingenuous information throwing cold water on unvarnished truth.

Instead of giving priority to oiling the wheels of diplomatic efforts among the horn of Africa, Egypt has sustained causing animosity among the people of the region and beating the drums of war. No matter what happened, Egypt cannot accomplish its hidden agenda going behind closed curtains and in a secretive manner.

Somaliland is not just dedicated but unwavering in its commitment to implement the sea access deal it entered with Ethiopia in recent times, reiterated Mohamed Hussien Jama Rambo, member of Somaliland house of parliament. In exclusive interview with *The Ethiopian Herald*, the MP slammed external intervention while vowing that Hargeisa will not bow down to any pressures.

"We are accustomed to pressures from entities that do not appreciate our development. Yet, we resist these pressures, demonstrating our resilience. We honor agreements. Somaliland will not bow down to any pressure."

Commenting on the statements of some entities like the Arab League, he said that the agreement between Somaliland and Ethiopia does not concern the Arab League, and they should not waste their time on such issues. Previously, Somalia objected Somaliland's deals with DP World and the U.S., but the objection did not work. It did not impact how these deals were implemented, he added.

Speaking of the reaction of Somaliland public, he said that Somaliland people are happy with the agreement. They welcomed it and expressed joy. Somalilanders are ready for business and are committed to engaging with their neighbors closely to ensure integration. That is enshrined in the constitution.

Notwithstanding the fact that a lot has been said with respect to the seaport access deal, Ethiopia has sustained as usual bringing the wider international community into the light with the existing reality on the ground giving the cold shoulder to some groups working in close collaboration with Egypt with a view to blemishing the image of the country and attaining their hidden agenda.

Though Egypt has engaged itself involved in various conspiracies to

ICC prosecutor urges judges to urgently rule on warrants for Israeli, Hamas officials

The prosecutor of the International Criminal Court stressed the court had jurisdiction to investigate Israeli nationals, and asked judges to urgently decide on arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his defense minister Yoav Gallant.

In court filings made public Friday, prosecutor Karim Khan urged judges to expedite their decision on the arrest warrants sought against Israeli officials and Hamas leaders.

"Any unjustified delay in these proceedings detrimentally affects the rights of victims," he said.

Khan stressed that the court had jurisdiction over Israeli nationals who commit atrocity crimes in the Palestinian territories, and asked the judges to dismiss legal challenges filed by several dozen governments and other parties.

"It is settled law that the court has jurisdiction in this situation," the filing said, dismissing legal arguments based on provisions in the Oslo accords and assertions by Israel that it is carrying out its own investigations

into alleged war crimes.

ICC prosecutors say there are reasonable grounds to believe Netanyahu and Gallant, as well as Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, military chief Mohammed Al-Masri, and another Hamas political leader, Ismail Haniyeh, bear criminal responsibility for alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity.

Haniyeh was assassinated in Iran late July. The court has since declined to comment on reports of his death. Israel has said it killed Al-Masri, also known as Mohammed Deif, in another airstrike, but Hamas would neither confirm nor deny that news.

About 1,200 people were killed in the initial Hamas attack and around 250 taken hostage, according to Israeli counts. Nearly 40,000 Palestinians have since been killed in an Israeli assault on Gaza that has caused a deadly and widespread humanitarian crisis.

Israel and Palestinian leaders have dismissed allegations of war crimes, and representatives for both sides have criticized Khan's decision to seek warrants. There is no deadline for judges to decide on warrants.

weaken Ethiopia in various aspects of development activities, bringing about its intended target is turning out to be a wild goose chase and an insurmountable obstacle.

In an exclusive interview with the Ethiopian Press Agency (EPA), Ethiopian Ambassador to Israel Tesfaye Yetayeh in the recent past said that Egypt's pushing of Somalia to take aggressive measures against Ethiopia aims to deviate the internal pressure. Some Egyptian officials are also attempting to capitalize on Ethiopia's justified port deal with Somaliland to incite war against the former and to regain public support.

"Those actors are pretending to be patriots and to garner overwhelming public support in their internal politics. Ethiopia has been calling all countries for integration and collaboration, not for war."

The African Union (AU), which has a prime mandate in mediating disputes, has also recommended regional discussion and bilateral resolutions and made a remarkable gesture. But, the Arab League, which has no mandate on the region, is releasing unimportant and inconsequential statements that only target to harm Ethiopia, he remarked.

Sharing the above rationale, Ethiopian Ambassador to South Sudan Nebil Mahdi also underlined Ethiopia's access to sea demand is

unavoidable. "The population of Ethiopia is surging and will hit 150 million in the near future. So, it is clear that having access to the sea will no longer be avoidable."

"Ethiopians have a long history of repelling external pressures. "There must be no difference on national issues. We need to learn from countries that are defending their common interests while they are in political and internal disputes."

There may be polarized political views among people and political parties. However, Ethiopians need to unite themselves to make their national interest true. If not, the country could not ensure the development it aspires for long.

Ethiopia's desire is taking the country to a new height; it has continued working in close collaboration with its neighbors in various aspects of development activities is to grow together without causing any harm to any downstream nations.

No matter what naysayers say, Ethiopia and Somaliland will not abstain from attaining the intended target down the road and taking the Horn region to new heights in the shortest possible time.

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**Notice of Confiscation of Out of Time Goods
(Berbera Port Custom)**

The Customs Act Regulations 03/2009 prescribe the time limits for the completion of Customs formalities relating to the importation of goods. The following regulations apply:

Regulation 81: Time Limits for Assigning Goods a Customs-Approved Treatment or Use

The Customs declaration must be presented within:

- 45 days of arrival in the case of goods arriving by sea.
- 20 days of arrival in the case of goods arriving by any other means of transport than sea.

Regulation 82: Time limit for payment of customs duties and other levies

- Customs duties must be paid within 10 working days of issue of the notice of payment from Customs.

Regulation 83: Time limit for removal of goods cleared by customs

- Goods which have been cleared by customs must be removed from within 10 working days of the issue of authorization for release by Customs.

In accordance with the above regulations, the goods listed below have been identified as exceeding the prescribed time-limits and are therefore confiscated under the terms of Section 74 of the Customs Act 73/2016.

Customs Station: BERBERA

S/no	Date of Arrival	Container No.	Shipping Line	Bol	Importer	Goods
1.	18/01/2019	MRKU4213733	ISS	967159570	DALAAL HOSPITAL QABRIDAHARA ZONE	Household goods, personal effects
2.	02/06/2019	TGHU8484336	CMA	NBI0109384B	ZHONGLAN INTERNATIONAL	Drilling machines for working
3.	19/02/2019	MRKU9116633	ISS	711661591	MR IBRAHIM ALI	Construction Material
4.	11/09/2020	TGBU6187996	MSC	MEDUNC39981 7	SOHRAT HARGEISA	WORN CLOTHING AND OTHER WORN ARTICLES
5.	12/02/2021	MSCU7090907	MSC	MEDUMJ24112 1	RED SEA FARMS	Drip Irrigation Fitting & Accessories

6.	23/06/2023	TCKU7066675	CMA	CDC0140827	OSMAN YUSUF OSMAN	Parts and accessories for tra
7.	23/06/2023	CMAU4744514	CMA	CDC0140827	OSMAN YUSUF OSMAN	Parts and accessories for tra
8.	30/08/2023	TGHU6389387	CMA	NGP0436108	CODYAR GENERAL TRADING	Woven fabrics containing
9.	21/09/2023	CMAU5889359	CMA	NGP0444081	CODYAR GENERAL TRADING	Woven fabrics containing
10.	21/09/2023	CMAU6769867	CMA	NGP0444092	CODYAR GENERAL TRADING	Woven fabrics containing
11.	10/08/2023	MEDU3534358	MSC	MEDUQH5199 91	M/S. MOHAMOUD QAALIB ALI	BALE, NON- COMPRESSED
12.	11/01/2023	TCNU4161354	CMA	NGP0541797	CODYAR GENERAL TRADING	Woven fabrics containing
13.	11/01/2023	GXCU5850479	CMA	NGP0520308	CODYAR GENERAL TRADING	Woven fabrics containing
14.	11/01/2023	GESU1122348	CMA	ISB1353592	HIMALAYA IMPORT COMPANY	Boards, sheets, panels, tiles
15.	11/01/2023	CMAU0986588	CMA	RTM1367960	SOMALILAND RELIEF AND RESEARCH	Medicaments consisting of mixe
16.	11/01/2023	CMAU2718943	CMA	NGP0529826	CODYAR GENERAL TRADING	Woven fabrics of yarn containing
17.	21/11/2023	TRHU3112596	CMA	CDC0140827	HIMALAYA IMPORT COMPANY	Lifts and skip hoists
18.	12/10/2023	TCKU6334346	CMA	NGP0595218	CODYAR GENERAL TRADING	Woven fabrics containing
19.	11/11/2021	INKU6709227	40HC	MEDUJO06901 0	JIMA GENERAL TRADING	Houseware
20.	06/05/2019	PCIU1584510	PILL	-	-	-
21.	09/06/2019	PCIU7975209	PILL	-	-	-
22.	16/09/2019	CAXU7371331	ISS	-	-	-
23.	25/09/2019	KOCU2122848	PERMA	-	-	-
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26.	23/04/2023	KOCU4074820	PERMA	-	-	-
27.	23/04/2023	KOCU4968100	PERMA	-	-	-
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30.	10/07/2023	DFSU2834264	PERMA	-	-	-
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As provided by Paragraph 2 (a) of Section 200 of the Customs Act, the forfeited goods may be sold, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of as the Customs authority may deem fit.

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Ethiopia Breaks Own Record of Planting Tree Sapling A Day

Ethiopia breaks own record of planting tree seedlings in a single day by planting 601 million saplings in 12 hours.



600 million seedlings in a day! August, 23/2024

The government has launched 600 million saplings a day national campaign, which is part of the GLI early Friday morning.

More than 28 million people have been taking part in Friday's GLI campaign.

The government has launched 600 million saplings a day national campaign, which is part of the GLI. More than 28 million people have been taking part in Friday's GLI campaign.

While the government announced the total number of tree seedlings planted since morning is 596 million, EBC reporters from the main data center informed that the number has exceeded 601 million. In the recent fight against climate change, Ethiopians improved their 350 million seedling a day record

by planting over 566 million seedlings in a single day.

Incepted and launched in 2019 by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, the Green Legacy Initiative has attracted huge support both from home and abroad and even been benchmarked both by neighbor states and distant countries.

The national greening initiative will change the face of Ethiopia, a nation which is facing drought and environmental degradation, exacerbated by climate change resulting in affecting production and productivity.

Together with the over 32.5 billion of tree seedlings planted over the past five years, Ethiopia has now planted over 40 billion seedlings, 56 percent of these are edible fruits and multipurpose plants.

Ethiopia, Kenya unite against alleged OLA-Al-Shabaab collaboration: cross-border terror threat

The intelligence agencies of Ethiopia and Kenya have asserted that the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA), referred to by Ethiopian authorities as "Shene," has established direct connections with the al-Shabaab militants based in Somalia. They accuse these groups of collaborating to "undermine security in the region."

These allegations were made during a visit to Addis Ababa by a Kenyan delegation headed by Nuradin Mohamed Haji, the director general of Kenya's Intelligence Service. The delegation was formally received by Ambassador Redwan Hussien, the director general of Ethiopia's National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS).

According to a statement from the NISS, the two countries had previously signed a memorandum of understanding to cooperate on "intelligence exchange and other security issues" due to shared "security concerns" along their border.

The NISS alleged that the OLA, which it refers to as the "Shene terrorist group," has been involved in "illegal activities" in the border

region, including "contraband trade, illegal arms trafficking, and illegal mining."

It claimed the group recently "abducted two South Korean nationals" and handed them over to al-Shabaab.

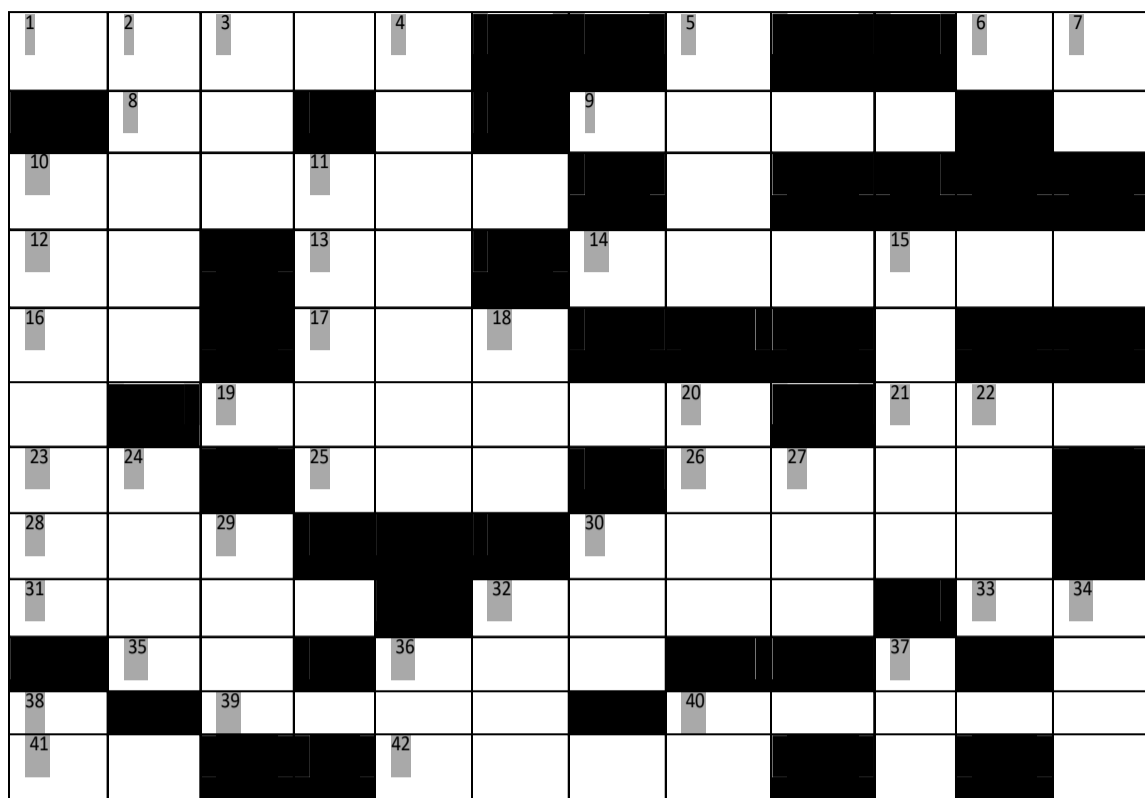
"The group is known to have direct connections with al-Shabaab, operating in Somalia, and the two groups are collaborating to create insecurity in the area," the NISS statement said.

To counter these threats, Ethiopia and Kenya "have decided to enhance their cooperation" through "joint intelligence exchange and coordinated operations," according to the NISS.

The NISS stated that cybersecurity cooperation was also a topic of discussion, with a focus on efforts to "prevent and counter future cyber-attacks."

Beyond border security, the discussions also encompassed efforts to stabilize regional conflicts. The agencies agreed to collaborate on resolving the conflicts and instability in Sudan and South Sudan through peaceful means, with the aim of achieving lasting peace and stability in both countries. **AS**

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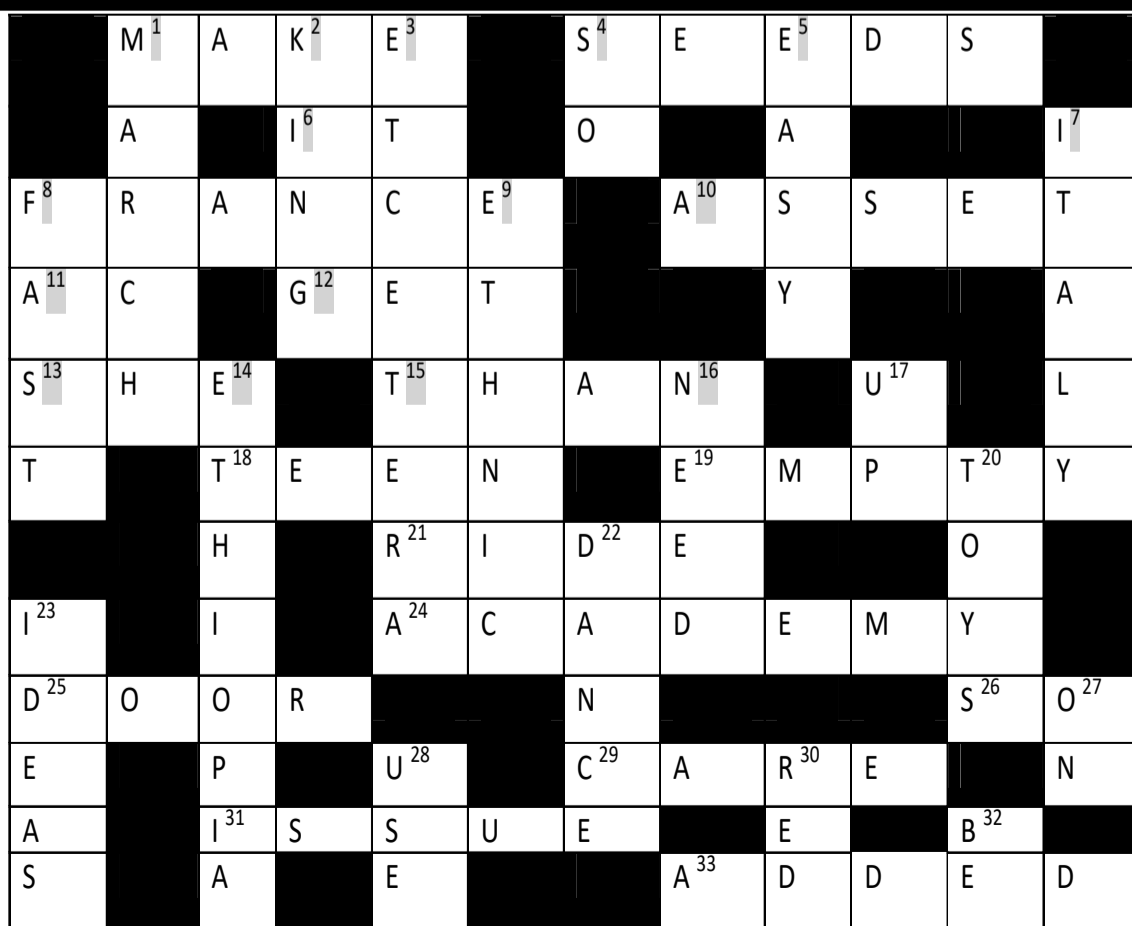
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- 19 Crucial
- 21 Possess
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- 25 Ocean
- 26 Desire
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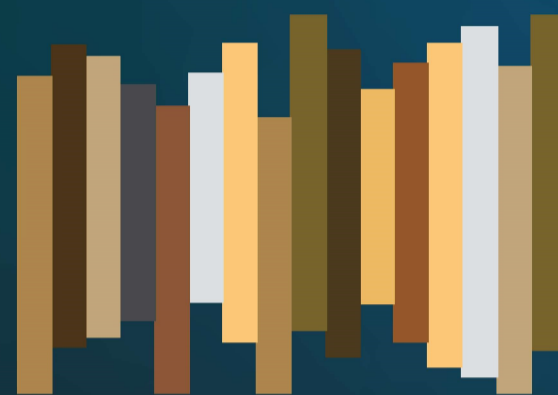
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- 5 sort of game
- 7 ATOP
- 10 Outline
- 11 Entrances
- 15 Weblog (range of land)
- 18 Drink
- 20 Rotate
- 22 Opposite east
- 24 Plant seeds
- 27 Reddish
- 29 Darkness
- 30 Father
- 32 Hide from view
- 34 Belongings
- 36 Furthermore
- 37 Add together
- 38 Negative
- 40 Otherwise

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Operational risk: Lack of technical expertise in insurance is a real constraint. Most insurance companies' operations continue to be underdeveloped and not automated.

Insurance risk is the risk that inadequate or inappropriate underwriting, product design, pricing and claims settlement that expose an insurer to financial loss and a consequent inability to meet its liabilities. Ethiopia's insurance sector is known for its sti. price competition in all classes of business. Insufficient premiums could lead players in the industry into failure to meet obligations from claims.

Concentration risk: The government-owned insurance corporation accounts for 30 percent of the market share. In addition, the Ethiopian Reinsurance Company receives 25 percent of treaty cession and 5 percent of each policy insurer underwrite.

Moreover, 55 percent of the general class of business is motor insurance.

Market Risk: The investment portfolio of insurers is restricted to bank deposits and government bonds. Such provisions inhibit insurers from earning higher returns that could have encouraged further development of the sector. Insurance companies are encouraged to invest in accordance with the applicable directive, as the policy contracts issued are short-term and require insurers to hold more liquid assets.

In sum, the industry is considered resilient and stable. NBE is currently taking steps to create an independent supervisory authority that is expected to have a positive impact on the performance of the industry. Technology development and automation are necessary to tackle operational risks. The sector also needs to build its capacity to expand the pool of insurance professionals.

3.5 Highlights on SACCOs and Pension Funds

SACCOs
Ethiopia has a large network of SACCOs 26 – over 21,000 in total – which can play an important role in financial inclusion, especially in the underserved rural areas.

Nevertheless, SACCOs have limited capacity to increase their market share due to limitations in size, skills, products, and operational models to be truly competitive financial institutions. From the point of view of financial system stability, SACCOs pose no systemic risk due to the limited size of the sector.

Pension funds Pension funds in Ethiopia are administered by two agencies. They are the Public Employees Social Security Administration Agency as



The Ministry of Finance – Government of Somaliland

Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project (ISEGP) REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

(CONSULTING SERVICES)

Assignment Title: Assessment the Overall Operational Effectiveness of the Tax Administration System

Sector: Governance

Grant Number: 2100155043071

Project ID No.: P-SO-KF0-015

1. Background

The Government of Somaliland has received financing from the African Development Bank toward the cost of the Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project (ISEGP) and intends to apply part of the agreed amount for this grant to payments under the contract for Consultancy Services for the Assessment of the overall Operational Effectiveness of the Tax Administration System.

2. Scope of the assignment: This consultancy service is to conduct an assessment of the overall operational effectiveness of the Tax Administration System, and deliver actionable outputs for the following areas:

- i. Conduct assessment based on Taxpayer Diagnostic Assessment Tool (TADAT) for the Revenue Departments (Inland Revenue and Customs)
- ii. Assessing the taxpayer registration base and taxpayer identification number (TIN) integrity and setup.
- iii. Assessment of the operationalization of Somaliland Revenue Authority.

The detailed information is available in the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment and can be provided upon submission of the application by Email: hassan@somalilandpfm.org and [copy procurement@somalilandpfm.org](mailto:procurement@somalilandpfm.org)

3. Duration: The estimated timeframe for this assignment is 100 working days from the day of commencement.

4. The Ministry of Ministry of Finance now invites eligible consultancy firms to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested consultancy firms must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services:

1. Core business of the firm and years in business.
2. Specific experience in successfully implementing similar assignments
3. Experience of relevant services in an environment similar to that of Somalia
4. Technical and managerial organization of the firm (provide only the structure of the organization, general qualification, and number of key staff). Do not provide CVs of key staff. Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage
5. Eligibility criteria, the establishment of the short-list, and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's "Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants" in November 2018, which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>.
6. Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

7. A Consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the **Quality and Cost Based Selections (QCBS) method** set out in the Procurement Regulations.

8. Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

9. Deadline for submission: Expressions of interest should be delivered in a written form and titled "Assessment the Overall Operational Effectiveness of the Tax Administration System" to the address below (in person, or by e-mail) and titled by **August 18, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. local Time.**

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per provisions of Proclamation No.1267/2022 and the Private Organization Employees Social Security Fund Administration Agency as per the provisions of Proclamation No. 1268/2022.



4. FINANCIAL SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND RISKS

This chapter discusses developments and risks for the stability of Ethiopia's financial system related to the infrastructure of the financial system. The infrastructure comprises currency management, the payment and settlement system, credit market infrastructure, and financial inclusion & consumer protection.

4.1 NATIONAL PAYMENT SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

Payment systems in Ethiopia were radically modernized in 2011 as NBE launched the Ethiopian Automated Transfer System (EATS), a modern clearing and settlement system. NBE owns and manages the payment system infrastructure. It includes the Real-Time Gross Settlement system (RTGS), which provides facilities for final settlement of payments between financial institutions; 27 and the Automated Clearing House (ACH), which provides clearing and netting services for bulk payments. 28 Before 2011, all payments in the country, including bank-to-bank transfers, were made through the exchange of letters; as a result, a single interbank transfer took days to be settled.

The dependency of the financial sector on the RTGS infrastructure has increased.

Therefore, the safety and efficiency of RTGS has become critical for the stability of the financial system. The regulatory framework, which plays a very important role in this, needs to be constantly updated in line with technological and financial sector developments.

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