

# The Horn Tribune

Vol V / Issue 1587 Sunday 16 February 2025 (www.horntribune.com/info@horntribune.com)

Shab'an 17 / 1446 AH

An Independent Weekly Newspaper of Dawan Media Group, Tel: 0634414181/0634424590/0634615145

## President back from historic and triumphant WGS 2025 conference

-He gave a key-note speech at the conference, putting the nation into limelight  
-Assures nation that the efforts would soon bear tangible fruits



By M.A. Egge  
The President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro and his entourage jetted back into the country on Saturday afternoon after almost a week-long of the historic and triumphant milestone official visit to

Continue on Page 6



### President of Somaliland: Stability, Development and Political Challenges



Continue on Page 2

President Abdirahman Irro speaks on cooperation with the United States and the Palestinian Refugee Issue

### I Will Complete the Baligubadle Road at Any Cost, President Abdirahman Irro



Continue on Page 4

### Army Chief Receives Resident Ethiopian Ambassador



Continue on Page 2

### President holds significant meetings with UAE leaders



By M.A. Egge  
The President of the Republic of Somaliland, His Excellency Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro, held significant meeting on the second

Continue on Page 2

### Somaliland President praises UAE continued support, seeks stronger bilateral partnerships



H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi, President of the Republic of Somaliland, expressed his gratitude to the UAE for its continued support of his country and voiced his desire to further enhance bilateral

Continue on Page 2

### Foreign Ministry applauds President's Participation World Government Summit in Dubai.



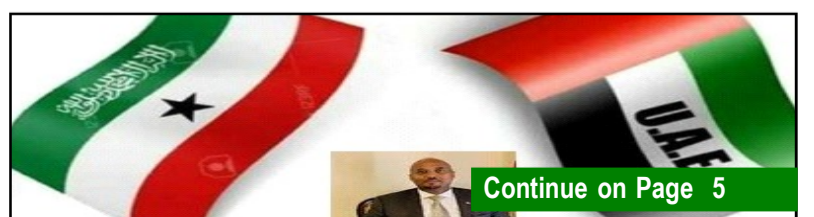
Continue on Page 3

### Finance Minister and Head of DP World Berbera meet to discuss growth and acceleration of the country's economy



Continue on Page 4

### UAE and Somaliland: A Partnership Driving Economic Growth, Security, and Sustainability- Amb. Bashe Awil Omar



Continue on Page 5

### Information Minister Ahmed-yasin terms President's UAE visit as triumphant milestone achievement



By M.A. Egge  
The Minister of Information, Culture and National Guidance Hon. Ahmed-yasin Sheikh Ali (Ayaanle), has described the visit of the President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E.

Continue on Page 3

### Inside

President Abdirahman Irro tours Dubai port of Deira Al Hamra

Continue on page 3

## President of Somaliland: Stability, Development and Political Challenges



The President of the Republic of Somaliland, Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi, participated in the World Government Summit, where the third day of the summit witnessed many important sessions and workshops for decision-makers around the world.

The Somaliland Head of State was interviewed by several major world media power houses such as the CNN and Sky News, including numerous Arabic language stations that beamed the interviews live to millions of viewers world-wide.

It gave the chance of the nation of the Republic of Somaliland to be noted, acknowledge and, at the same time, be reckoned with as an entity that first got its independence on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 1960 from its then colonial master, the British Empire.

The summit was attended by more than 30 heads of state and prime ministers, in addition to hundreds of ministers who spoke about key issues such as artificial intelligence, governance, development, and cooperation between the public and private sectors.

The President touched addressed issues such as climate change and the organization of global governments, and stressed the active participation of Latin American and African countries in discussing these issues in depth.

Somaliland: Three decades of stability

During an interview with Sky News Arabia, President Abdirahman stressed that Somaliland has enjoyed stability for more than thirty years, as a country and has not witnessed political unrests or internal conflicts, which made it a model of stability in the region.

He pointed out that his country seeks further development, benefiting from modern technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and digital transformation, in addition to enhancing cooperation with Arab countries.

He explained that the Republic of Somaliland was a British colony until 1968, then voluntarily joined Somalia five days after its independence, but the civil war that broke out later prompted it to seek to regain its independence in 1991, and since then it has become a stable country enjoying democracy, free elections and a peaceful transfer of power.

Investment and Economic Development

He also pointed out that his country is witnessing development in the technology and communications sector, as mobile phone and internet services have become among the cheapest in the world, which has helped promote the use of digital money transfers, which reflects Somaliland's integration into the

global technological revolution. Cooperation with the United States and the Palestinian Refugee Issue President Abdirahman addressed the issue of Palestinian refugees, following a supposition query as to "if US President Donald Trump suggests possibility of Somaliland receiving displaced persons from the Gaza Strip", President Abdirahman Irro he would reach a decision when such scenario unfolds.

He stressed that the United States provides support to Somaliland, and that his country wants to strengthen diplomatic and economic relations with Washington. However, he explained that Somaliland has not yet consulted with the United States about receiving Palestinian refugees, but expects to consult on this matter before making any decision.

He stated that his country sympathizes with the Palestinians and supports their rights, stressing the importance of diplomatic consultation before taking any final position on this issue.

Relations with Arab countries Abdul Rahman stressed that Somaliland belongs to the Arab world, noting that his country has strong diplomatic relations with several Arab countries, and has embassies in some Arab capitals.

He stressed that his country is committed to developing its economy and strengthening its relations with Arab countries and major powers, stressing that the stability enjoyed by Somaliland will enable it to achieve more growth and prosperity in the future.

## Somaliland President praises UAE continued support, seeks stronger bilateral partnerships



partnerships across various economic and developmental fields. In remarks to the Emirates News Agency (WAM) on the sidelines of the 2025 World Government Summit, Abdullahi praised the pivotal role played by Emirati investments, particularly through DP World, in strengthening the country's economic infrastructure and transforming the Port of Berbera into a strategic regional logistics hub connecting Somaliland with neighbouring countries.

He explained that DP World's investment in Berbera Port went beyond its development, extending to the establishment of a free zone and the Berbera trade corridor, which has enhanced economic links between Somaliland and neighbouring Ethiopia, with a population of around 134 million. This has made Berbera a key trade hub in the region, especially with improved cross-border transport and logistics.

Regarding UAE-funded hospitals in Berbera and Burao, the President highlighted the significant financing challenges faced by Somaliland's health sector. He confirmed that the establishment of these hospitals would greatly enhance the

healthcare services available to the local community.

On the promising sectors for Emirati investment in Somaliland, President Abdullahi pointed to several areas with high potential, particularly the livestock sector, which forms a core pillar of the country's economy. Somaliland boasts between 40 and 50 million livestock and exports around 4 million sheep annually to Saudi Arabia during the Hajj season.

He suggested that Somaliland could become a food basket for the Gulf States, particularly in the field of meat exports to the UAE and the wider region.

The agricultural sector also offers significant investment opportunities, given the fertile land available, which could play an important role in enhancing food security for the Gulf States if appropriately invested. He noted that the blue economy presents a huge opportunity for investment, as Somaliland possesses an 850-kilometre coastline rich in marine resources, although it remains under-utilized.

"The fishing industry simply requires modern investments, and we could become a major supplier of fish to the UAE, the Gulf States, and even European markets," he said.

President Abdirahman Irro also pointed out that Somaliland is home to distinctive tourist sites, including over 150 kilometres of pristine beaches, located just two hours from Dubai, making it a potential tourism destination for investors in the hospitality sector.

## President holds significant meetings with UAE leaders

day of his working trip to the United Arab Emirates, with His Excellency Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates, and the Emir of Dubai.

The President also met with His Excellency Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice President and Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Presidential Affairs of the United Arab Emirates.

He thanked the government of the United Arab Emirates for the official invitation and the esteemed high honor extended to him in order to participate in the International Conference of the Summit of the World Governments (WGS 2025).

According to press release on Wednesday by the Presidential Spokesman Hussein Adam Ige, the President discussed with the leaders of the UAE a number of crucial and priority issues for the two countries and the two brotherly peoples, which include cooperation in economic affairs, investments and bilateral cooperation in the region.



Similarly, the President discussed with the United Arab Emirates the support of Somaliland in terms of

infrastructure and the two sides to cooperate on security issues, especially the stability of the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea waterways.

## Army Chief Receives Resident Ethiopian Ambassador



By M.A. Egge

The Chief of Somaliland Defense Forces Brigadier General Nem'aan Yusuf Osman (Gaahnuug), received the resident Ethiopian Ambassador to Somaliland, Ambassador Teshome Shunde at the army headquarters on Thursday.

The ambassador was accompanied by his embassy's military attaché.

They both paid the newly appointed army chief a courtesy call.

The Army Chief and the Ethiopian Ambassador discussed ways and means to further strengthen security cooperation between the two countries.

The meeting was also orientating hence introductory to both officials. Ethiopian military attachés in Somaliland were also present at the meeting.

It is to be recalled that during his address at the World Government Summit in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), earlier this week, Somaliland President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi (Irro) highlighted Somaliland's commitment to regional cooperation, especially with Ethiopia, with whom the President revealed of plans to finalize a crucial trade and transit agreement by the end of this year.

## Information Minister Ahmed-yasin terms President's UAE visit as triumphant milestone achievement



Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro and his delegation to the United Arab Emirates as a for the nation of the Republic of Somaliland.

The Head of State and, Somaliland in particular as the main essence, had the opportunity, for the first time ever, to speak to the world at one of the four top-most forums that annually brought together the highest number of Presidents, Premiers and Heads of State together in such a major assembly conference.

The Minister described the World Governments Summit 2025 held in Dubai as a great success for Somaliland, since it is the first time that a President of the Republic of Somaliland has had such an opportunity.

He expressed his profound gratitude to the leaders of the United Arab Emirates, for according the nation the justifiable opportunity that highlighted the fact that it was a country ought to be reckoned with.

He also asked the Somali community not to be chagrined or

harbor any particular hostility towards the people of Somaliland for the fete reality of laying plain the essence of Somaliland as a nation to the international community.

He said, "The trip of the Somaliland president was historic, the conference was the one of the 4th largest conferences in the world that brought world governments leaders to an assembly".

He continued, "It is the largest conference ever attended by a president of Somaliland, which is an opportunity for the communities of a nation that has been patient for a long time for the world to listen to their issues".

He added, "It is by the grace of God that the Somaliland has become a key speaker in a conference event that brought together more than 140 countries, 80 international organizations and 30 heads of state on a platform beamed in live coverage to millions of viewers round the world".

He pointed out that much was conveyed in the key-speech that

realized and achieved what could have otherwise had efforts costing the nation a lot of time and millions of dollars to travel across the world, to and fro, to express the same sentiments.

The minister said that the conference attended by the president and his delegation was a blessing in disguise, as concerns international recognition, acknowledging the essence of Somaliland.

He said the keynote speech by the President H.E. Abdirahman Irro precisely conveyed in a nutshell the country's impeccable history, its achievements, its basic rights to its aspirations, the port of Berbera, opportunities available in terms of abundant natural resources that need exploiting for the good of prosperity, its essence as a sovereign independent state with all the trappings of international constitutional statehood, the electioneering processes that saw six presidents change batons etc. Minister Ahmed-yasin underscored the fact that "Somaliland was not invited as an organization, it was not invited as a region, but it was invited as a state, with our own President, as the head of the government of Somaliland sitting at the high table in the conference delivering a speech as a key-note speaker".

He thanked the Emirati leaders by saying, "We are grateful to the leaders of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed, the Prime Minister, and the Vice President, who have shown courage, confidence, and an undeniable truth that the world has been ignoring for a long time to present to the world and say that this country is not an indispensable one."

## Foreign Ministry applauds President's Participation World Government Summit in Dubai.

appreciation to the United Arab Emirates for its support during the official visit of His Excellency President Abdirahyman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro. Over five days, President Irro participated in the World Government Summit, engaging with global leaders, investors, and policymakers to advance Somaliland's diplomatic and economic agenda. His discussions highlighted Somaliland's strategic role as a key logistical and security partner in the Horn of Africa.

During his visit, President Irro met with senior UAE officials, the Dubai Chamber of Commerce, the UAE Central Bank, and DP World Foundation to discuss trade facilitation, investment, and economic cooperation. He also engaged with major international media outlets, reinforcing Somaliland's aspirations and economic potential.

The strong reception in Dubai reflects Somaliland's growing diplomatic presence and commitment to international collaboration.

To ensure tangible outcomes from these engagements, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Republic of Somaliland will establish a dedicated follow-up team to coordinate with relevant ministries and develop actionable strategies. The Somaliland Government remains committed to fostering investment, strengthening bilateral relations, and advancing long-term economic growth. We commend President Irro and his delegation for their representation on the global stage and reaffirm our dedication to securing Somaliland's international standing.

## President Abdirahman Irro tours Dubai port of Deira Al Hamra



By M.A. Egge

The President of the Republic of Somaliland, Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro, visited the Dubai Port of Deira Al Hamra, one of the most important ports for Somaliland businessmen through which they greatly import and conduct business with.

The Head of State visited the port while on his fifth day of his working trip to the United Arab Emirates.

According to a press release by the Presidential Spokesman Hussein Deyr, the tour of the Dubai Port, underscores Somaliland's commitment to strengthening maritime trade and to establishing deep economic relations with the United Arab Emirates.

The President and his entourage are expected to jet back into the country on Saturday.

# I Will Complete the Baligubadle Road at Any Cost, President Abdirahman Irro

By M.A. Egge

The President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro officially laid over the week the foundation stone for the road connecting Hargeisa and Baligubadle.

The President promised to complete the road at any cost.

He noted that the reason he chose to start his first trip with Hawd region is to fulfill his government's commitment in the first 100 days, which has the construction of the road between the cities of Hargeisa and Baligubadle as a major priority. He highlighted the fact that the construction of the road would greatly contribute to the development of trade services between Somaliland and Ethiopia, adding that it would similarly greatly ease and shorten the distance to and from Baligubadle, as well as

reduce fuel and maintenance costs of the vehicles plying the route hence immensely boost the economy.

He said that the construction of roads plays a significant role in the growth of cities and the economic development of the community.

He said, "Today, I have chosen Hawd Region to begin my first trip within the country and to lay the foundation stone for the completion of the important Hargeisa-Baligubadle road, which was one of the commitments of my 'Togetherness and Action' government in the first hundred days of its term".

He continued, "I thank God for fulfilling the promise. Hawd Region is the center and mother of the struggle of the nation, and today I want it to be a symbol of the unity and solidarity of the people of Somaliland".



Balligubadle was the headquarters of the SNM throughout the struggles of the 1980s that lastly saw the nation re-asserting its sovereignty by dissolving the ill-fated union with the Italian Somaliland.

The president underscored the incalculable benefits that the road

has for the Hawd region, the capital Hargeisa and the trade relations between Somaliland and Ethiopia. The President urged for careful driving since unnecessary accidents which would have been avoided have been rife due to

negligence.

He assured the nation that his government "will focus on developing projects as much as possible, and we will take responsibility for ensuring that they reach all regions and areas of the country equally."

# President Abdirahman Irro at World Governments Summit 2025

**He makes case for Somaliland's international recognition, highlights the importance of Berbera Port in the Horn Region**



By M.A. Egge

President says Dubai conference will be the first country to recognize Somaliland and important agreements with Ethiopia

President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro, has expressed the hope that the nation of Somaliland is expecting international recognition soon from major states.

The Head of State noted that the country and nation of Somaliland hopes that the United States of America would be the first nation to acknowledge Somaliland as a sovereign state and recognize it. The President gave the remarks at the World Governments Summit on Tuesday Summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, yesterday, saying that it was high time that the nation should be recognized after three decades. "We hope that the United States will be the first country to recognize Somaliland," said President Abdirahman Cirro.

Sentiments pointing to US recognizing Somaliland has been rife in the global and international main media for the past several weeks with widespread talk that the issue is in the plans of the new US president, Donald Trump.

While talking at the summit, the Somaliland president described the union that Somaliland entered into in 1960 with Italian Somaliland soon after gaining independence from the British Empire was as ill-fated as it was unfortunate.

He pointed out that Somaliland was by then propelled by the Great Somalia dream.

He explained the scenario that had Somaliland re-assert its sovereignty by dissolving the uncharted union in 1991.

Given the current state of the world, noted the President, "Somaliland is at a strategic point. As a country, Somaliland gained independence on 26 June 1960, unfortunately we decided to seek

unity with the five Somali colonies and form the Greater Somalia by uniting with Somalia, which gained its independence five days later from Italy (after Somaliland) on 1 July 1960".

Despite the fact that the President lamented that the communities of world nations have not officially recognized Somaliland as a de-jure state, "international community engages with us as an independent nation".

The President's speech marketed the nation as a strategic and vibrant economic hub.

He highlighted the importance and status of Berbera port as a major harbour in the region and especially along the Gulf of Aden region. While emphasizing on its enviable strategic location in the region, he highlighted on the development and modernization implemented at the port over the past three decades, and most recently, to make it an internationally formidable commercial and associated port. "The port of Berbera is more famous than the Red Sea itself (given history), and the DP World invested 400 million hence it has modernized and expanded its scope and services.

Speaking about the Ethiopian-Somaliland relations and cooperation, President Abdirahman Irro said that he would complete the trade agreements in the course of the year.

He said, "Berbera is an important port that provides services to countries without ports. The biggest customer is our neighboring and friendly country Ethiopia, which has a population of over 140 million. I hope to complete the trade agreements between the two countries within the year".

"Somaliland has an 850 km coastline on the Gulf of Aden. The city of Berbera, a strategic port, was used by the Russian and American powers during the Cold War, so you can see its importance there," he noted.

On the progress in state-building and the electoral system, the President said that Somaliland has matured in the democratization processes and power has been subsequently been transferred peacefully, just as both the parliamentary and civic elections have always been successfully held.

"In terms of our democratic system, we expect rewards (through recognition) from the international community; we have good relations with the United States, Britain and many countries around the world, now I hope that the United States will be the first country to recognize Somaliland", said the President. The President and his entourage jetted out of the country on Monday aboard an executive jet after receiving the invitation from the UAE for the 13<sup>th</sup> World Governments Summit, which grew bigger and bigger by the year.

He was accompanied by the ministers of foreign, presidency, finance and religion and endowment, and also, the chief of staff of the presidency.

The World Governments Summit was established in 2013 under the leadership of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai. Since then, the organization and its leadership have continued to champion the mission of shaping future governments and creating a better future for humanity. Working together with its community of partners and members, the Summit has successfully established a new model for international collaboration to inspire and enable the next generation of governments.

It is summit whereby world governments, international organizations, think-tanks and thought leaders and top private sector executives converge to inspire the next generations of governments.

## Finance Minister and Head of DP World Berbera meet to discuss growth and acceleration of the country's economy



By Goth Mohamed Goth

Hargeisa, On February 10, 2025, the Minister of Finance and Economic Development of the Republic of Somaliland, Mr. Abdillahi Hassan Aden, met with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of DP World Berbera, Mr. Supachai.

The two sides discussed several important issues related to the growth and acceleration of the country's economy.

The key points discussed included:

1. General overview of the structure and operations of the Berbera Port.
2. Acceleration and improvement of the services provided by the port.
3. Implementation of cargo transit services for neighboring countries.
4. Continuation of the expansion and modernization of the port.

## I Will Complete the Baligubadle Road at Any Cost, President Abdirahman Irro



By M.A. Egge

The President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro officially laid over the week the foundation stone for the road connecting Hargeisa and Baligubadle.

The President promised to complete the road at any cost.

He noted that the reason he chose to start his first trip with Hawd region is to fulfill his government's commitment in the first 100 days, which has the construction of the road between the cities of Hargeisa and Baligubadle as a major priority. He highlighted the fact that the construction of the road would greatly contribute to the development of trade services between Somaliland and Ethiopia, adding that it would similarly greatly ease and shorten the distance to and from Baligubadle, as well as reduce fuel and maintenance costs of the vehicles plying the route hence immensely boost the economy.

He said that the construction of roads plays a significant role in the growth of cities and the economic development of the community.

He said, "Today, I have chosen Hawd Region to begin my first trip within the country and to lay the foundation stone for the completion

of the important Hargeisa-Baligubadle road, which was one of the commitments of my 'Togetherness and Action' government in the first hundred days of its term".

He continued, "I thank God for fulfilling the promise. Hawd Region is the center and mother of the struggle of the nation, and today I want it to be a symbol of the unity and solidarity of the people of Somaliland".

Baligubdle was the headquarters of the SNM throughout the struggles of the 1980s that lastly saw the nation re-asserting its sovereignty by dissolving the ill-fated union with the Italian Somaliland.

The president underscored the incalculable benefits that the road has for the Hawd region, the capital Hargeisa and the trade relations between Somaliland and Ethiopia. The President urged for careful driving since unnecessary accidents which would have been avoided have been rife due to negligence.

He assured the nation that his government "will focus on developing projects as much as possible, and we will take responsibility for ensuring that they reach all regions and areas of the country equally."

## UAE and Somaliland: A Partnership Driving Economic Growth, Security, and Sustainability- Amb. Bashe Awil Omar



As President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdilahi Irro concludes his participation in the World Government Summit, it is an opportune moment to reflect on the deepening ties between Somaliland and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Their partnership serves as a compelling example of how nations—regardless of formal recognition—can forge meaningful, mutually beneficial relationships that drive economic growth, enhance regional security, and promote sustainability.

For the past 34 years, Somaliland has navigated numerous challenges while charting its own path towards democratic governance and economic stability. Despite lacking international recognition as a sovereign state, Somaliland has positioned itself as a vital player in the Horn of Africa, supported in large part by strategic investments from the UAE.

### UAE's Role in Somaliland's Economic Development

The UAE has been instrumental in Somaliland's economic progress, investing significantly in key sectors such as infrastructure, ports, energy, and security. According to the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Somaliland is now one of the leading African destinations for UAE foreign direct investment (FDI). This growing investment is essential in strengthening Somaliland's role as a trade and logistics hub in the region.

One of the most notable projects is the \$442 million expansion of Berbera Port, spearheaded by DP World. This transformation has turned Berbera into a modern, world-class port, providing a critical trade gateway not only for Somaliland but also for landlocked Ethiopia, which relies on it for access to global markets.

In addition, the UAE has supported the development of the Berbera Free Zone, designed to attract international businesses and

stimulate economic activity. The Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) has also contributed to the redevelopment of Berbera Airport and the Berbera Corridor Road, further enhancing connectivity and cementing Somaliland's position as a key logistics link between Africa and the Middle East.

### Sustainability and Renewable Energy Initiatives

A crucial aspect of the UAE-Somaliland partnership is their shared commitment to sustainability. The UAE has invested in renewable energy projects, including a 7MW solar energy initiative in Berbera. This project aligns with Somaliland's ambition to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, lower energy costs, and contribute to the global effort against climate change. Additionally, wind energy projects are in development, reinforcing Somaliland's commitment to a greener future.

**Strengthening Regional Security**  
Beyond economic cooperation, the UAE and Somaliland collaborate closely on regional security. Somaliland's strategic location in the Horn of Africa gives it a pivotal role in safeguarding global maritime routes, particularly the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, a crucial passage for international trade.

Somaliland has successfully maintained security within its borders, preventing the spread of extremist groups and contributing to regional stability. By reinforcing its security capabilities, Somaliland not only protects its own people but also plays a vital role in securing international trade routes and addressing broader regional threats.

### The Case for Somaliland's Recognition

Despite its economic and political achievements, Somaliland remains unrecognized by the international community. Yet, under international law, Somaliland meets all the legal criteria for statehood: a permanent population, defined borders, a

functioning government, and the capacity to engage in international relations.

Recognition would enable Somaliland to participate fully in global organizations, attract greater investment, and further enhance regional stability. Somaliland is not asking for aid or charity—it seeks engagement, investment, and recognition, the essential ingredients for a prosperous future.

**A Partnership of Mutual Benefit**  
The UAE-Somaliland partnership is a testament to how meaningful collaboration can flourish even in the absence of formal diplomatic recognition. Somaliland benefits from UAE investment, not just in financial terms but also in expertise, infrastructure, and long-term strategic support.

In return, the UAE strengthens its influence in the Horn of Africa while advancing its economic and security interests. This partnership underscores the potential for innovative diplomatic and economic relationships that defy conventional norms yet yield significant, lasting impact.

**A Blueprint for Future Cooperation**  
As President Irro concludes his engagement at the World Government Summit, the deepening UAE-Somaliland partnership stands as a powerful example of what can be achieved through collaboration based on mutual respect, shared vision, and long-term goals. It demonstrates that even without formal recognition, nations can thrive and achieve sustainable success through pragmatic cooperation and a commitment to common interests. This evolving partnership offers a valuable model for other nations, particularly in Africa and beyond, seeking to drive economic growth, enhance regional stability, and pursue sustainable development.

**About the Author**  
Bashe Awil Omar, Former Somaliland Representative to Kenya and the UAE.

## President Abdirahman Irro meets DP World Foundation-led delegation, top UAE charitable organizations

By M.A. Egge

The President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro held a significantly substantive meeting with a delegation led by the Director General of the DP World Foundation and as well with other top UAE charities organizations in Dubai. A statement posted on the DP World Foundation Facebook page pointed out that the meeting dwelt on the ways and means of exploring further collaborations with the Republic of Somaliland in especially the area of emergency relief.

The statement noted: –

“We had the honor of meeting His Excellency President Abdirahman Irro, President of the Republic of Somaliland, during the World Government Summit. The meeting focused on exploring ways to collaborate between DP World

Foundation and the Republic of Somaliland, particularly in the area of emergency relief.

“Latifa Al Qemzi, Director General of DP World Foundation, led the delegation, joined by Ahmed Darwish Al Muhairi, Director General of the Islamic Affairs and Charitable Activities Department in Dubai (IACAD), Mohammad Musabeh Dhahi, CEO of Charitable Work Sector, Butti Abdulla Al Jumairi, Executive Director of the Corporate Support Sector, and Mohammed Suhail Al Muhairi, Board Member of Dar Al Ber Society.

“We look forward to strengthening our humanitarian partnerships and expanding our relief efforts to address the needs of communities in times of crisis”. END.

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the World Governments Summit in Dubai.

## VP kicks off vet clinics and nutritional supplements campaigns for 500k livestock



By M.A. Egge

The Vice President (and Acting President) His Excellency Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi, on Thursday launched a large-scale project by the Ministry of Livestock and Rural Development general veterinary clinics and supplements campaigns for more than half a million livestock across various areas of Somaliland.

The event held the ministry's headquarters saw the attendances of the minister of Livestock and Agriculture, the Presidential Spokesman, Directors General, vet experts implementing the treatment project, and other distinguished guests.

Speeches were made at the forum based on the importance of livestock for this treatment and how the “Togetherness and Action” administration are committed to developing the country's economic backbone, which is livestock.

The Vice President praised and lauded the Ministry of Livestock for the valuable project that the it is handling, and underpinned the fact

that that the new government is giving special importance to livestock, which is the backbone of livelihood and economy of the people of Somaliland.

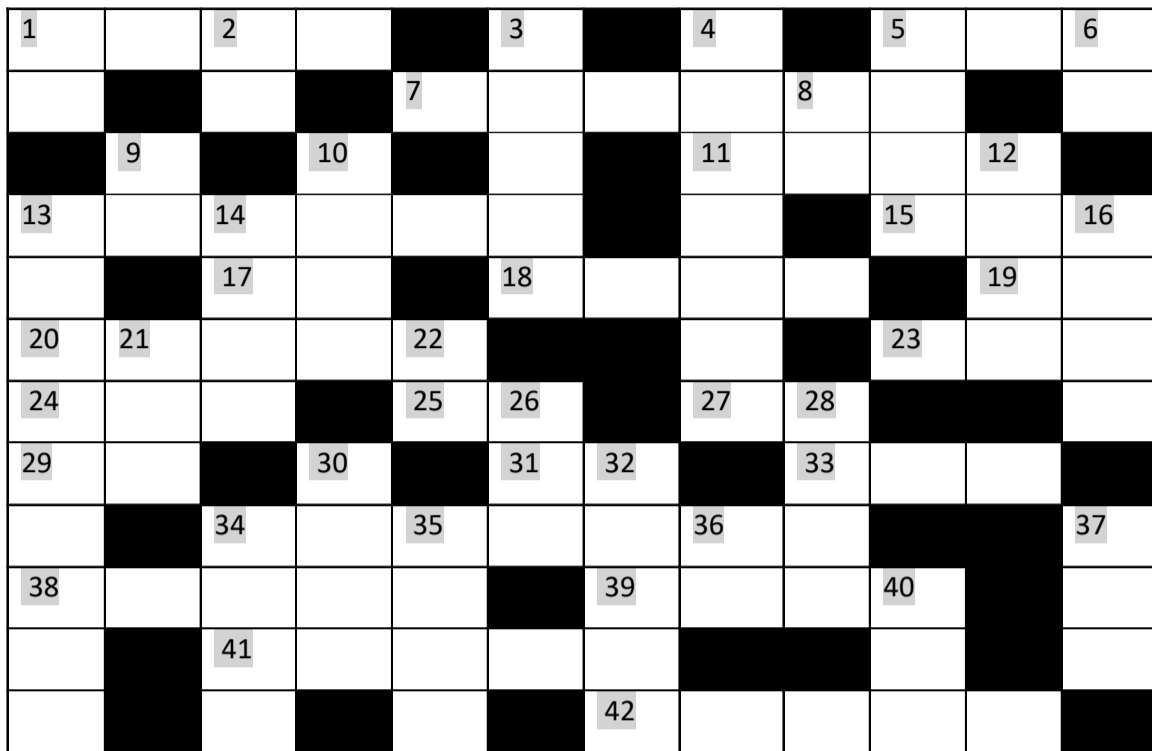
The Minister of Livestock and Rural Development Hon. Omar Shuayb Mohamed, pointed out that the treatment project was part of the government's policy and the actions that the “Togetherness and Action” government intends to implement during the first 100 days of its administration, hence that the project consists of nutrition, anti-parasitic medicines and general treatments of other ailments.

The Minister of Agriculture Development Hon. Mohamoud Egge Yusuf also praised the project, describing it as something to be proud of and much needed during the difficult dry season.

The Director General of the Ministry of Livestock, Mr. Ahmed Osman Farah explained in depth the importance of the clinics and supplements project and how it contributes to the enrichment of livestock and protecting their health.

# THT Puzzle

By: Abdilahi Said



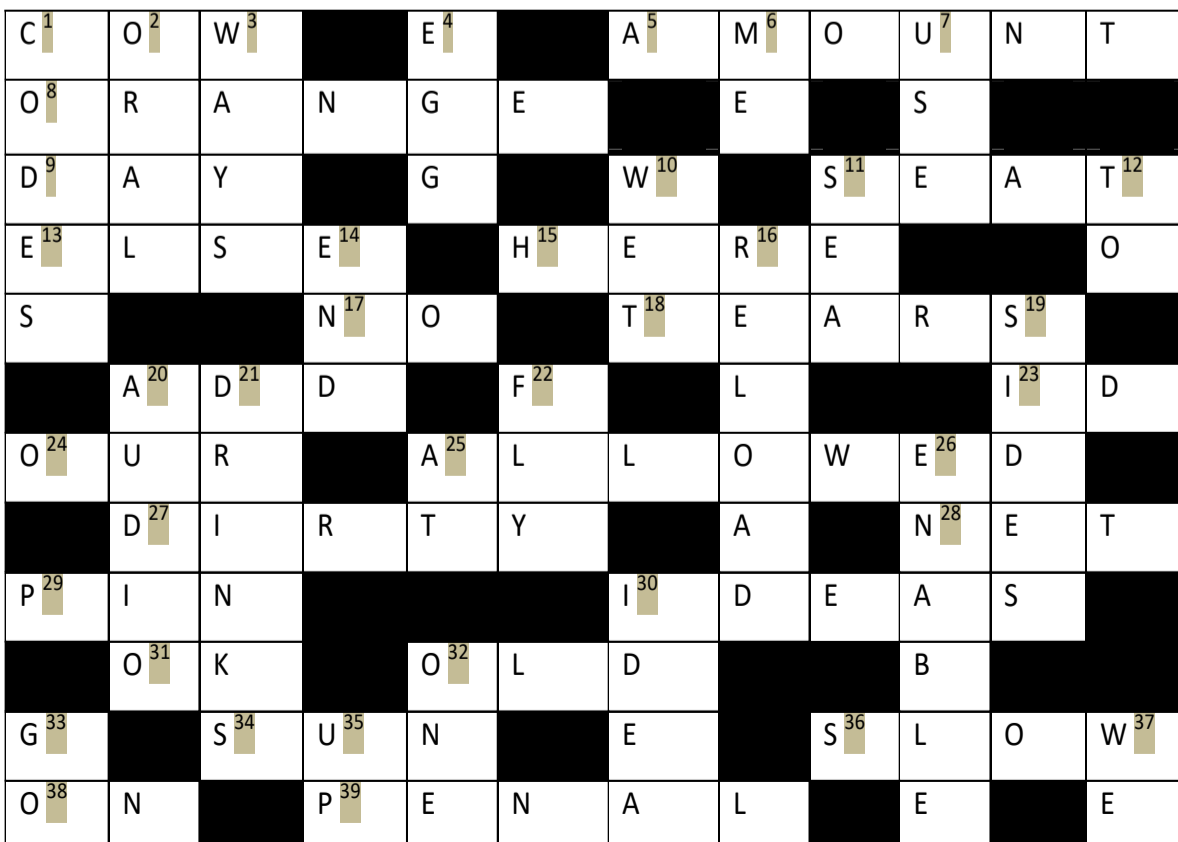
**DOWN**

- 1 Go away
- 2 Okay
- 3 daily bread
- 4 Deleted
- 5 breaks
- 6 No way
- 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
- 23 Not many
- 24 Reddish
- 25 upward
- 27 doctor
- 29 Want ad
- 31 U'S
- 33 Usage
- 34 Not eat
- 38 Locate
- 39 Missed
- 41 Harden
- 42 Juvenile

## Previous Answer



## President back from historic and triumphant WGS 2025 conference



the UAE where he delivered a key-note speech at the World Governments Summit 2025 (WGS 2025) held in Dubai.

He told the nation that soon the country would see tangible fruits borne out of the efforts owing to the limelight earned out of the Dubai visit.

The Head of State was received at the Egal International Airport upon arrival by the Vice President His Excellency Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi hence was escorted to the Presidential Palace, where he addressed the nation about his trip that has been hailed and deemed as historic given its achievements. He elaborated on the nature and crucial importance of the international conference they attended and clearly stated that they were accorded the same equal status as other sovereign nations and countries invited to the conference.

He stated, "We went at the official invitation of our friendly government, the UAE, and we were invited as the Republic of Somaliland and as the President of the Republic of Somaliland."

The President mentioned the scope of the conference and the benefits that Somaliland would reap from it.

He explained, "The conference was a major platform that was launched 12 years ago, which had the leaders of thirty countries, including us, invited, 140 countries represented, 400 ministers in attendance, and 6,000 conference participants".

He continued, "It was a very large platform that brought the world together. There were several opportunities there, one was that we were invited in the name of Somaliland, and we were invited at par with world leaders who were similarly invited in the name of their countries and as leaders, and one was the opportunity we were given was presenting key-note speech conveying to the world and the people at the conference".

President Abdirahman Iro pointed out that as a representative of the people, he conveyed the message and the justified aspiration arguments of the Somaliland people to the rest of the world and the people who attended the conference in particular.

"As your representative as the

people of Somaliland, we conveyed your message to the people who attended the conference, we conveyed justified aspiration arguments to the people who attended the conference and the world as a whole", he stated.

The President emphasized that he merely is a servant entrusted by the populaces to work for, and that the honor of the community he represents is his duty to protect and serve.

He noted, "We are your representatives and servants of the people, the employers are the people and we are employees; and we are glad that we have conveyed the message you gave us, and you will see the fruits of the efforts".

The forum where the President and his delegation were welcomed was attended by various leaders, including the Speakers of both Houses of Parliament, the Senate and the Representatives, members of the cabinet, MPs, service commanders of the various arms of the security forces of the country, clerics, elders, and many other distinguished guests.

The Vice President in his brief welcoming speech stated that the president had participated in the largest conference that Somaliland has ever participated in at the international level, and noted that this success has given special value to the efforts of this nation to become one of the world's governments.

On his part the Minister of Internal Affairs and National Security, Hon. Abdallah Mohamed Arab, welcomed the president and his delegation, and underpinned the fact that the results of that conference have significantly changed the direction that Somaliland has been taking, directing it towards development and recognition.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Suleiman Mohamoud Aden, and the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Saeed Mire Gierre, who spoke in succession, explained in detail the great triumph that the president achieved at the World Governments Summit 2025 conference that he attended in the UAE, and called on the people to support the success of the conference and work with the president and his government.

# Somaliland's Diplomatic Progress in Dubai: A Move Towards Global Recognition- Prof Nassir



By Prof. Nassir Hussein Kahin  
 Recently, the President of Somaliland, Dr. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdirahman "Ciro", achieved a historic milestone by attending the World Government Summit in Dubai, where he received a distinguished presidential welcome. This event marks a crucial step in Somaliland's enduring pursuit of international recognition. This diplomatic engagement not only elevates Somaliland's profile globally but also highlights its ongoing efforts to turn long-focused aspirations for acknowledgment into concrete international backing. Participation in the summit has enhanced Somaliland's visibility and provided an opportunity to directly connect with countries and international bodies that may have previously neglected its political context. The gathering has increased global awareness regarding Somaliland's stability, democratic governance, and economic possibilities, thereby reinforcing its narrative of self-rule, democratic credentials and sovereignty. Such visibility is vital for a region that, despite its established governance structures and peaceful electoral processes, remains unrecognized internationally. The warm reception from the United Arab Emirates, along with the involvement of DP World—a prominent international port operator with significant investments

in Somaliland's strategic Berbera Port—demonstrates the strengthening diplomatic and economic links between the two parties. These relationships could enhance Somaliland's standing in the eyes of other nations, potentially leading to greater support from global powers. The UAE's acceptance of Somaliland is part of a broader regional strategy that combines economic interests with a commitment to fostering stability in the volatile Horn of Africa region. However, President Ciro, is well aware of the regional dynamics which add complexity to the situation. Somaliland's long-standing positive relations with Ethiopia, contribute another layer of intricacy and the president confirmed that the MOU agreement with Ethiopia will be finalized by the end of this year despite the recent Ankara Agreement mediated by Turkey between Ethiopia and Somalia. Continued interactions among Somaliland, Ethiopia, and the UAE would definitely encourage other countries to reconsider Somaliland's bid for recognition, based on its stability which is advantageous for regional security and trade. Nonetheless, Somaliland's diplomatic progress unfolds amidst Somalia's ongoing claims of "sovereignty". Mogadishu regards these diplomatic endeavors as threats to its "territorial integrity" but

by now it is too weak and schizophrenic. It should by now, realize its attempts to respond with continued resistance is nothing more than an exercise in Einstein's definition of insanity. Asked about any future prospects for international recognition, President Ciro said he believes that the Trump Administration will likely be the first to do so. Whatever the case, President Ciro, a seasoned diplomat, knows well how to maneuver carefully over the intricate geopolitical chess-games involved, where any possibility of formal recognition must be approached cautiously in light of enduring regional power plays and conflicts. With President Ciro's leadership, so far, Somaliland has managed to continue leveraging its burgeoning relationships with increased diplomatic visibility which it now possesses, paving the way for formal recognition soon, irregardless of Hassan Sheikh's illusion of "territorial integrity, sovereignty, One Somalia policy and Somali Unity," a foregone illusive dream. Despite such distractions, designed to deflect Somalia's status in the world as a failed state, the successful participation in the summit has already instilled a sense of national pride among Somaliland's populace, reinforcing their belief in their government's narrative of self-governance and the validity of their quest for recognition.

## Government stops imports of left-sided passenger door buses

By M.A. Egge  
 The Somaliland government has stopped importing buses with left-sided doors. A decree issued by the Minister of Transport and Road Development H.E. Osman Nour Af-gaab, issued the order prohibiting the import of buses with left-sided passenger doors on Wednesday. In the Republic of Somaliland, most public transport vehicles have left-sided doors and almost all vehicles

reached our desk, stated as follows:  
 —  
 "I have decided that buses with left-sided passenger doors and mini-buses with doors on both sides, cannot be imported into the country nor would customs tax be allowed for them as per the directives notice of this letter.  
 "Therefore, anyone who infringes the instructions contained herein would be held responsible and subjected to legal action in accordance with the case". END.

### SOMALILAND TRADE MARK - CAUTIONARY NOTICE

# BUDWEISER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above trade mark is the trade mark of ANHEUSER-BUSCH, LLC, a Corporation organised and existing under the Laws of the State of Missouri, United States of America of One Busch Place, St. Louis, Missouri 63118, United States of America

and is used in connection with:

**Class 32:** Non-alcoholic malt-based beverage.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that legal proceedings will be taken against any person or company who uses the said trade mark or any imitations thereof or who otherwise infringes the rights of the said company.

### SOMALILAND TRADE MARK - CAUTIONARY NOTICE



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above trade mark is the trade mark of NESREEN GIDA LIMITED SIRKETI, a Turkiye Corporation of BASPINAR (ORGANIZE) OSB MAH. O.S.B. 5. BOLGE 83570 NOLU CAD. 5 SEHITKAMIL/GAZIANTEP

and is used in connection with:

**Class 30:** Coffee, cocoa; coffee or cocoa based beverages, chocolate based beverages; pasta, noodles; pastries and bakery products based on flour; desserts based on flour and chocolate; bread, sugar, cube sugar, powdered sugar; tea, iced tea; confectionery, chocolate, biscuits, crackers, wafers; chewing gums; ice-cream, edible ices; salt; cereal-based snack food, popcorn, crushed oats, corn chips, breakfast cereals, processed wheat for human consumption, crushed barley for human consumption, processed oats for human consumption, processed rye for human consumption, rice; molasses for food.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that legal proceedings will be taken against any person or company who uses the said trade mark or any imitations thereof or who otherwise infringes the rights of the said company.

### CAUTIONARY NOTICE TRADE MARK – SOMALILAND

# EMPIRE GOLD SEAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above trade mark is the trade mark of: MEDI plus TEC Medizinisch-technische Handelsgesellschaft mbH, a company with limited liability under the laws of Germany of Baerler Str. 100, 47441 Moers, Germany and are used in connection with: Tobacco products (luxury products), in particular cigarettes and filter cigarettes; cigars and cigarillos; articles for use with tobacco; matches; tobacco sticks; tobacco products for the purpose of being heated; electrical and electronic devices for heating tobacco products, in particular tobacco sticks, as well as tobacco substitutes; electric cigarettes; electronic cigarettes; cigarette cases; cleaning devices and cleaning brushes for electric and electronic cigarettes; liquid solutions and liquid solutions with nicotine for electric and electronic cigarettes; ashtrays.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that legal proceedings will be taken against any person or company who uses the said trade mark or any imitations thereof or who otherwise infringes the rights of the said company.