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The President of the Republic of Somaliland, H.E. Dr. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi (Irro), has successfully concluded his first official visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at the invitation of the UAE government. This three-day visit underscores the
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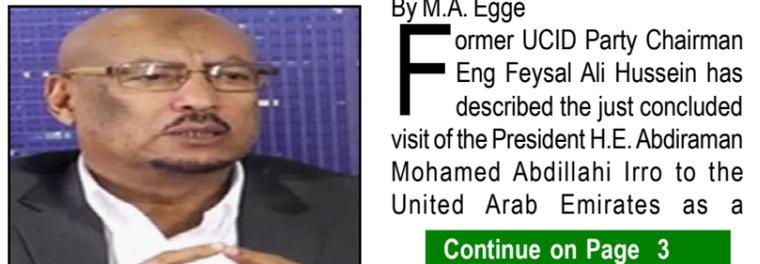
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The foundation of my leadership would be based on justice, consultation, and unity, pledges new army chief



By M.A. Egge
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President's UAE trip a great success for the nation, says Eng. Feysal



By M.A. Egge

Former UCID Party Chairman Eng Feysal Ali Hussein has described the just concluded visit of the President H.E. Abdiraman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro to the United Arab Emirates as a
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This is the sentiments reiterated by the President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi, popularly known as Irro, as he held on Saturday the first meeting with the committee he recently appointed for the Census, Reform and Modernization of the Various National Forces.

The President has on various occasions held that the policy of his administration was to address conflicts through dialogue and concerted peaceful conciliatory means but has always cautioned that the defense of the nation was a national duty by all means.

The task-force committee on the issue is bestowed with the setting of

the policy that would guide the reform of the various national forces. The meeting was attended by the various top service commanders. According to a press release by presidential spokesman Hussein Adan Ige, the Head of State listened to a brief on the situation in the country from the Minister of Internal Affairs and National Security and the commanders of the various national forces.

These officials informed the President that the overall national security is secure, and that the various national forces are ready to defend the country and the people at all times.

The President first had initially instructed the committee that the

work he had entrusted to it would begin on Saturday, 01.02.2025, and the committee would be charged with completing the task within thirty days.

He emphasized that the government's first priority was to resolve any conflict through peaceful means and dialogue, but that defending the people and the country is a national duty that has been sworn to.

The President told the committee and the service commanders that the modernization and unification of the various branches of the national armed forces is a guarantee of peace and stability in our nation. The committee chaired by the defense minister hence comprises of six cabinet and two presidential advisors.

The others are the ministers of interior who serves as the deputy chair and the presidency who is the secretary of the committee. The ministers of finance, justice and fisheries & marines serve as members, together with the presidential advisors of security and that of economics.

President back from first maiden UAE visit:

By M.A. Egge

Somaliland President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro returned to Hargeisa on Thursday after concluding a maiden three-day official visit to the United Arab Emirates, where discussions focused on investment in natural resources, agriculture, and job creation for youth.

This was his first maiden trip abroad in his capacity as Head of State since assuming office almost month and a half earlier.

He was received at Egal International airport by his deputy H.E. Mohamed Abdi aw Ali. All the service commanders were at hand, with both the new army and police commanders fresh from assuming their respective offices.

The visit was a crucial one for cementing Somaliland-UAE bilateral relations and taking to higher both short- and long-term expansions of economic development cooperation.

During the visit, the president and his delegation met with senior UAE officials, including the Vice President, Deputy Prime Minister, and Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Economy, and Employment. The delegation also held meetings with representatives from six UAE government agencies to explore further avenues for economic cooperation.

"We discussed with UAE leaders economic development, investment in livestock and agriculture, and how the UAE government could invest in our country's natural



resources, including minerals and oil," said Foreign Minister Abdirahman Dahir Aden. According to the minister, UAE officials expressed a willingness to make substantial investments in key sectors of Somaliland's economy. The talks also focused on job-creating initiatives to address youth unemployment, a growing concern in the region.

The UAE, which maintains a representative office in Hargeisa, has been a long-term economic partner of Somaliland, particularly through major investments in infrastructure projects such as the expansion of the Port of Berbera and the Berbera-Ethiopia highway corridor among other projects.

Somaliland also operates a diplomatic office in the UAE,

reflecting their close bilateral ties. The Government of the United Arab Emirates had extended an official invitation to the President and also sent him a special Royal Jet, to and fro.

The trip of the President of the Republic of Somaliland was his first trip abroad since he took office. The President was accompanied by his delegation; the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of the Presidency, the Minister of Finance and Economic Development, the Chief of Intelligence, the Senior Advisor to the President on Economic Affairs, the Head of the Presidential Office and other officials.

The President was also accompanied on the trip by the First Lady Fardus Mohamed Rooble.

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army.

The commander was speaking at the well-attended handover ceremony where he took over from the former Commander of the National Army, Major General Nuuh Ismail Taani, on Thursday.

He thanked the Head of State for appointing him to lead the Somaliland National Army, an onerous task of a coveted portfolio. He also hailed the former chief for a job well done crediting him as having given many young people in the national army, including himself, the opportunity to gain knowledge abroad and creating a new generation that can lead the national army.

Commander Nim'aan described the National Army is a most important pillar for, and of, the existence of our country's nationhood. He pointed out that it is high time to further and strengthen the capabilities, quality and dignity of the forces.

In conclusion, he underpinned the fact that he would work as per the policy of the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, the President of Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdilahi Irro, which was to have a formidable national army worth its capabilities.

The former Commander of the National Army, Major General Nuuh Taani, on his part delivered a speech that touched on many

aspects, which included advisories, encouragement and outlines of the stages that the National Army went through during his time at the helm. Major General Nuuh noted that he was humbled by the fact that his successor happens to be one of his own protégés.

He said, "It is a great pleasure for me to hand over the command to my student, my son Nima'an."

He spoke extensively about his time in the military, and how in 2005 he sent 25 soldiers for further training abroad that happened to include the new commander.

He described his successor as an individual with extensive knowledge of military relations in the field of foreign affairs, having worked with the military in many countries around the world and in Africa.

He further described him as an active person who has patience, a good attitude, and is highly skilled and knowledgeable.

The former commander mentioned that during his leadership many young people from the national army were sent to study abroad and neighboring countries to acquire various knowledge in different disciplines including doctors, engineers, and military sciences, all of whom have taken leading positions in their fields of study and brought great success to the national army.

The Somaliland govt reaffirms the UAE's role as a valued economic and development partner and expresses confidence in the prospects for deeper cooperation



growing diplomatic and economic cooperation between the two sides. Upon his return, the President and his delegation were warmly received in Hargeisa by Vice President H.E. Ambassador Mohamed Ali Aw-Abdi, alongside senior government officials, highlighting the visit's significance in advancing bilateral relations.

During his stay in Abu Dhabi, President Irro engaged in productive discussions with senior Emirati leaders, focusing on expanding economic collaboration and enhancing investment opportunities across key sectors, including livestock, agriculture,

minerals, energy, and infrastructure. The Somaliland government reaffirms the UAE's role as a valued economic and development partner and expresses confidence in the prospects for deeper cooperation.

This visit marks a key milestone in the strengthening of Somaliland-UAE relations.

The discussions are expected to pave the way for increased investment and strategic partnerships, fostering long-term economic growth and development. Somaliland remains committed to deepening its regional and international partnerships in pursuit of mutual prosperity and shared interests.

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cooperation that the UAE wants to establish with the country, noting that the nation has the ability and know-how to positively benefit from the opportunities. A written statement by the renowned politician on the successes of the trip of the Head of State published in the social media read as follows:- "The trip of the President of the Republic of Somaliland, Abdirahman Iirro, to the UAE was a great success; the UAE government has a good heart for us and is ready to work with us in every aspect. "The question is, can we benefit from it, or do we have the knowledge and ability to take advantage of this opportunity? Yes, if we join hands, we put the national interest before individuals." End.

successful and triumphant one for the nation of Somaliland. On the other hand, Feysal Ali

Hussein said that it was necessary to benefit from the development and

Dahabshiil CEO, UK diplomats, and Save the Children discuss growth, investment & food security

UK Ambassador Michael Nithavrianakis, alongside colleagues and Save the Children, met with private sector reps, incl. Dahabshiil CEO Abdirashid Duale, to discuss growth, diaspora investment, job creation & food security. Collaboration is key for stability & development. Meeting held in Hargeisa, brought together British diplomats, Save the Children officials, and private sector representatives to discuss economic and trade development, how to find solutions to the challenges affecting the economy, and ways to strengthen the investment made by the diaspora in their countries of origin. The meeting highlighted the importance of partnerships between donor countries and businesses, to create strong economic development in the future. Abdirashid Duale, who spoke at the



meeting, said there is a need for strong partnerships between businessmen and development-minded governments, such as the UK and international organizations. It is important for the UK government and international organizations to work with businesses to create more job opportunities for young people and women. The UK Ambassador to Somalia

Hon. Mike Nithavrianakis, tweeted; The private sector is the engine for growth. A great exchange with businesses in Hargeisa on:
 – Opportunities in agriculture, energy and exports.
 – Strengthening investment and trade links with the $\text{C}\text{O}\text{I}\text{Y}\text{C}\text{Y}$
 – How business can help in peace building in #Somaliland and across the Horn.

Salary increment is as per WADDANI party programme, says Chair Hirsi



By M.A. Egge

The Chairman of the ruling WADDANI Party, Mr. Hirsi Ali Haji Hassan, said that the salary increases made by the government for all the arms of the security armed forces as a whole as part and parcel of the plan to reform, build and develop the sector, was in advance, the party's political program. The chairman expressed the remarks while speaking at an event where the new police chief Brig Gen Abdirahman Abdillahi Hassan was taking over office as the new Commander of the Somaliland Police Force. The Chairman praised the President for his swift step in increasing the salaries of the general armed forces, while stating the importance his party attaches to improving the prestige of the security sector. "The increase in the salaries of the security arms was one of the main points of the Wadani Party's charter. The two hundred and fifty percent (250%) increase in the salaries of was not something that was merely jotted down but it was indeed a decree issued by the president to implement it, hence the fulfilling of the task, that includes and involved in the reforms and modernization, reconstruction and development of the security sector," he said.

Chairman Hirsi pointed out that the police force needs to become a law enforcement agency that serves the community fairly, and avoids any abuse and injustice, so that its reputation is not tarnished. The Chairman highlighted his party's stance on the security sector leadership, saying, "When we were not in the opposition, we held that, and now I hold that the Police Force should not be militarized, but rather should be built as a Police Force, and the military should be built as such. This does not mean that I am ranking the two forces, but rather that their work styles are different. The police are taught the law and protect the people, while the military is taught defense and how to protect the country from the invasions. Both are our forces and deserve honor." The Chairman of the Waddani Party also recommended that the citizens of Somaliland should practice the rule of law, and to achieve this, the government and its party should take responsibility for building a legal culture in society. He noted, "We need to build a society based on the rule of law, and this task is expected of the government and it's the party". The Chairman said that the opposition parties will be treated equally tolerantly.

Information minister launches rigorous process to root out ghost workers

By M.A. Egge
 The Minister of Information, Culture and Awareness Hon. Ahmed-Yasin Sheikh Ali Ayaanle, has on Tuesday launched a rigorous census of employees that is tailored to root out ghost workers. The exercise is expected to go on for about a fortnight. The minister, who was flanked by both his deputy Hon. Musa Askar Guleed and the Director General Mr. Abdisalan Mohamoud Duale, emphasized the fact that the main goal of the procedure was to ensure and discern the employees who diligently perform their duties for the nation and those who do not show up for work at all but merely receive wages. The move would also point to ghost workers, if any. The minister pointed out that it was burdensome and totally wrong to have some staffers do their duties and chores well while some are nowhere to be seen.

He underpinned the fact that physical census would root out the menace and at the same time determine the individual caliber and worthy of the employees. Hon. Ahmed-yasin similarly made it clear that close monitoring of the ministry's employees and their output would go on even after the census; such that ardent characteristics may be instilled amongst the staffers for the good of the ministry and the nation at large. He sternly warned that the culture of absenteeism or absconding from duties would be not tolerated at all. He said, "A person who does not work or only comes only on specific day of the appointment will not be accepted since the monitoring of adherence to duties would be continuous". He continued by saying that "it is necessary to know the work a person does in the ministry, the hours he works, the department he

works in and the time he comes to work". He underlined the fact that it is not fair for some employees to work while the rest do not show up for work hence doing gross injustice to fellow staffers. The minister revealed that the most common complaints he has received from workers is that the employees who do the most work are far much fewer than those who are absent or do not work at all, hence, the need to address the situation. On his part the Deputy Minister Hon. Musa Askar Guleed, noted that administratively, employees do not rank or position themselves, but each employee of the Ministry would be evaluated based on his or her work and how well they perform in their assigned work. In conclusion, DG Abdisalan, explained the process of the census



process and procedures being undertaken as involving three stages: First is the personnel department, which checks the employee's name, information, education, and the time he reports for duty. The second stage, which the employee goes through, is the accounting department, which will

also check the official status of the employee, and the last stage is the photographing one. The issue of ghost workers and irresponsibility of workers not reporting for duties at all and living off the back of others is believed to have been a menace in the past decade hence needed swift remedy.

Ilhan Omar: The Shadow Ally of China, Sabotaging U.S. Interests in the Horn of Africa!

Ilhan Omar's efforts to undermine a U.S.-Somaliland partnership represent a stark betrayal of American geopolitical interests. While openly championing Somalia's agenda, she worked behind the scenes to block the U.S. from forging a strategic alliance with the stable and sovereign Republic of Somaliland. Her actions effectively handed China a golden opportunity to solidify its dominance in the Horn of Africa. Under Biden's watch, this has only emboldened Beijing's ambitions in the region. In a video addressing a Somali audience, Omar openly boasted about her close ties to Somalia's president and its regime, raising serious questions about her loyalty and whose interests she truly serves.

The timing couldn't be better. After Ilhan Omar's meddling undermined U.S. interests in the Horn of Africa, President Trump stepped in with a bold, strategic move that could shift the balance of power in the region. During his campaign, plans emerged to re-recognize the Republic of Somaliland – a state that has held its sovereignty since June 26, 1960, within his first 100 days in office. This wasn't a symbolic gesture; it was a calculated response to China's growing influence in Africa and a way to secure America's position in a crucial geopolitical hotspot.

Yes, you read that right. This wasn't

just a symbolic gesture; it was a calculated move to secure a vital U.S. foothold in Africa as its position in Djibouti began to deteriorate.

Transactional Diplomacy? You Bet. We all know Trump's approach to foreign policy is far from traditional. His "transactional" style – make a deal, secure something in return, raises eyebrows but delivers results. So, what's in this deal for the U.S. and Republic of Somaliland?

Here's the play: Somaliland, a peaceful, stable country with a thriving democracy and a supreme strategic location, is offering the U.S. a military base in exchange for formal re-recognition. A U.S. base could not only strengthen the fight against China's dominance in Africa, but it also puts the U.S. in prime position to counter Iranian-backed Houthis in Yemen. It's about securing key strategic maritime routes and maintaining U.S. power in one of the world's most volatile regions and let's face it – Trump knows exactly how to leverage situations to make a deal that works.

A Key Player in the Red Sea

Republic of Somaliland controls a crucial piece of the Red Sea, near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait – one of the world's most important maritime chokepoints. Whoever holds sway here controls not just trade but power over oil shipping routes and naval movements in and out of the Mediterranean, Red Sea, and beyond.

But it's not just about trade. It's about

military presence, global influence, and sending a message. By establishing a U.S. base there, the U.S. would disrupt China's growing reach in the region, especially with China's military base just a stone's throw away in Djibouti. China has already set up its first and only military base outside its borders in Djibouti, directly facing Somaliland. This makes Somaliland's strategic location even more critical for any country looking to maintain a foothold in the region. This is a much-needed counterbalance in an increasingly contested region. The significance of this choke point, China's own foreign policy move to **intimidate** and **coerce** Republic of Somaliland into abandoning its ties with Taiwan has led to serious geopolitical flashpoints.

China's Influence: A Game of Pressure

China is keen on limiting U.S. involvement and influencing Republic of Somaliland's relationships. Their strategy? Pressure Somaliland to cut ties with Taiwan, halt its engagements with the U.S., and sow division in the region. Beijing knows that the more destabilized Somaliland becomes, the easier it is to curtail Western influence – and in particular, stop the U.S. military from gaining a foothold in a region of unmatched significance.

In 2023, the eastern regions of the Republic of Somaliland were plunged into a proxy war, one that

China is still sponsoring it. But who helped trigger this geopolitical mess? Ilhan Omar. An outspoken advocate for a "Somalian-first" agenda, Omar didn't just sit on the sidelines – she actively sabotaged the burgeoning U.S.-Somaliland partnership. How? She leaked confidential details about the U.S.-Somaliland partnership Act, which was making its way through Congress, directly to the Somali government as a deliberate betrayal. Omar, a key member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, had deep personal ties to Somali interests. She saw herself as a self-appointed defender of Somali nationalism in the U.S. Congress. Yet, her actions, working behind the scenes with the Somali government, allowed China to exploit the situation by backing a militia to start its proxy war against Somaliland's eastern regions. Why? Because Somalia, seeing the growing U.S.-Somaliland ties, feared it would threaten its own grip on U.S. foreign aid and regional influence. Somalia has long blackmailed the U.S., portraying any strategic partnership with Somaliland as a destabilizing force that could topple their fragile, failed state – forgetting that Somalia's failure has been a decades-long saga that couldn't possibly get any worse. (ISIS, Alshabaab, Piracy, ties with the Houthis & Iran) This blackmail strategy, propped up by the failed and non-existent "One Somalia" policy championed by Democrats and cemented by Hillary Clinton's legacy which recognized the Somali non-existent government back in 2012 – despite its lack of legitimacy and no meaningful authority on the ground – the U.S. became a source of endless handouts funneled through corrupt UN offices, ATMIS forces, and the Somali artificial government, all siphoning billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars with no real return or tangible benefits. By undermining that partnership, Omar knowingly allowed China to step in and tighten its hold in the Horn of Africa.

The Ilhan Omar Factor: A Complex Political Puzzle

Ilhan Omar's actions in 2022 raise serious questions about her loyalty to U.S. interests. Her personal and intimate visit to Somalia as a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and interference with the U.S.-Somaliland partnership helped China tighten its grip on the Horn of Africa. By blocking a strategic U.S. alliance, she effectively aligned with Somalia's and China's agendas, sabotaging American geopolitical goals he real question now: Should the Trump administration investigate whether a sitting congresswoman is putting America's national security at risk to serve foreign powers? These aren't just political missteps. They could be a betrayal of U.S. interests.

Stopping the Houthi Threat – Before It's Too Late

The situation in Yemen continues to deteriorate, as Iranian-backed Houthis fire missiles at international vessels. With Somalia still struggling and the U.S. trying to fight from across the region, Somaliland offers a closer, more strategic base to push back against the Houthis' expansion. This is security at its finest – stopping regional instability before it spreads and threatens vital trade routes.

Is Somaliland the U.S.'s Most Strategic Geopolitical Ally in the Horn of Africa? Absolutely.

For critics of Trump's transactional diplomacy, here's a quick reality check: in international relations, pragmatism is often a game-changer. Somaliland isn't just another "breakaway region" trying to get recognized; it's an emerging power in a strategic location, its statehood has never been in question, dating back to June 26, 1960 and has never ceased to exist. This state is aligned with international law, maintaining its credentials of independence and demarcated boundaries in accordance with the African Union's 1964 borders. **The U.S. and 30+ countries first recognized it.** Trump isn't changing history; he's re-recognizing Somaliland, a key player in the Horn of Africa with undeniable geopolitical importance.

Somaliland's own leadership understands the importance of this offer. It's a classic win-win: Somaliland gets re-recognition, while the U.S. gets a military base on Africa's most critical stretch of coastline.

Trump's Legacy: A Foreign Policy Revolution?

What Trump has on the table could change the entire dynamic of U.S. power in the region. If his administration re-recognizes Somaliland, it shifts U.S. alliances in Africa and puts America's interests first. It's not about feeling good about some hypothetical nation's failures – it's about winning the strategic game. Trump's re-recognition of Somaliland would act as a warning shot to adversaries while also affirming that global alliances should be based on mutual, actionable interests.

The Bottom Line:

The U.S. needs Somaliland, and Somaliland needs the U.S. But this isn't just a political gesture – it's a bold, savvy, and strategic move that signals a new era for American foreign policy. The world needs to recognize the shifting tectonic plates of geopolitics – and if President Trump capitalizes on this opportunity, it could redefine U.S. influence in Africa and beyond.

The real question is: will the U.S. act before it's too late, or let this opportunity slip through its fingers?

The time for re-recognition is now.

Planning ministry, UNICEF in mutual commitment to strengthen cooperation



By M.A. Egge

The Minister of Planning and National Development Hon. Kaltun Sheikh Hassan Abdi, and the Director General of the Ministry Mr. Mohamed Said Mohamud, held a crucial meeting on Tuesday with the Head of UNICEF Office in Somaliland Dr. Tedla Damte.

The meeting, which was held at the office of the planning ministry headquarters, focused on the strengthening of the cooperation between United Nations agencies, especially UNICEF and the

government of Somaliland.

During the meeting, the minister briefed the UNICEF head on the new administration's development plan in relation to cooperation with international organizations.

It was emphasized that it is important that UNICEF projects are based on the priority needs of the Somaliland community, to ensure sustainable development and life-changing service delivery.

Hon. Kaltun specifically pointed out that UNICEF can play a key role in improving health, education, water,

and child care services, and noted that the ministry is committed to ensuring that the cooperation between the two parties is effective and based on mutual understanding and transparency. The Director General, Mr. Mohamed Said Mohamud stated that the ministry is ready to work with UNICEF to unify development efforts, and stressed that available grants and support would be used in line with the priorities of the National Development Plan, focusing on the positive impact that projects have on society, especially children and women.

Dr. Tedla Damte praised the Ministry's efficient planning for the implementation of development goals, and indicated that UNICEF would continue its support to Somaliland, focusing on basic social issues, such as education, health care, and environmental development.

The meeting concluded with a mutual understanding and commitment to strengthen cooperation between the two parties.

It was agreed to create an effective mechanism to ensure that UNICEF support directly serves the needs of the Somaliland community.

UK MP Kate Hoey Calls on the United States to Recognize Somaliland



UK Member of Parliament Kate Hoey has publicly called on the United States government to recognize the Republic of Somaliland as an independent and sovereign state. Highlighting Somaliland's achievements in maintaining stability, peace, and democracy in a region often plagued by insecurity, Hoey urged U.S. policymakers to reconsider their stance on the matter.

"I hope and expect the United States Government to take a different view on this. Somaliland is a stable, peaceful, democratic country and

should get recognition," Hoey stated in a post on X (formerly Twitter), directing her message at U.S. officials, including Representative Scott Perry.

Hoey's remarks come amidst growing international debates over Somaliland's political status. Despite declaring independence from Somalia in 1991, Somaliland has yet to gain formal recognition from any country. However, the region has built a functioning government, held regular democratic elections, and maintained relative peace in contrast to the ongoing instability in

Somalia.

The MP's statement aligns with increasing support in U.S. political circles for Somaliland's recognition. Representative Scott Perry, a member of the U.S. Congress, has previously expressed his support for Somaliland, introducing the Somaliland Independence Act to push for formal U.S. recognition.

Somaliland has also strengthened its international outreach efforts in recent years, emphasizing its strategic location along the Gulf of Aden and its potential as a partner for global powers. The government of Somaliland continues to build ties with countries like the United States, the United Kingdom, and Taiwan, promoting its case as a reliable ally in the Horn of Africa.

Hoey's call adds to the growing pressure on the international community to reconsider Somaliland's status, especially as the region continues to demonstrate its commitment to peace, stability, and democracy.

As Somaliland seeks recognition, the international community will likely face increasing calls to acknowledge the Somaliland's achievements and support its aspirations for statehood.

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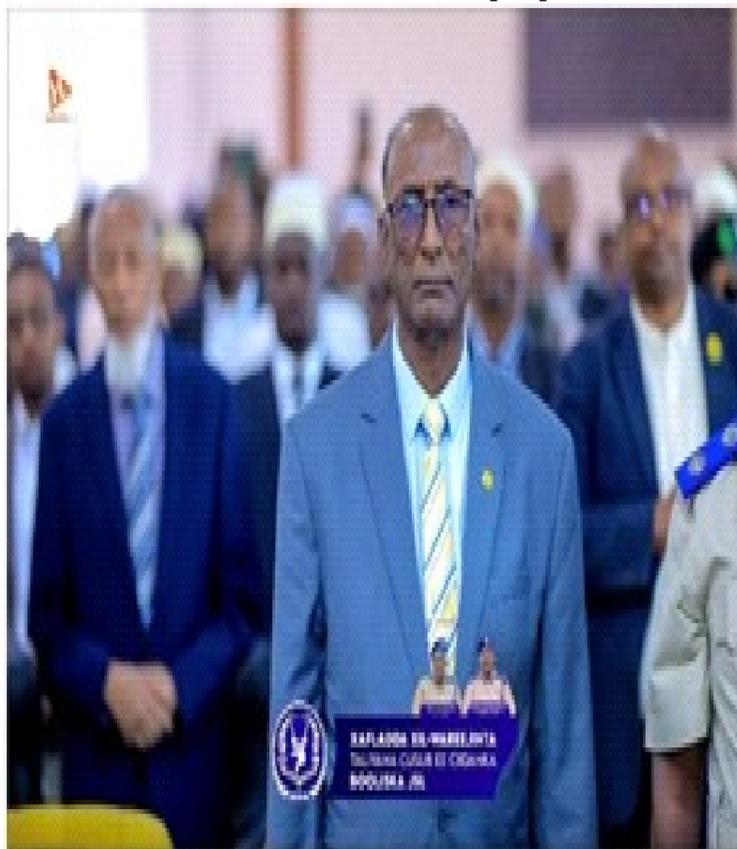
Somaliland government will not blatantly flout police regulations, Interior minister assures the populace

By M.A. Egge

The Somaliland government has made it clear to the public that it will not blatantly misuse the power of the police force for flimsy or partisan reasons but that the police would work for the people and the nation as per the framework of the constitution.

The Minister of Internal Security of the Republic of Somaliland Abdalle Mohamed stated the fact as he presided over the change of guard at the police headquarters where the new police chief Brig Gen Abdirahman Abdillahi Hassan was taking over the helm from former chief Major General Mohamed Adan Saqadi Dabagale, who has since been appointed presidential advisor on police matters.

The minister made it clear that the state would not use the power of the police force in a way that violates the law but will considerably adhere to the law in every applicable decision. He pledged in certain terms, "The government led by President Abdirahman Irro and I, as the Minister of Internal Affairs, promise you, fellow citizens, that we will not abuse the power of the police and that we will follow



the law to the hilt. We promise you that".

He acknowledged that the country's police force is knowledgeable and has a high vision, and plays an important role in the country.

He described the former police chief as a good leader.

"I acknowledge that in the short time we have been here as the interior minister, the police force

that I have seen led by Gen. Mohamed Aden Saqadi, is a highly knowledgeable, capable, visionary, and optimistic force that this nation can trust", he said.

He commended them for their good work.

He pointed out that the laws of the lands by which the police work within are formulated by the legislature and that their job in the security sector is only to execute the regulations stipulated.

Marood-jeeh Governor Keen on Strengthening Security and Regional Development

By M.A. Egge

The Governor of Marood-jeeh region Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Adan Adaad, held on Tuesday a meeting with the administrators of the districts under Marood-jeeh region and the coordinators of government branches of the region on issues related to security, social issues, and the separation of powers.

He called on the officials to work together to strengthen security and associated regional development.

The governor was flanked by his deputy governor of the Maroodi-jeeh region and the regional secretary at the meeting.

The governor shared with the media the contents of the points they pondered on as;

1. Strengthening security in the Maroodi-jeeh region.
2. Bolstering the developing social issues, such as education, health, environment, water, agriculture, animal husbandry and so on.
3. Monitoring ongoing

development projects in the region.

4. That the administrators and coordinators submit their plans for the first 100 days in the region.

5. That gas stations be established in appropriate places, and that they be monitored regularly, and that they comply with the relevant regulations.

6. Strengthening the governance system of the region, districts and coordination.

7. Strengthening cooperation between institutions operating in the region.

8. Strengthening the decentralization of development projects in the region.

9. Ascertaining of the supply of goods imported from abroad and domestically.

10. Coordinators to carry out their duties to the Nation.

11. Developing youth skills.

12. Promoting youth empowerment.

13. Maintaining the orderliness of the government system and its hierarchy.

SOMALILANDERS AROUND THE WORLD, NOW IS THE TIME TO CAPITALIZE ON THE SHIFTING LANDSCAPE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND ADVOCATE FOR SOMALILAND'S RECOGNITION-SL-SAG

Recent changes in Washington have led to a notable transformation in how the United States approaches foreign aid and international relations, with Somaliland emerging as a key partner that aligns closely with America's fundamental interests.

On his first day back in office, President Trump signed an executive order aimed at redefining the U.S. foreign aid framework. He emphasized that aid must be in line with America's strategic objectives, signaling a new direction for U.S. foreign policy. As Secretary of State Marco Rubio highlighted during his confirmation hearing, every dollar spent must address three essential questions:

- Does it enhance America's safety?
- Does it strengthen America?
- Does it contribute to America's prosperity?

Somaliland is the Solution. Somaliland has established itself as a symbol of stability, democracy, and alignment with Western values in the Horn of Africa. As a self-sufficient, peaceful, and democratically governed nation, Somaliland embodies the qualities that the U.S. seeks in its global partnerships. Here's why Somaliland is an ideal candidate for this new phase of American foreign policy:

Boosting Security: Somaliland's strategic position along the Red Sea and its steadfast commitment to combating terrorism make it a dependable partner for the U.S. in a

turbulent region. Unlike its neighbors, Somaliland is free from Al-Shabaab and other extremist threats, serving as a vital buffer against instability. **Fostering Prosperity:** With significant economic potential in trade, energy, and infrastructure, Somaliland is well-placed to stimulate regional growth and generate mutual economic advantages for both countries.

Championing Democracy: Somaliland stands as a model of democracy in Africa, conducting regular, transparent elections and upholding the rule of law—values that resonate strongly with American ideals.

Under the new foreign aid policy, the U.S. aims to invest in nations and partnerships that enhance its global standing. Somaliland presents a unique opportunity to fulfill these goals while safeguarding America's long-term interests in the Horn of Africa.

We urge all Somalilanders in the diaspora and supporters of Somaliland to push for recognition at this crucial time. This is our chance to make our voices heard in Washington and show that Somaliland is an essential ally that shares American values and priorities. Together, we can ensure Somaliland's rightful place on the international stage. **SOMALILANDERS, LET'S ACT NOW.**

THT Puzzle

By: Abdilahi Said

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- 4 Deleted
- 5 breaks
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- 9 of
- 10 brain
- 12 names
- 13 fascinated
- 14 highway
- 16 newscast
- 21 Reddish
- 22 European Union
- 26 Deposit
- 28 Carpets
- 30 Reality
- 32 Stupid
- 34 Speedy
- 35 Plant seeds
- 36 Negative
- 37 Off
- 40 Load

ACROSS

- 1 Excellent
- 5 Sun shine
- 7 detention
- 11 lunar month
- 13 Africa continent
- 15 Slate
- 18 Diving the ocean/ pool
- 19 Myself
- 20 Exchange
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I pledge to further police achievements, says Brigadier General Abdirahman-deere

By M.A. Egge

The new Commander of the Somaliland Police Force, Brigadier General Abdirahman Abdillahi Hassan, popularly known as Abdirahman-deere, has promised to develop the Somaliland Police Force and responsibly taking it to higher even levels.

He gave his pledge at an event on Tuesday that he was being handed the baton of the leadership of the force by its former chief, Major General Mohamed Adan Saqadi Dabagale, who has since been appointed presidential advisor on police matters.

He appealed to the community to cooperate and stand by him so that he could carry out his duties. He also

asked the police officers to cooperate with him as they had cooperated with the previous commander, saying

“I call upon all the different communities in the Republic of Somaliland to cooperate with me as they cooperated with the previous commander, and I also request the officers of all cadres to cooperate with me as they cooperated with the previous commander.”

He promised that he would constantly do consultations with fellow police officers and the laws whenever he made applicable decisions.

He thanked the former commander of the Somaliland Police Force and all the police forces and asked them to stand together.

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UAE's Strategic Pivot? Cirro's Visit Signals New Regional Dynamic



In a carefully orchestrated diplomatic gesture that speaks volumes about shifting alliances in the Horn of Africa, the United Arab Emirates rolled out the red carpet for Somaliland's President Abdirahman Cirro today, dispatching a private Royal Jet to ferry the newly elected leader to Abu Dhabi for his first overseas visit since taking office. Beyond boilerplate statements about mutual interests from the Presidential spokesman, however, the specific agenda for this high-profile visit remains notably opaque, despite President Cirro's campaign promises of transparency in foreign dealings.

As Somaliland's largest direct foreign investor, the UAE's commitment is most visibly demonstrated through Dubai-based DP World's \$442 million investment in Berbera Port, transforming it into an emerging regional trade hub. In his election campaign, Abdirahman Cirro was an outspoken critic of the DP World agreement, questioning its transparency and terms. His presence in Abu Dhabi now puts him in the delicate position of either maintaining that critical stance or potentially moderating his position to secure UAE support at a crucial moment in regional politics.

The timing of President Abdirahman Cirro's visit suggests a potential watershed moment in UAE's Horn of Africa strategy. Following a deadly Al-Shabab attack in February 2024 that killed three Emirati troops and a Bahraini officer, the UAE has largely withdrawn from its engagement with Mogadishu. This tragic incident, coming after years of strained relations marked by Somalia's 2018 seizure of Emirati funds and pro-Qatar stance, appears to have pushed Abu Dhabi toward a definitive choice. The question now looms: Is the UAE finally abandoning its dual-track approach to embrace Somaliland exclusively, seeing in Berbera's stability an alternative to Mogadishu's volatility?

The timing of this diplomatic overture gains added significance amid the recent rapprochement between Somalia and Ethiopia. Somaliland's diplomatic capital has been tested by Ethiopia's pivot back toward Somalia, effectively shelving

the port access memorandum of understanding and strengthening Somalia's post-ATMIS security architecture. This shifting landscape might paradoxically strengthen Cirro's negotiating position with the UAE, as Abu Dhabi's strategic interests in Berbera intersect with rapidly evolving regional dynamics.

Adding another layer of intrigue to the visit is the presence of Dr. Abdirahman Duale Beileh, Cirro's newly appointed Economic Advisor. Beileh, Somalia's former Finance Minister, received a presidential pardon from former President Muse Bihi before joining Cirro's administration. Current government officials, speaking on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of internal arrangements, describe Beileh as operating as a de facto Finance Minister, though his formal appointment to the cabinet was likely avoided due to his recent Somalia government role and potential political sensitivities. The simultaneous presence of both the Finance Minister and Dr. Beileh in the delegation suggests substantive discussions about expanding UAE's investment portfolio in Somaliland may be on the undisclosed agenda. Hanging over these discussions is the unresolved status of Berbera Airport. The UAE secured parliamentary approval in 2017 to establish a military base at the facility, but under former President Bihi's administration, contradictory statements emerged about its intended use – initially announced as a UAE military base, then later described as converted to civilian use after a supposed lease cancellation. Despite significant upgrades, the facility remains largely inactive, its future uncertain. The airport's strategic significance is underscored by multiple inspection visits from AFRICOM, suggesting broader international interest in its potential military applications.

While the official agenda remains undisclosed, Cirro's delegation composition hints at the visit's scope and ambition. The presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Presidency, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, and notably, the Intelligence Chief

suggests discussions will extend far beyond ceremonial pleasantries.

The three-day visit also includes scheduled meetings with the substantial Somaliland diaspora community in the UAE, whose remittances form a crucial pillar of Somaliland's economy. Last year alone, remittances to Somaliland from overseas exceeded \$1.3 billion, with a significant portion originating from the Gulf states.

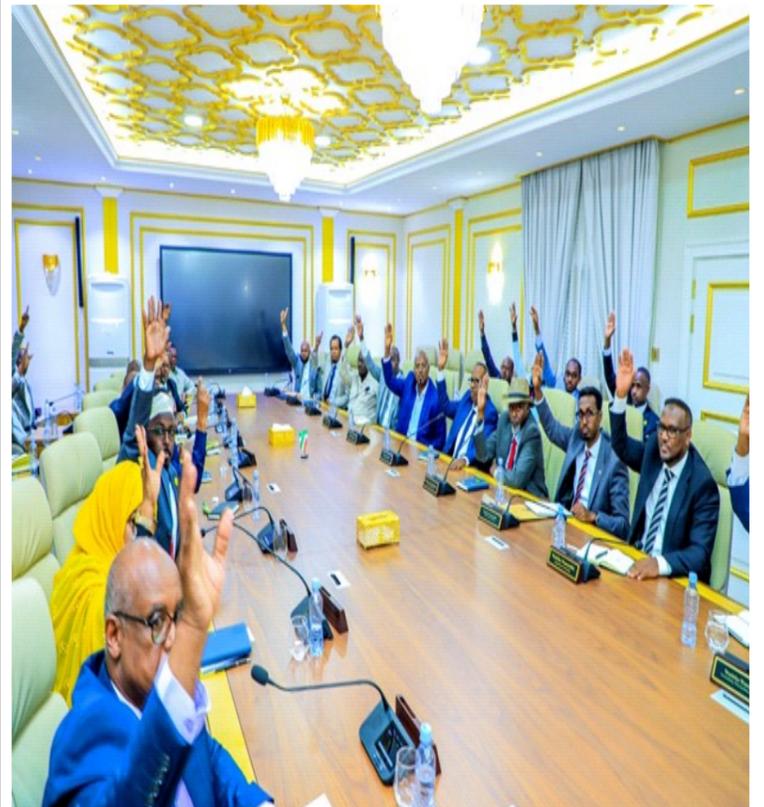
The visit raises questions about the broader geopolitical competition in the Horn of Africa. With China maintaining a military base in neighboring Djibouti, and various Gulf states jockeying for influence across the region, Somaliland's strategic location and deep-water port have turned it into an increasingly important piece on the regional chessboard. The potential shift in U.S. foreign policy under a returning Trump administration, particularly with a more pragmatic State Department leadership, could present Somaliland with additional strategic options for military cooperation beyond current arrangements.

However, Somaliland's leverage in these negotiations may depend on its ability to engage directly with potential partners, particularly the United States, rather than relying on intermediaries like the UAE. As regional dynamics shift and multiple powers express interest in Somaliland's strategic assets, Hargeisa would be well-served to comprehensively evaluate its options before making binding commitments or overextending its strategic partnerships.

As President Abdirahman Cirro settles into his meetings in Abu Dhabi, the key questions remain unanswered, masked by diplomatic protocol and official silence. Will this visit mark the beginning of a deeper strategic partnership? Is the UAE preparing to go all-in on Somaliland? The answers may well shape the future of not just Somaliland, but the entire region.



President briefs extraordinary cabinet meeting on UAE trip



concluded visit to the UAE the session saw the directives of channeling all accrued sales tax directly to the treasury.

He formed a five-man team of cabinet ministers to see to it that the resolution on the taxes are executed.

According to a press release by the Spokesman of the Presidency Hussein Adan Ige (Deyr), the President first informed the Cabinet that his delegation discussed with the UAE government how the two countries could cooperate on key issues, in particular:

1. How to further strengthen cooperation between the Republic of Somaliland and the United Arab Emirates,
2. How to cooperate in the areas of economy, job creation, investment in development projects, investment in agriculture, livestock, education, investment in minerals and oil, cooperation with the Central Bank, further expansion of DP World investment, cooperation on security matters, and other issues of priority beneficial to both countries.

Likewise, the Head of State informed the members of the cabinet that during the 4-day stay in the United Arab Emirates, he and the delegation he led held more than 10 meetings with the highest officials of the United Arab Emirates.

'Meanwhile, the Council of Ministers also held the special session to discuss the situation in the country that saw the extraordinary meeting pass a number of crucial, indispensable and resolute decisions that are essential for the construction and development of the Somaliland

nation.

Among the decisions that were voted on by the Council of Ministers with a show of hands were:

1. A Council Decision on the Effective Implementation of the Census and the Capacity Building of the Various National Forces. 38 members voted in favor of this decision, with no abstentions or objections.

2. The Cabinet voted to implement a Sales Tax that would be collected directly by the Government Treasury on purchases such as:

- A) Mobile Money (Merchant Payments) for payment services of all electronic cash systems (Zaad, eDahab, MyCash, Sahal, etc).
- B) Purchases made through Mobile Applications of Banks and Wallets (DahabPlus, Waafi, PremierWallet, AmalBank, IBS Bank and similar).
- C) Payments for voice and Internet services by telecommunications companies (Telesom, Somtel, Somcable/SO, Soltelco, Gollis, Bluecom and all ISP service providers).
- D) Bill Payments by Utilities (Utility Bill Payments).
- E) And all other types of regular and other bill payments.

The President of the Republic of Somaliland has appointed the following members of the Cabinet to implement the Direct Sales Tax on the above services:

- 1) Minister of Finance and Economic Development.
- 2) Minister of Communications and Technology,
- 3) Minister of the Presidency.
- 4) Minister of Aviation and Airport Development.
- 5) Minister of Minerals and Energy.