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The Vice President His Excellency Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi has graced a most significant event of the nationalization of the first batch of the units of local tribal militia at Erigavo in the Sanaag region; which has been a priority issue for the President himself H.E. Abdirahman

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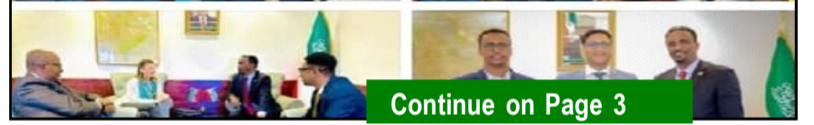
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Mohamed Abdillahi Irro.

The event is indeed a milestone one in the history of the nation in as far as pacification and peaceful stability is concerned, and marks the first phase in the stages of absorbing the militia and their hardware into mainstream national service.

Other units will subsequently be consolidated too.

The Head of State had all long promised in his political campaigns

as he vied for the presidency to have all local tribal civilian militias in the country absorbed and become part and parcel of the main security arms of the nation.

Upon swearing in he repeated his pledges, constituted a national peace commission and at last dispatched his deputy to the eastern parts of the country in pursuit of the noble cause that culminated in the event on Saturday.

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first part of the Civilian Army." Vice President of the Republic of Somaliland

The VP and the delegation he led on their working trip to Sanaag Region where they have been for the best part of the past week welcomed the newly absorbed troops, their combat gears and hardware hence congratulated them for their patriotism.

The occasion was attended by several cabinet ministers, the chief of defense staff, the regional governor, MPs, customary traditional leaders and numerous eminent personalities from the region.

According to Presidential Spokesman Hussein Deyr, the occasion once more is a testament of the WADDANI administration government dubbed "togetherness and Action" fulfilling the promises and pledges they had given the populaces during the campaigns in its first 100 days.

## CSC provides state with recommendations addressing temporary workers' issue

meeting held on Thursday.

So too has he state announced the implementation of GST on telecommunications services. It was part of major discussions during the cabinet meeting.

The weekly meeting of the council of the cabinet ministers, chaired by the President of the Republic of Somaliland, His Excellency Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro, discussed and focused on key issues of priority for the nation, which according to a press release by the Presidential Spokesman Hussein Deyr went as follows: -

\* First, the Council heard a detailed report from the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, a member of the Task Force recently appointed by the President to advise on the issue of temporary workers. The Chairman of the Civil Service Commission provided the Council with the Committee's recommendations to manage the issue of temporary workers.

\* The Council also heard a report from the Minister of Finance and Economic Development, a member of the Task Force recently appointed by the President to advise on the implementation and implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

\* The Minister of Planning and National Development briefed the Council on the decisions and recommendations of the well-organized High-Level Forum (HLDCF) that brought together the Government of Somaliland, Donors and International Development Stakeholders. This meeting, which was of particular importance to the Somaliland Government, presented the priorities of the Somaliland



Government, which were well received by the international development stakeholders who were present at the National Level Forum.

\* The Minister of Water Resources Development also briefed the Council on the progress of the Ministry's activities and the need for a unified government approach to reforming the country's water agencies under the Ministry, in terms of administration, production and supplies, and quality of their work.

\* The Minister of Public Works, Housing and Lands also gave the Council a long briefing on how to nationally protect the quality of government buildings, and monitor and follow up on construction projects owned by the Government of Somaliland. The Minister also reported on the latest efforts by the Government to assist those affected by the fire that engulfed the Idaa'ada Market.

\* The Minister of the Ministry of Investment and Industrial Development shared with the Cabinet the latest information on the development of investment in the

country and said that leading and coordinating investment issues is the responsibility of his Ministry, and therefore, other Ministries need to support and work closely with them to grow the economy and investment in the country.

\* The Minister of the Ministry of Education, Training and Science gave the Cabinet a detailed report on the decisions and statements that emerged from the National Conference on Vocational and Professional Education held at the Ambassador Hotel on 26-27/02/2025. On the other hand, the Minister distributed copies of the National Education Policy to the Cabinet for the Ministers to peruse and then approve.

\* Finally, the President of the Republic of Somaliland, His Excellency Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi, has instructed the Council of Ministers to prepare, coordinate and implement important and proactive issues for the WADDANI administration government dubbed "Togetherness and Action", the goals for the first 100 days of the Government.

## Somaliland national flag flies at major international conference summit in Addis Ababa



at an invitation that had all the trappings of statehood.

The major conference in Addis Ababa, the Youth of Africa that had African nations with their respective flags in attendance, witnessed Somaliland's participation courtesy of formal invitation to the country.

Pictures of the flags of Somalia and Somaliland placed side by side at the conference venue, where the flags of the African countries participating in the conference are located, gripped the internet with abuzz.

The photos posted on social media also went viral on the internet, further reinforcing the emboldened high status Somaliland has been in the international limelight in the recent weeks.

The step and gesture of inviting the

Republic of Somaliland to the international conference of World Governments Summit at Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates was quite profound.

Somaliland's President was invited as a Head of State hence given priority as a key-note speaker.

It was remarkable and quite notable that even the UAE government news agency WAM termed President Abdirahman Irro as "the President of the Republic of Somaliland."

It is worth mentioning that Somaliland's invitation to the Addis Ababa Africa Youth Conference comes as Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed arrived in Mogadishu on Thursday for talks with Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, which focused on strengthening reconciliation efforts between their countries.

## National Army Commander visits military out-posts in Sanaag



A delegation that he leads comprises several divisional and high ranking section commanders. The purpose of the trip is procedural inspection of the forces and their situation and welfare, and general

monitoring.

It is believed that the commander and his delegation would be in the eastern regions of the country in the coming days hence would tour all military out-posts in the region.

# Ministry of Finance Introduces Simplified Tax Filing System for Somaliland Communities



implementing the provisions of the Financial Management Law No. 75/2016 and the Electronic Collection Procedure Law No. 01/2024, and keeping in mind the need to modernize and simplify revenue collection, it has recently introduced a system to make the GR tax declaration form printable on a computer, using the Integrated Financial Management Information System (FMIS). The statement added that the new system has been fully implemented in the Finance Offices of the Ministry of Commerce, and will soon be implemented in all revenue collection offices of the ministry to reduce the backlog as in previous manual system.

on their Facebook page on Wednesday the 26th February, the Treasury noted that “based on the importance of implementing the Public Finance Management Reform Program (PFM),

# Somaliland Minister of Foreign Affairs Receives International Diplomats

By M.A. Egge

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Somaliland Hon. Abdirahman Dahir Adan Bakaal, accompanied by the Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Mohamed Abdirahman, received several diplomats from France, Canada and the United Kingdom in his office.

The Minister and the delegation from Canada and Europe discussed ways to strengthen bilateral relations and cooperation, as well as further strengthening the cooperation between Somaliland and the said countries, which are close friends. During the meeting, the Minister also briefed the delegation on the foreign policy and the peoples’ aspirations and the government’s commitment to obtaining official recognition for the country, inviting the diplomats to justifiably join in and participate in the efforts.

For their part, the delegations from Canada and Europe welcomed the ability and transparency of the



Somaliland Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ policy and its commitment to achieving the country’s goals, and pledged to participate in whatever is needed.

Since the swearing in of the WADDANI administration government that installed President Abdirahman Irro as the new head of state, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Somaliland have stepped up diplomatic rapports both intensively and extensively to tangibly chart its

way forward hence practically rekindled and revitalized foreign relations.

The same vigour of administrative transparency, accountability and diligence within the public sector management has been equally stepped-up across all government institutions.

Endearing the government to the state through public rapport has also seen being bolstered all in the name of peaceful stability, unity and development.

# Telesom Group donates \$250,000 to victims of Ida’ada market fire



The Telesom Group has donated \$250,000 to victims of the fire that had razed down the Ida’ada open air market recently.

In an event held on Thursday attended by the chairman of the national committee charged with the task of addressing the disaster, Minister of Public Works and Housing Hon. Hussein Ahmed Aideed, and Telesom officials, the company handed over \$250,000 to the national committee for supporting the fire victims.

Telesom Group Deputy Chairman Mr. Mohamoud Abdirahman Gadyare, who addressed the occasion, said that the company was always ready to participate in causes that help alleviate suffering of the members of the public especially during their hour of need. “Similar fires and blazes rampant that have repeatedly damaged

businesses and our economy has been recurrent”, he observed, and advised, “we therefore imperatively need to delve into the matter and pinpoint the causes hence preventive measures should be put in place”.

The market happened to be one of the busiest in the capital city of Hargeisa.

This is not the first time that the Telesom Group has participated in aiding after similar disasters that have the country and its people.

The Telesom have made significant contributions beforehand to such afflictions, namely the monumental blaze disaster at the Waaheen Market in Hargeisa, the fires at Wajaale market, and even that of the Taiwan Market in Jigjiga. The telecommunications giant noted that it their duty to eke in support at such times of need hence that they would continue to support and assist the community.

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# Ethiopia and Somalia leaders meeting strengthens economic ties of the Region-Dahabshiil CEO



Dahabshiil CEO Abdirashid Duale highlights growing optimism in the regional business community, emphasizing Dahabshiil’s operations in both countries and globally.

We are excited about the opportunities ahead as ongoing engagements between PM Abiy Ahmed Ali and Somalia President Hassan Sheik Mohamud strengthen economic ties, boosting trade and growth across the region and beyond.

Dahabshiil expects to capitalize on the strengthened economic ties between Ethiopia and Somalia, driven by the recent high-level engagements between Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed and President

Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, to expand its operations and enhance trade across the Horn of Africa and globally.

The company anticipates growth opportunities in the regional business community, leveraging its presence in both countries to facilitate increased trade and investment, particularly as regional integration addresses challenges like food security in the Horn of Africa. Dahabshiil’s optimism is bolstered by the backdrop of Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed’s visit to Mogadishu, and signals a commitment to bilateral cooperation in security, trade, and diplomacy, creating a favorable environment for business expansion.

## Opinion | Abiy Ahmed's Visit to Mogadishu: A Diplomatic Dance or a Shift Away from Somaliland? Amb Bashe A. Omer



The recent visit of Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed to Mogadishu has once again sparked speculation about Ethiopia's position on Somaliland. With the January 1, 2024, MoU still fresh in everyone's minds, many are wondering whether Ethiopia is shifting its stance. The agreement suggested that Ethiopia might recognize Somaliland in exchange for access to the Red Sea, so Abiy's visit to Somalia has raised a few eyebrows.

However, looking at the situation more closely, it's clear that Ethiopia is not walking away from its engagement with Somaliland. Instead, Abiy's trip to Mogadishu looks more like a diplomatic balancing act—reassuring Somalia while keeping Ethiopia's long-term strategic interests firmly in place.

With June 2026 marking the end of his term, Somalia's President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud is eager to solidify his position ahead of the next election. Strengthening ties with Ethiopia is one way to achieve this, especially as Somalia's diplomatic relations with key regional players have remained fragile.

The Ethiopia-Somaliland MoU caught Mogadishu off guard and left Hassan Sheikh scrambling for a response. The agreement was a big win for Somaliland, giving it direct engagement with Ethiopia. But more importantly, it highlighted a truth that Mogadishu has long tried to ignore—Somalia has no real influence over

Somaliland. By hosting Abiy in Mogadishu, Hassan Sheikh is trying to show that Somalia is still a key player in the region. He has reached out to Turkey, the Arab League, and the African Union, pushing them to help reverse Ethiopia's agreement with Somaliland. But despite his efforts, no real action has been taken to change the situation.

For Abiy Ahmed, this visit wasn't about choosing sides—it was about keeping Ethiopia's options open. One of his key goals is to extend Ethiopia's military presence in Somalia under ATMIS (formerly AMISOM). Ethiopia sees its troops in Somalia as an important security tool, helping to counter threats like Al-Shabaab while also maintaining influence in Mogadishu.

At the same time, Ethiopia has not renounced its MoU with Somaliland. Abiy is keeping both Mogadishu and Hargeisa engaged, ensuring that Ethiopia has multiple options when it comes to securing access to the sea. This approach allows Ethiopia to stay flexible while avoiding direct conflict with either side. Despite all the political maneuvering, one thing remains clear—Somaliland is still Ethiopia's most stable and reliable regional partner.

Unlike Somalia, which continues to struggle with instability, Somaliland has built a functioning democracy, maintained peace, and held multiple elections. It has done what Mogadishu has yet to

achieve—creating a secure and self-governing state.

More importantly, Somaliland offers Ethiopia something no other regional player can—a reliable trade route through Berbera Port. As a landlocked country, Ethiopia needs stable and long-term access to international markets. Berbera provides a secure and strategic solution that Ethiopia simply cannot ignore.

Given all this, it's hard to see Ethiopia walking away from its MoU with Somaliland. Even as Abiy seeks to manage his relationship with Somalia, Somaliland remains a key part of Ethiopia's long-term strategy.

Abiy Ahmed's visit may have caused speculation, but the facts haven't changed—Ethiopia has not abandoned its agreement with Somaliland. Instead, Ethiopia is carefully navigating its relationships with both sides, making sure it doesn't close any doors prematurely.

For Somaliland, this means the road to recognition is still open. The world is slowly starting to a c k n o w l e d g e Somaliland's stability, governance, and economic potential. As long as Somaliland remains proactive, strengthens its diplomatic ties, and builds strong regional alliances, recognition is just a matter of time.

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## ICRC launches the Ramadan Food Assistance to Detainees



The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is launching its annual Ramadan food assistance to detainees. The assistance has begun in places of detention in both Hargeisa and Las Anod.

Over the next four weeks, each detainee in the different facilities will receive an individual food package, while the detention facilities' kitchens will be provided with rations. Goats are also being provided.

The distribution is happening concurrently in both Hargeisa Central Prison and Las Anod Central Prison.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) launches Ramadan food assistance programs for detainees, particularly in places like Somalia and Somaliland, to ensure that individuals deprived of their liberty can observe the holy month of Ramadan with dignity and humanity. This initiative aligns with the ICRC's broader mission to uphold humane treatment and respect the rights of detainees worldwide, regardless of the reasons for their detention.

The primary reasons for this program include:

1. **Respect for Cultural and Religious Significance:** Ramadan is a sacred time for Muslims, marked by fasting, prayer, and reflection. The ICRC recognizes its importance to detainees, their families, and communities, ensuring they are not excluded from participating in this tradition. By providing food such as dates, goat meat, rice, beans, milk, and tea—items commonly used to break the fast (iftar)—the ICRC enables detainees to maintain their religious practices.

2. **Ensuring Humane Treatment:** The ICRC's core mandate includes monitoring and improving the living conditions of detainees. In regions facing challenges like drought or conflict, such as Somalia, detainees often endure harsh circumstances, including inadequate nutrition. The Ramadan food assistance supplements their diet, alleviating hardship and supporting their physical well-being during a month of fasting.

3. **Symbolic Gesture of Solidarity:** The program serves as a gesture of compassion and inclusion, reminding detainees that they are not forgotten during this significant period. It fosters a sense of community and hope, which is especially critical in detention settings where isolation and despair can prevail.

4. **Addressing Local Context:** In Somalia and Somaliland, for instance, recurring droughts and economic difficulties exacerbate food insecurity, making external support vital. The ICRC tailors its assistance to these conditions, ensuring detainees have sufficient resources to observe Ramadan when local authorities may struggle to provide adequately.

This initiative has become a recurring effort in many regions, reflecting the ICRC's long-standing commitment—since the 19th century—to support detainees, particularly during times of cultural or religious importance. It's part of a broader effort that includes regular prison visits, advocacy for better conditions, and facilitating family contact, all aimed at preserving detainees' dignity.

## President Abdirahman Irro in consultative tête-à-tête with 3rd President Rayaale



By M.A. Egge

The President of the Republic of Somaliland, His Excellency Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro received in his office at the Presidential Palace the 3rd President of the Republic of Somaliland, His Excellency Dahir Rayaale Kahin.

The meeting exuded mutual respect, goodwill and openness, as the duo were immersed in consultative tête-à-tête that discussed extensively the developmental progress of the Republic of Somaliland in terms of

peace, stability, economic development, governance and democracy.

The Head of State expressed his gratitude to the celebrated and highly respected 3rd President H.E. Dahir Rayaale Kahin, for his unforgettable pivotal role he played in bolstering formidable institutional governance and establishing the pioneering electoral process that the country is cherishing and currently enjoying, in terms of security, development and democracy.

According to a press release by the

Presidential Spokesman Hussein Deyr, the meeting between the two Presidents is a testament to the collaboration on issues that are of priority for the future of the Somaliland nation and the unity of our people.

The consultative meeting between the two Presidents underscores how the leaders of the Republic of Somaliland, past and present, have always been committed to building a prosperous and inclusive nation, while respecting and learning from the legacy left by the previous leadership of the nation.

## VP emphasizes on need for national cohesion and concerted efforts of achieving peaceful stability



By M.A. Egge

The Vice President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi has emphasized the imperative need of fostering, maintaining, and indeed upholding, peaceful stability and tranquil coexistence and harmonious setting within the societies of Somaliland.

The VP, who is on a high-profile pacification mission in the eastern region of Sanaag, expressed his sentiments as he addressed the Muslim congregation at the observance of the Friday Jumma Prayers at the Erigavo Jamia

Mosque.

While underscoring the importance of the essence of peace in communal and national setting and basically for humanity, the VP reiterated once again the commitment of the WADDANI administration government dubbed "Togetherness and Action" to seeing to it that peaceful tranquility and national unity takes precedence and flourishes across the country and particularly to initiate and implement major development projects in the region.

He urged the people of Sanaag as

a whole to work concertedly together for peace and development in both Erigavo city and the region.

Earlier in the day the VP who was accompanied by the Commander of the National Armed Forces, the Regional Governor and the Deputy Mayor of Erigavo, spent some time joining the members of the public in one of the town's restaurants sipping tea while chatting about the general situation of the area, importance of peaceful tranquility and the imperative need to have concerted efforts exerted to work towards peace and development.

## President Abdirahman Irro calls for compassion and unity in his Holy Month of Ramadan greetings to the nation



By M.A. Egge

The President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro has called for compassion and forgiveness, and unity and solidarity to take precedence.

The message by the Head of State to Somalilanders wherever they are, and to Muslims as a whole, was contained in his congratulatory message and greetings on the eve of the beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan which has just started following the sighting of the moon ushering in the month.

The message of the President read as follows: -

"In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

"On my behalf and on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Somaliland, I hereby send my warmest congratulations to all the

people of Somaliland, both within the country and those in the Diaspora, and to all other Muslim people living around the world, on the occasion of the beginning of the blessed Holy Month of Ramadan.

"I urge all the people of Somaliland to take advantage of this precious opportunity of the blessed month of Ramadan to bring about acts of worship, forgiveness, charity, and compassion, which will strengthen the unity and solidarity of our society. "Likewise, we ask Allah SWT to accept the fasting, prayers, and good deeds of all the Muslim Ummah during the Holy Month of Ramadan and to bear with the difficulties and challenges facing the Muslim Ummah". END.

H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro,  
The President of the Republic of Somaliland.

## President urges both local and foreign entrepreneurs to invest in Somaliland agricultural sector

By M.A. Egge

The President of the Republic of Somaliland, His Excellency Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro on Wednesday urged the country's top entrepreneurs and foreign ones too, to invest in Somaliland's agricultural sector for it had a lot of opportunities.

The President made the appeal as he opened the Somaliland Farmers Conference that focused on the indispensable role of agriculture in development and the economy.

The conference is aimed at encouraging farmers to increase their production, in order to avoid dependence on imported subsistence farm produce.

At the conference, organized by the Ministry of Agricultural Development, the President delivered an esteemed and worthwhile speech emphasizing on the importance of domestic production for the development of the nation.

He disclosed the fact that his administration is formulating national plans to increase agricultural production in the country and also bolster agricultural techniques.

He said, "The government is

formulating a plan to develop agriculture and strengthen its production and also establish high schools to teach agricultural sciences hence provide farmers with training to improve their knowledge of modern farming, pest control, climate change adaptation, and to develop economic infrastructure such as roads so that they can transport their products to domestic markets."

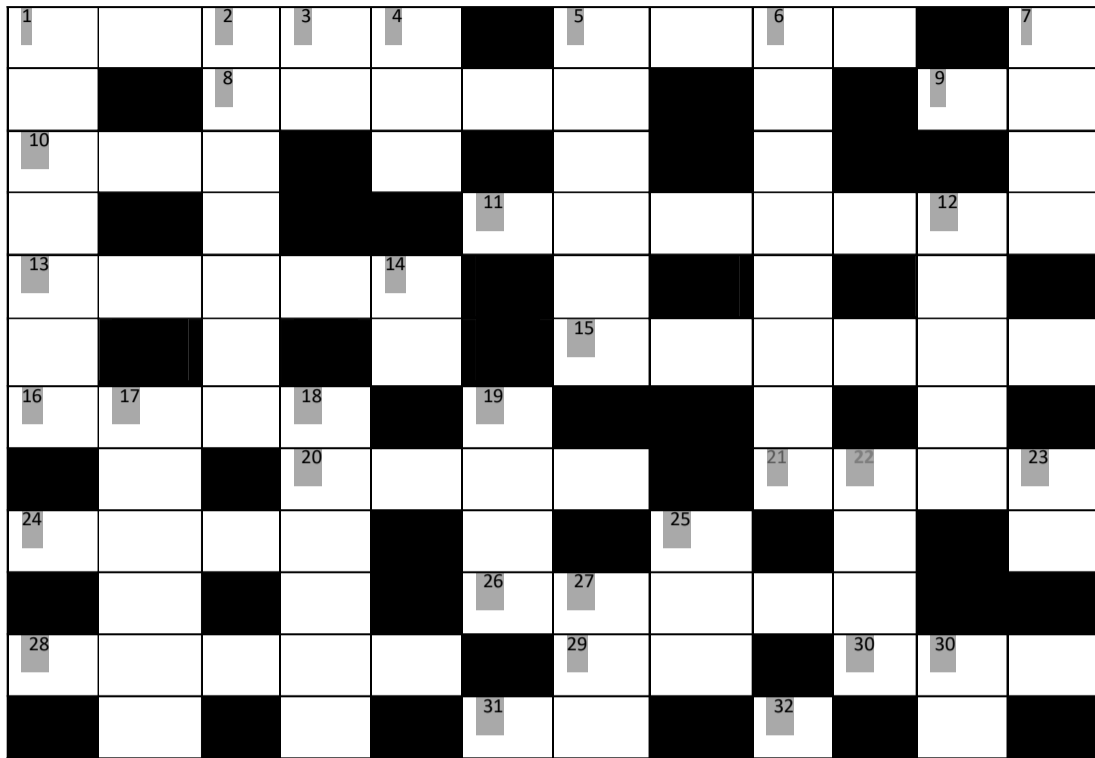
The President called upon the nation's top entrepreneurs to invest in agriculture, in order to increase domestic production, and that it had a lot of opportunities.

He urged them, "There are great opportunities for investment in agriculture in Somaliland and we encourage businessmen to invest in agriculture and industries that process agricultural crops. We also welcome foreign investment in agriculture."

Earlier on the same day President Abdirahman Irro launched a symposium conference on the promoting, establishing and fledging of TVET school programmes in the nation.

# THT Puzzle

By: Abdilahi Said



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## Ethiopian Airlines awards top-selling Somaliland Travel Agencies



Ethiopian Airlines Hargeisa awards top-selling travel agencies an event held in Hargeisa. An award was presented to the most productive office at an event attended by Ethiopian Airlines management and travel agencies.

A statement posted on Ethiopian Airline Hargeisa's Twitter account read as follows: On 24 February, we conducted our annual event for our top-selling travel agencies in 2024. Representatives of more than 40 Travel Agencies attended.

### "Establishment and Implementation of the Commission for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities..." Jama I. Awad

"Implementation of a law prohibiting any form of discrimination against the rights of persons with disabilities."

Somaliland's Disabilities advocate Jama Ibrahim Awad has asked the President of the Republic of Somaliland Abdirahman Mohamed Abdilahi (Abdirahman-Irro) to appoint him as the President's adviser on Somaliland's disability issues.

A senior scholar, Jama Ibrahim Awad, who is one of the disabled people in Somaliland, especially those who were lucky enough to get an education in the past, sent a message to the President of Somaliland, Abdirahman Mohamed Abdilahi (Adirahman-Irro) who pointed out that people with disabilities who have the same rights and rights as other people who have rights and who have full representation in the new government of national interest, as a result, Jama who is a scholar with experience and work experience of several thirty year, he kindly asked his president to appoint him as the President's adviser on Somaliland's disability issues. to eliminate the previous lack of connection between people with disabilities and their president.

An open letter containing the message of a senior scholar, Jama Ibrahim Awad, to the new President of Somaliland, Abdirahman Mohamed Abdilahi, a copy of which reached the #HayaanNews website today, in detail it reads as follows:

"Today, which is the 8th of January 2025, I am sending a message to the President of JSL, Mr. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdilahi Irro. Mr. President, my name is Jama Ibrahim Awad. I am one of the disabled people of JSL who were lucky enough to study early.

I have a university degree. I specialize in community development projects and the protection of human rights. I have 30 years of work experience. I have worked in International Organizations, National and Government Organizations and I have been a consultant. In addition to these jobs, campaigning for the rights of disabled people was one of my most important jobs that I worked as a volunteer during Somaliland's existence.

In any case, since 2017, I have been part of the Wadani party led by you,

devoting my time to help the Wadani party win the government of the country so that the changes I wanted come true. As a disabled person and a man with children who needs money to manage the life and education of his children, I still endured the situation of unemployment, believing that when you win the position, I will enter the good days that I expected to come. Unfortunately, since the day we won the office, every possible way has been used to deliver my CV or my message or to meet you, which I have the right to do as other citizens have the right. Unfortunately it was not possible for me due to the discrimination we have always faced and the circumstances of my disability.

Therefore, I saw that the independent press that I am talking to today is the only way that I can convey my message to you as president. Mr. President, the message I am conveying to you here is to tell you that I will not be unemployed even for a day, a month or more after today because I am responsible for a large family with many children who need life and education. I am

In order for me to have a job opportunity to meet my children's living and educational needs, I respectfully request you to do one of 2 things as soon as possible:

1) To appoint me as the President's Adviser on JSL Disability issues. This is a position that we as disabled people did not have before. President Muse Bihi appointed a late one of us who passed away recently and the term of your presidency was vacant. I consider myself to be the most knowledgeable person who can work with you to make a big difference in the lives of people with disabilities during your tenure.

**Mr. President, if you appoint me to this position, I will help your government to ensure the following during your tenure:**

- ✓ That Somaliland fully prevent all things that cause Disability which is increasing day by day the number of people with disabilities.
- ✓ Development of quality rehabilitation and health services that enable people with disabilities to participate fully in all social, economic and political issues.
- ✓ Creating environments and facilities that people with disabilities

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can use as easily as others to participate in all the opportunities that exist in our country.  
 ✓ Implementation of legislation prohibiting any form of discrimination against the rights of persons with disabilities.  
 ✓ Development of education for disabled people so that all schools and universities in our country can accommodate disabled and non-disabled people equally in the future.  
 ✓ The establishment and implementation of the Commission for the Protection of the Rights of

Persons with Disabilities which will be the National Agency responsible for all disability issues in the future.  
 ✓ Access to justice before the law as people with disabilities will have access to lawyers who can use sign language for the hearing impaired.  
 ✓ Strengthening the organizations of disabled people to advocate for their rights and help those in need.  
 Mr. President, I am very worried that the change that you led and I elected you will remove the position appointed by the recently deposed president, Muse Bihi Abdi. This position was a long struggle for us if

we are disabled.  
 We consider this important position to enable us to connect with the presidency if we are disabled people. Mr. President, we are very worried that the change you led will eliminate the only position we have as disabled people, which was the President's Commissioner for Disability Affairs. This issue became apparent to us when you recently appointed Mujahid Ali Gurey as your adviser on social issues, including disability issues.  
 Mr. President, do you want your social affairs advisor to be your

general practitioner of all social concerns of Somaliland including health, education, justice, disability and many other issues. How can one person advise you on all these issues.  
 Mr. President, I recommend that you appoint me as your adviser on disability issues because I am the person who knows what the disabled need and how to deal with their issues.  
 2. If the president does not make it possible for you and you want everyone in your government to represent the tribe as is our tradition,

I am asking you to appoint me to be one of the general directors or other positions in other organizations that you will appoint in the near upcoming future. All in all, I propose to you to appoint me as one of the Director Generals of your Government to represent my Clan called "Sacadyoonis), which you have not yet appointed any position to them so far."  
**Mr. Jama Ibrahim Awad.**  
**Advocate of People with Disabilities of Somaliland**  
**Disability Inclusion Technical Expert**

## Invitation for Bids [IFB] Goods (One-Envelope Bidding Process)

**IFB Number:** RFB001/2025  
**Purchaser:** Ministry of Finance, Somaliland Government  
**Project:** Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project  
**Contract title:** Purchase of Heavy-duty Cargo Scanner  
**Country:** Government of Somaliland  
**Loan No. / Grant No.:** 5900155018607  
**Procurement Method:** Open Competitive Bidding (International) (OCBI)/(LCB)  
**OCBI No:** N/A  
**Issued on:** 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2025

- The Government of Somaliland has received financing from the African Development Fund hereinafter called the Bank toward the cost of the Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project (ISEGP), and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Supply and Installation of Heavy-Duty Scanners (Cargo Scanners, Mobile Hand Held Scanners and Barcode Scanners).
  - The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for one heavy duty scanner, and 10 mobile hand-held scanners, at Hargeisa, Somaliland.
  - Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), (OCBI) method as specified in the Bank's Procurement Framework dated 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2016, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.
  - Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Ministry of Finance, PFM Department, email: [procurement@somalilandpfm.org](mailto:procurement@somalilandpfm.org), CC to [hassan@somalilandpfm.org](mailto:hassan@somalilandpfm.org), and inspect the bidding document during office hours from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the address given below PFM Department, Opposite of Ministry of Education and Science.
  - Bids must be delivered to the address below PFM Department, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Hargeisa, and Somaliland on or before 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected. The outer Bid envelopes marked "ORIGINAL BID", and the inner envelopes marked "TECHNICAL PART" will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend, at the address below PFM Department, Ministry of Finance on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 2:00 pm. All envelopes marked "SECOND ENVELOPE: FINANCIAL PART" shall remain unopened and will be held in safe custody of the Purchaser until the second public opening.
- i) The Purchaser shall publish a notice of the public opening of the Financial Parts on its website number <https://slmof.org/>
- ii) Any interested party who wishes to attend the public opening of the Financial Parts may contact the officer named under paragraph 4 above and at the address given under paragraph 9 below and may request to be notified of the location, date and time of the public opening of Financial Parts. The interested party(ies) will be notified by the Purchaser of the date, time and place of opening of Financial Parts provided the request is received within 10 Business days before the deadline for submission of Bids containing Technical and Financial Parts, as stated in paragraph 6 above or any extension thereto.
- All Bids must be accompanied by a "Bid-Securing Declaration".
  - Attention is drawn to the Procurement Framework requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.
  - The address (es) referred to above is (are):  
 PFM Office, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development  
 Ubah Hussein, Procurement Officer  
 Email: [Procurement@somalilandpfm.org](mailto:Procurement@somalilandpfm.org), CC to: [hassan@somalilandpfm.org](mailto:hassan@somalilandpfm.org)  
 Tel: 00-252-63-4194081, or 00-252-63-4475005, Hargeisa, Somaliland

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