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By: MA. Egge.

The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Somaliland, in its meeting held on April 16, 2025, strongly condemned the provocative action taken by the

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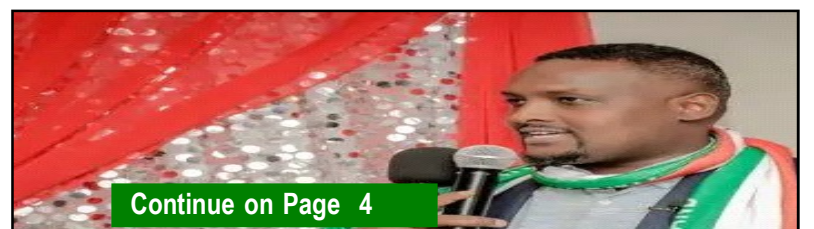
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Prime Minister of Somaliland during his visit to Las Anood on April 12, 2025, which was a violation of international norms and the territorial sovereignty of the Republic of Somaliland.

The Government of the Republic of Somaliland, guided by its peace plan for the Eastern Sool Region, had previously announced a peace initiative on the day the President of Somaliland assumed office, December 12, 2024. It reaffirms that peace remains its top priority, while the defense of Somaliland's nationhood is an inviolable boundary.

Point 1: Somalia Has Completely Abandoned the Path of Peace and Dialogue

The Government of Somalia has openly strayed from the path of peaceful coexistence and dialogue, with the Prime Minister's visit to Las Anood being a deliberate violation of Somaliland's territorial sovereignty. This action was a political provocation and an

incitement to conflict, directly threatening the stability of the Horn of Africa, violating international laws, and undermining the freedom of Somaliland's citizens through unlawful abductions.

Point 2: No Negotiations Exist Regarding the Release of Prisoners

The Somaliland Government explicitly states that no negotiations have taken place with the Government of Somalia concerning the release of prisoners. The prisoners taken by Somalia's Prime Minister to Mogadishu are not prisoners of war. The Somaliland Government views this action as an attempt to mask the political failures of the Somali Government.

Point 3: International Cooperation on Prisoner Exchange and the Role of the ICRC

The Government of the Republic of Somaliland has engaged in discussions with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and ambassadors of friendly nations

to resolve the prisoner issue, in accordance with international laws and procedures governing prisoners. Somaliland is prepared to engage in prisoner exchanges through any process consistent with international prisoner exchange protocols, under the auspices of the ICRC. The Somaliland Government has previously discussed prisoner-related matters with friendly nations, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates.

Point 4: Somaliland's Appeal to the International Community

The Government of the Republic of Somaliland urgently calls on the international community to swiftly respond to the violations committed by the Somali Government in the Eastern Sool Region of Somaliland and to support Somaliland's efforts to restore peace in the region. Somalia's planned incursion into Somaliland threatens the stability of the Horn of Africa and creates opportunities for extremist and terrorist groups, posing a significant risk to peace and progress across the region.

Point 5: Termination of Talks Between Somaliland and Somalia

Given the Somali Government's repeated violations against the Republic of Somaliland territory and the principles underpinning previous dialogues between the two nations, the Somaliland Council of Ministers has decided to withdraw from the ongoing talks with Somalia, effective today, April 16, 2025. The Republic of Somaliland remains steadfast in defending its nationhood and upholding its sovereignty without compromise.

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eastern Sanaag region.

The seized wooden ammunition containers are clearly labeled:

"MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ARMED FORCES - THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA, CONTRACT NO: 1/1/438/1/SOMALIA" — an explosive revelation pointing to the misuse of foreign-supplied military aid originally intended to combat terrorism in Somalia.

On April 18, the Somaliland Ministry of Defense issued a strong condemnation, accusing Mogadishu of sponsoring an unprovoked attack against pastoralist communities in Duurmadare.

The Ministry stated that the assault was orchestrated under the directive of Somalia's Prime Minister, following his politically charged visit to Las Anod.

Intelligence reports suggest the attack was part of a broader effort to stir unrest within Somaliland's traditionally stable borders.

"This aggression is not only a violation of Somaliland's sovereignty but a reckless provocation that undermines peace in the entire region," the Ministry stated. "At a time when we champion security and cooperation, Somalia is fueling instability through proxy militias."

While Somaliland has maintained peace and democratic governance for over three decades, Somalia remains entangled in conflict and extremist violence. Al-Shabaab, the al-Qaeda-affiliated terror group, continues to expand its territorial control and now reportedly threatens the outskirts of

Mogadishu itself. Observers argue that Mogadishu's diversion of military resources from anti-terror operations to political warfare is exacerbating insecurity across the region.

Regional analysts warn that this development could have serious repercussions for international military donors—particularly those who provide arms and funding to Somalia under counter-terrorism frameworks. The Somaliland Ministry has called on global stakeholders, including the United Nations, African Union, and key Western governments, to urgently investigate how Somali-labeled weapons reached insurgents operating outside of internationally accepted mandates.

"This isn't just a localized conflict," said one regional diplomat. "It reflects a disturbing trend where international aid is repurposed for internal political agendas, threatening broader regional security and humanitarian stability."

Somalia is grappling with internal collapse and the growing threat of extremist groups like Al-Shabaab, while Somaliland stands firm as a stable, independent nation committed to peace and regional security. Despite facing mounting pressure from Somalia-backed militias, Somaliland continues to demonstrate responsible leadership and military discipline. This moment presents a vital opportunity for the international community to recognize Somaliland's stability, support its sovereignty, and take decisive action to prevent further destabilization in the Horn of Africa.

Source: Horn Diplomat

Bank of Somaliland delegate attends the 23rd AAOIFI Annual Shari'ah Boards Conference in Bahrain

Boards Conference.

The post by Hon. Hamse A. Khaire on his Twitter (now X) account reads; Honored to lead the Bank of Somaliland delegation to the 23rd AAOIFI Annual Shari'ah Boards Conference in Bahrain. I'm joined by esteemed Shari'ah Board members Sheikh Almis Yahya, Sheikh Ibrahim Hersi, and Sheikh Mohamed Ibrahim. Beyond attending core sessions, we'll be holding strategic side meetings with leading Islamic finance regulators—including the Central

Bank of Bahrain—to deepen cooperation, align with international Shari'ah standards, and advance Somaliland's growing Islamic finance ecosystem. A meaningful step forward on our reform journey.

The delegation, including Shari'ah scholars Sheikh Almis Yahya, Sheikh Ibrahim Hersi, and Sheikh Mohamed Ibrahim, aimed to align Somaliland's Islamic finance ecosystem with international standards through strategic meetings with the Central Bank of Bahrain, a major regulator in Islamic

banking, overseeing \$27.5 billion in Islamic banking assets as of 2023.

This visit reflects Somaliland's broader push for economic reform and international recognition, leveraging Islamic finance—a sector growing at 8.1% annually per the 2023 ICD-REFINITIV Islamic Finance Development Report—to strengthen its financial systems amidst regional challenges like the Berbera Economic Free Zone development.

Presidency Minister Updates House on Government Separation of Powers Law



Mohamoud Walaaleye

The Minister of the Presidency of the Republic of Somaliland, Hon. Khadar Hussein Abdi, appeared before a session of the Somaliland House of Representatives, chaired by the Speaker, Yasin Mahmoud Hiir Faratoon. He provided an explanation regarding amendments and updates to the Law on the Separation of Powers of the

Government and Independent Institutions.

Minister Khadar Hussein Abdi, giving detailed insights to the Members of the Somaliland House of Representatives about the law on the separation of powers between the government and independent institutions, noted that this law defines the boundaries of governmental institutions.

Speaking on the matter, the Minister said, “It is an honor to stand before you to provide details and clarification on the law concerning the separation of powers of the government and independent institutions, which we have requested you to approve for amendments and updates. This law was enacted in 2015, and it serves as the foundation for the structure and definition of the powers, duties, and cooperation between the executive branches of the government, such as ministries and independent institutions.”

The Minister of the Presidency of the Republic of Somaliland, Hon. Khadar Hussein Abdi, further added, “This law clarifies the hierarchy of powers among various institutions and their roles, which has played a significant role in strengthening good governance. However, as we understand, governance and administration in general are not static; they are dynamic processes that constantly evolve. Therefore, it is necessary for laws and policies to adapt to new needs.”

Somaliland Expresses Concern Over Somalia Government’s Abduction of Prisoners from Eastern Sool

areas surrounding the East Sool region where clashes occurred.

A press statement signed by the Minister of Justice, Hon. Yonis Ahmed Yonis, stated:

The Somalia government has blatantly violated international laws, including regional (African) regulations, particularly the Third Geneva Convention (1949) concerning prisoners of war. Specifically, Articles 12 and 118 stipulate that the release of prisoners of war must not be used for political purposes or to exert pressure on any party. According to International Humanitarian Law, prisoners of war must be handled in accordance with international legal standards.

However, the Somalia government has used these prisoners for political purposes and to pressure the Republic of Somaliland, forcing them to wear the Somalia flag. Additionally, the prisoners have suffered from widespread neglect and lack of care.

There have been no direct negotiations between the Somaliland and Somalia



governments regarding the exchange of prisoners. However, the Somaliland government is engaging with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to facilitate the transfer of these prisoners.

Consequently, we call on the Somalia government to hand over the prisoners, who were illegally abducted, to international organizations responsible for handling prisoner exchanges.

We also urge the international community and human rights organizations to closely monitor the situation of the prisoners transferred

from Eastern Sool’s Lasanod and to pressure the Somalia government to cease its unlawful interference against the Republic of Somaliland.

We further call on the Somalia government to refrain from politicizing the prisoners detained in Eastern Sool’s Lasanod, so as not to undermine efforts toward peace and prisoner exchanges.

Finally, the Republic of Somaliland reaffirms its commitment to establishing a mutual understanding in line with international laws for the exchange of prisoners.

National Intelligence Agency warns members of the public against spreading false news



In a press statement issued today, the agency issued a stern warning to the members of the public, stating that anyone found engaging in such acts will face legal action.

The statement reads as follows:

“In recent months, there has been an increase in individuals deliberately spreading baseless news and propaganda on social media platforms against the National Intelligence Agency. These actions mislead the members of the public of the Republic of Somaliland with false narratives far from the truth, aimed at undermining national security and creating distrust between the National Intelligence Agency and the people

of the Republic of Somaliland.

The National Intelligence Agency and all security institutions will identify those spreading false news on social media as individuals working for the enemies of the Republic of Somaliland.”

The statement further warned the public, saying:

“We hereby issue a final warning to those involved in the aforementioned activities. The public is also advised to avoid spreading false news that targets the National Intelligence Agency and other security institutions. Anyone found engaging in such acts will face legal consequences in accordance with the law.”

Somaliland Foreign Minister Warmly Welcomed in Hargeisa



The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Somaliland, Hon. Abdirahman Daahir Aadan Bakaal, returned to the country after an extended visit to the United States, where he engaged in efforts related to Somaliland’s pursuit of international recognition, a goal the nation has been striving for since reclaiming its independence.

Upon landing at Egal International Airport in the capital, Hargeisa, the Foreign Minister was warmly received by the Minister of Information, Awareness, and Culture, Hon. Ahmed Yasin Sh. Ali Ayaanle; the Minister of Aviation and Airport Development, Hon. Fu’ad Ahmed Nuh; the Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Mohamed Abdirahman; protocol officials from the Ministry; and a large number of other dignitaries and guests.

During his stay in the United States, Minister Bakaal met with the Somaliland diaspora community and various organizations supporting Somaliland’s independence cause. He also held discussions with diplomats advocating for Somaliland’s recognition by the international community.

The President of the United States had previously announced his intention to take a leading role in recognizing Somaliland, a move that, if realized, could open doors for other nations to fully recognize Somaliland.

In conclusion, since declaring its restored independence in 1991, Somaliland has made persistent efforts to convince the world that it is a fully-fledged nation, meeting all necessary criteria, including having a constitution, flag, national institutions, and clearly defined borders.

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grand ceremony integrating the final group of Civil Defense Forces and their combat vehicles stationed in the Saraar and Sool regions to national army forces.

Speaking to the community in the Saraar region, Vice President H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi first expressed gratitude to all the residents of these regions for their honorable role in the National Plan for the Integration of the Civil Defense Forces and their

vehicles. He stated:

“The Civil Defense Forces Integration Program is a comprehensive national plan, and it has now reached its final stages. Today, we have integrated the last of the civil defense forces in Sool and Saraar to national army forces.”

Additionally, the Vice President noted that the integration plan for the civil defense forces in the Togdheer

region is progressing well, expressing hope that the process will be completed in the coming days.

In his concluding remarks, Vice President H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi emphasized that the defense of the country is adequately handled by the National Armed Forces, and he affirmed that the regions not currently under Somaliland’s control will be peacefully reclaimed. He further stated:

“The defense of the country is the responsibility of the Somaliland government, and it is fully secured by the Somaliland National Armed Forces. The country will be defended, and the areas not yet under our control will return peacefully. Now, let us prepare for the development and unity of the nation.”

Treasury conducts ministerial performance review



Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Abdillahi Hassan Aden commended the department heads for their diligent execution of their responsibilities and urged them to prepare for achieving the targets outlined in the annual work plan, which each office or department will begin implementing this year.

A performance evaluation meeting assessing the work of the departments of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development for the January-March quarter was held at the conference hall of the Office of the Auditor General.

This quarterly meeting aimed to

evaluate how each department performed against its annual plan. Departmental directors presented reports detailing their progress toward set targets, tasks that were not completed, and the reasons for any shortcomings.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Abdillahi Hassan Aden, the State Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Ismail Mowlid Abdillahi, the Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Mohamed Hassan Suleiman, and heads of the Ministry’s departments.

The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development has an

annual plan and a Five-Year Strategic Plan, which serves as a roadmap for each office to carry out its mandated tasks. Quarterly, semi-annual, and annual meetings are held to review and assess the progress of planned activities and address any pending tasks.

The meeting, which lasted several hours, was concluded by the Minister. He commended the department heads for their diligent execution of their responsibilities and urged them to prepare for achieving the targets outlined in the annual work plan, which each office or department will begin implementing this year.

Somaliland’s Strategic Pause: A Nation Choosing Sovereignty Over Symbolism- Eng Ahmed Abdi



As a Somaliland citizen and political leader in the diaspora, I fully support this principled stand by President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Cirro and his government. It was not a knee-jerk reaction, but a carefully measured response rooted in history, strategy, and the unwavering will of our people to protect their hard-won independence.

We Must Not Normalize Disrespect

Let’s be clear: the Somali Prime Minister’s visit was not a benign engagement. It was a calculated political stunt aimed at undermining Somaliland’s sovereignty and gaining domestic political leverage within Somalia. This was a symbolic incursion — disrespectful not just to our government, but to every citizen who has contributed to building a peaceful, democratic, and functioning state over the past three decades.

We must not normalize such provocations. Dialogue only has value when it is rooted in mutual respect and sincerity — qualities glaringly absent in Barre’s actions.

A Nation That Deserves Respect

Since 1991, Somaliland has functioned as a sovereign state. We have conducted peaceful elections, established institutions, and maintained internal stability in a region often plagued by turmoil. Yet the international community still demands that we “prove” our sovereignty — all while benefiting from our cooperation in securing maritime trade routes, fighting terrorism, and promoting peace in the Horn of Africa.

This double standard is not just unfair — it’s unsustainable. The time has come to stop waiting for external recognition and start reinforcing our internal strength.

A Time to Refocus: Military and Economic Resilience

This decision to suspend talks must mark a shift in priorities. Now is the time to focus on rebuilding a modern, capable military and ensuring economic resilience.

The threat of external aggression — whether political or military — is real. Preparation is not provocation. It is our right and our duty to defend our people and our territory.

Equally, economic independence must be front and center. We must invest in local industries, strengthen infrastructure, empower entrepreneurs, and fully leverage our ports and trade routes. These aren’t lofty ambitions — they are critical to our national security and future.

A New Era of Global Engagement

President Cirro’s recent presence at the World Government Summit in Dubai was a powerful signal of Somaliland’s growing diplomatic reach. There, he positioned our nation as a stable, serious, and strategic partner — not only for Africa, but for the world.

Our relationship with the United States continues to deepen. From my position in Minnesota, I’ve seen bipartisan interest in Somaliland increase significantly. U.S. policymakers are recognizing our vital role in safeguarding Red Sea trade, countering extremism, and advancing democratic governance in the region.

We must harness this momentum. Recognition may take time — but it is inevitable, and we must be prepared when the moment arrives.

A United Call

The suspension of talks is not a rejection of diplomacy — it is a reassertion of dignity. President Cirro’s administration has sent an unambiguous message to Somalia and the global community:

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REPUBLIC OF SOMALILAND

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

country: Republic of Somaliland

project name: Somali name d enhancing public resource management project

project id: P177298 IDA-E1360

assignment title: Consultancy Service for Budget Preparation Improvement, credibility and Transparency

reference no: SO-MOF-SL-469962-CS-CQS

place of assignment: Hargeisa, Somaliland

The Republic of Somaliland has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Enhancing Public Resource Management Project (SERP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Consulting Services (the Services) include five key areas: 1) Evaluate financial frameworks within MoFED, MoE, and MoH to strengthen budgeting, planning, and oversight in health and education. 2) Develop and establish PBB frameworks, including steering committees, technical working groups, and capacity-building efforts. 3) Create a framework to boost budget participation, revenue availability, and local capacity development at all government levels. 4) Design engagement strategies, including public dashboards and consultations, to improve accountability and accessibility. 5) Strengthen sector allocation, transparency, and accountability, alongside robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

The detailed Terms of Refence (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: <https://slmof.org>, or it can be provided upon submission of application in person or by e-mail. The e-mail address is provided below.

The Somaliland Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoF&ED) now invites the eligible consulting firm ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. (Brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills among staff, etc.). **The short-listing criteria are as follows:**

- Core business of the firm and At least 10 years in business (general experience in public sector budgeting, fiscal decentralization, and financial management)
- Experience of conducting similar assignments (At least 10 years of experience in implementing Program Based Budgeting (PBB) systems in developing contexts, Extensive knowledge of public financial management (PFM) reforms, particularly PBB implementation in developing countries, experience in conducting institutional capacity assessments and designing training programs, proven track record in budget automation and digital PFM tools.
- Experience of relevant services in familiarity with Financial Management Information Systems (FMIS) upgrades and integrations, prior experience in providing technical assistance to governments in developing countries, Ability to design and implement performance monitoring frameworks and indicators, demonstrated success in stakeholder engagement and consensus building, particularly with government ministries and development partners, strong project management skills, including planning, execution, and reporting.
- Technical and managerial organization of the firm. (Provide the structure of the organization and CVs of staff). *The Qualifications and Experience of Key Experts shall not be included in the shortlisting criteria*. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers: Procurement in Investment Financing - Goods, Works, Non-Consulting and Consulting Services* dated July 2016 and revised in November 2017 August 2018, November 2020, September 2023 and February 2025, (Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualification but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub consultancy. In case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the **Consultant Qualification Selection (CQS)** method set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations.

Interested Consultant may obtain further information at the address below during office hours from 8:30 am to 3.30 pm Hargeisa time (Excluding public holidays).

Expressions of interest (EOI) should be delivered (by e-mail or in person) in a written form in three (3) hard copies (if not by e-mail) to the address below by **28th April 2025 at 2:00 pm Hours (Hargeisa Time)**.

SERP Project Implementation Unit, Ministry of Finance & Economic Development

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Hargeisa, Republic of Somaliland

Email: To: procurementserp@gmail.com

Cc: serpmofd@gmail.com.

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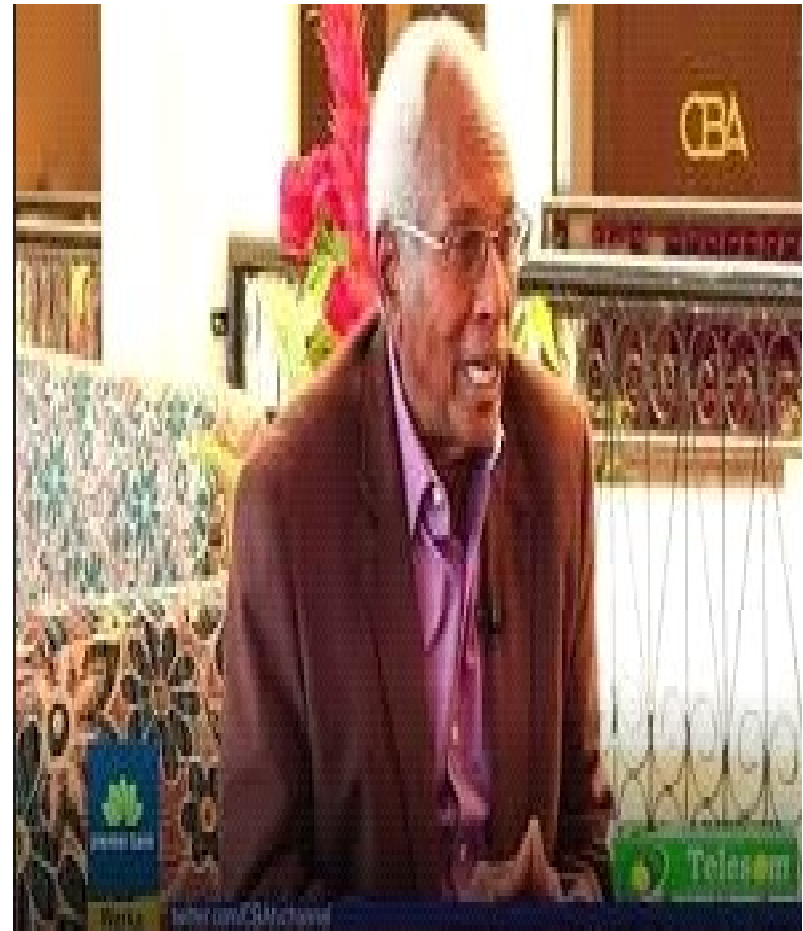
dialogue while its sovereignty is violated. I call on all Somalilanders — at home and abroad — to stand together. Let us rise above politics, support this strategic pivot, and invest in the long-term strength and unity of our nation.

Now is the time to think big, act boldly, and stay united. Somaliland’s journey forward must be guided by principle, powered by purpose, and

rooted in the unshakable truth that we are — and always have been — a nation.

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Open Letter to the President of the Republic of Somaliland- H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi- Amb. Adam M. Jibril



Dear H.E. President,

Through the course of State Building in Somaliland, remarkable feats have been gained, and within this period of state formation and democratization, serious gaps had been experienced, that occurred as a result of lack of enough foresight and commitment by the majority of the political elite. As a concerned citizen, I write to respectfully highlight key areas that require urgent attention to ensure the sustainability of our progress and to strengthen the foundations of our nation-building efforts.

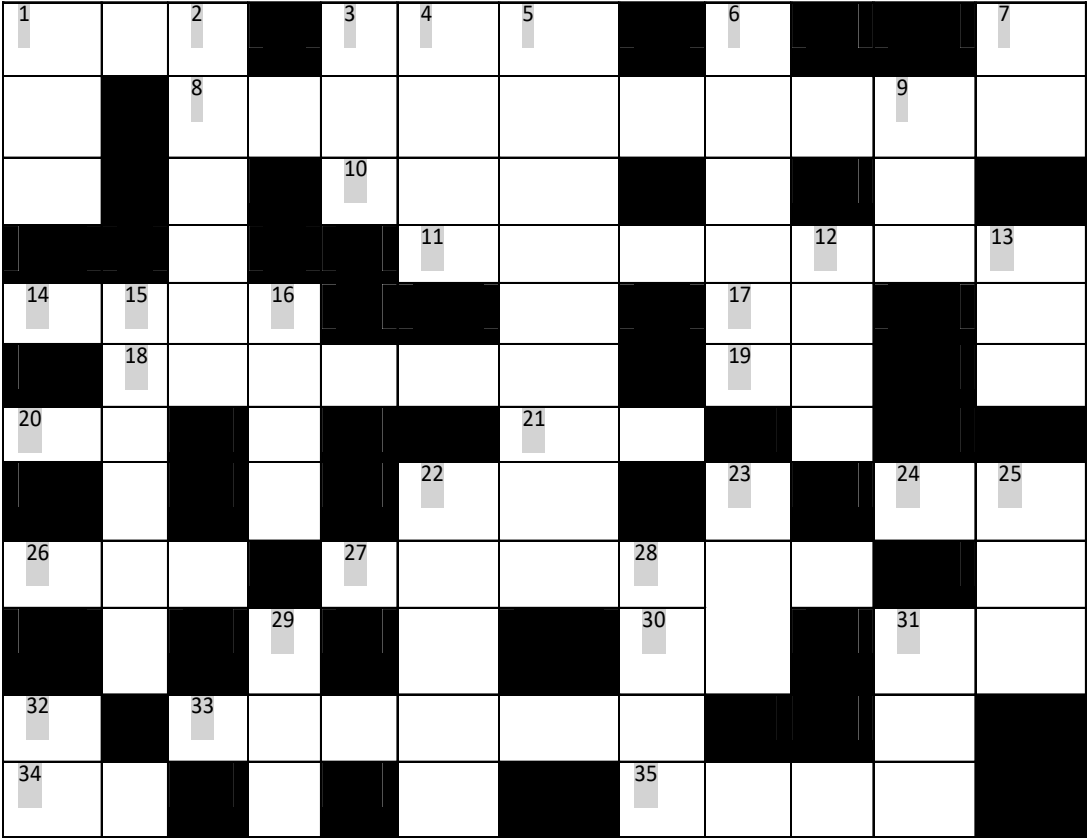
The prospect for positive developments and chances of sustainability would depend on the extent of vision, seriousness, and determination of the leadership. Mr. President, I therefore bring to your attention the following critical areas that require immediate and deep reform:

- The Council of Elders (Guurti):**

The Somaliland Guurti had come into being as the need of struggle against the Siyad Barre regime required by taking care of three equally important duties: Recruitment, Mobilization, and Fund-raising issues for the SNM armed wing (fighters). After the liberation of the country by SNM, both the nature and functions of the Guurti have changed. Immediately after the liberation, the Guurti started operating in the area of peace and reconciliation campaigns and continued leading the efforts for stabilization, and as the pillars of reconciliation, they remained as an indispensable factor. From these positions, they turned out to be the Council of Elders and then as the upper chamber of the Parliament. Unfortunately, this very important institution had not been reelected or reappointed and remained an unrepresented body till today. That is the reason why this lawmaker Council should not remain unrepresented but should be

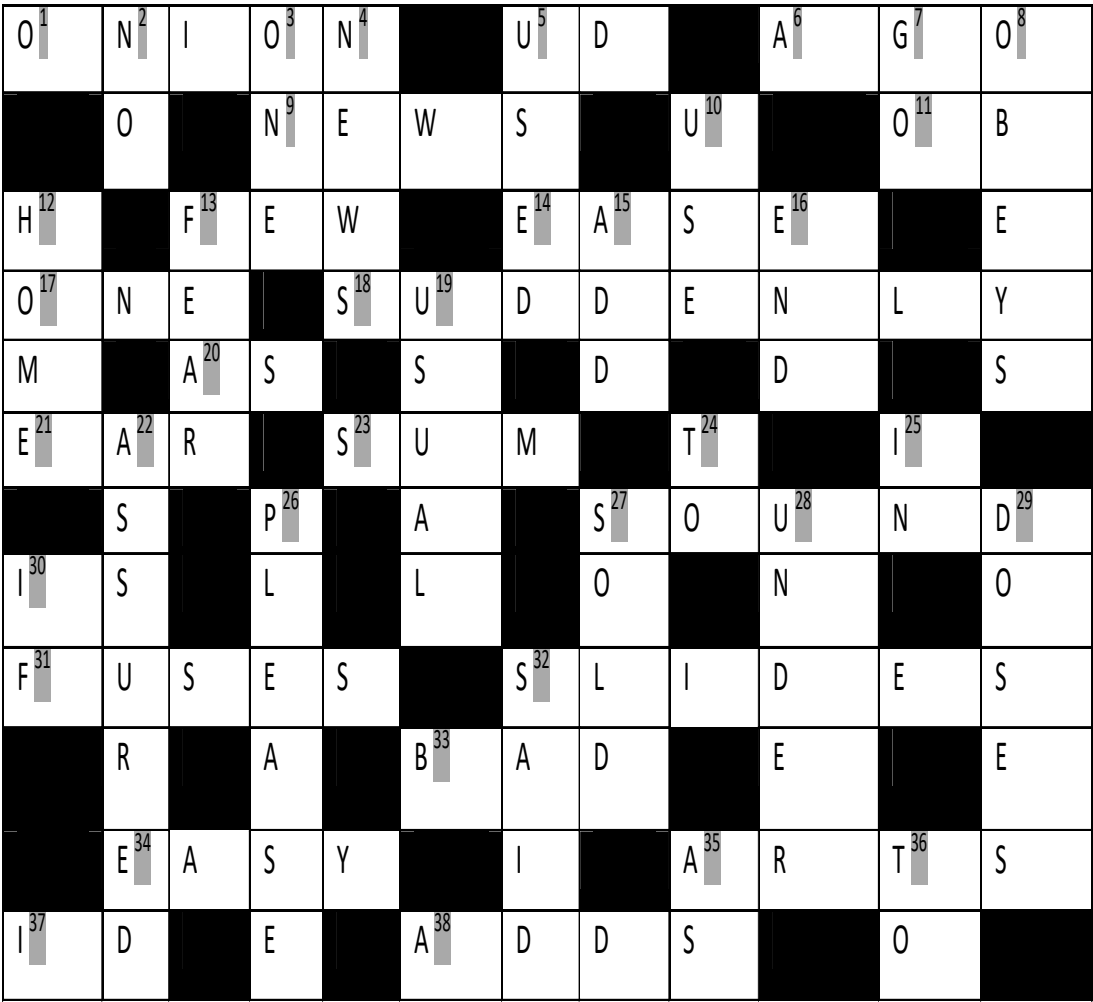
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Previous Answer



VP inaugurates Burao Technical Institute



By M.A. Egge

The Vice President of the Republic of Somaliland, His Excellency Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi, and his delegation, who are still on their mission to build peace, develop the country have arrived in Burao City, where they were warmly welcomed after almost a two-month long sojourn in the Sanaag region.

Upon his arrival in Burao on Thursday, he inaugurated the renovated Burao Technical Institute, and also inspected the various departments of the college.

The VP emphasized the value of vocational training for the development of society.

He said, “The Vocational Training School in Burao has special memories for me because when I was still in school, some of my

classmates opted to join the polytechnic institution and were soon employed after completing their courses while we were still studying hence it underscores the great value of attaining skills”.

He reiterated the government’s commitment to bolster and fledge technical centers in the country noting that they were catalysts of development and progress within the society.

The VP who has been on a crucial trip to the eastern parts of the country to foster peace and integrate civilian militia into the mainstream armed forces, revealed that the efforts had gone well and is about to be completed soon.

He pointed out that the last of the lot to be absorbed would have its ceremonial function held in Burao.

State Burn Seized Alcohol and Expired Food

The Somaliland Police Force, specifically the Western Hargeisa Division, yesterday displayed seized expired food items, including sugar, rice, and alcoholic beverages, which were jointly burned by the Marodijeh Regional Court, the Prosecutor’s Office, and the Western Division Command in Hargeisa.

The Commander of the Western Division of the Hargeisa Police, Muse Hassan Kahin, stated that they burnt 234 liters of alcohol and 62 bales of expired or spoiled goods. He added that those caught with the alcohol and expired food have been brought before the law.

The Commander further noted that the expired food and alcoholic beverages were intended for sale to the public, issuing a warning to individuals he accused of habitually trading in alcohol and expired food, both of which pose significant risks to public health and safety.

Commander Muse Hassan Kahin

emphasized that anyone attempting such acts to harm the community will not escape security forces, and those apprehended will face punishment commensurate with their crimes.

On the other hand, a court official stated that while some individuals involved in transporting the alcohol escaped after the police pursued them, only the alcoholic beverages were seized. However, those accused of handling the expired food are in custody and have been brought before the court. The seizure of the alcohol and expired food was successfully carried out at the Hargeisa Central Police Station and the Ahmed Dagah Police Station.

The official further explained that, based on their observations, the alcoholic beverages were initially a national concern, but the batch burned this time was different as it was expired alcohol. Regarding the seized sugar, it was collected from sugar spilled on the ground during unloading at the port.



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assignment title: Support to Domestic Revenue Mobilization in Somaliland
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place of assignment: Hargeisa, Somaliland

The Republic of Somaliland has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Enhancing Public Resource Management Project (SERP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Consulting Services (the Services) include four key areas: 1) Strengthening the Tax Policy Unit (TPU) by building on the existing policy work supported by the Fiscal Policy Section, 2) Support to the Modernization and Automation of Tax Administration leading to the design of bidding documents for an Integrated Tax Administration System (ITAS), 3) Strengthening institutional capacity, and 4) Improving taxpayer services and communication.

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- a) Core business of the firm and at least 10 years in business (experience in tax administration, revenue mobilization, or public finance management).
- b) Experience of conducting similar assignments (At least 10 years of specific experience in developing tax policy and legislation and advice on tax administration, Proven track record of successfully building capacities of a function-based revenue authority in developing countries, Expertise in advising on and implementing taxpayer services and communication strategies. At least 5 years' experience in developing and implementing ICT systems of tax administration operations. The Consultant shall provide the name and contact address of the Client (office and e-mail address and telephone number), date(s) of execution, name (s) of lead and associate firms, contract amount and financing sources.
- c) Experience of relevant services in an environment similar to that of Somaliland; and
- d) The technical and managerial organization of the firm. (Provide only the structure of the organization. Do not provide CVs of staff). Key experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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Open Letter to the President of the Republic of Somaliland-
H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi- Amb. Adam M. Jibril

legitimized by either public election or renomination by their communities.

2. The Civil Servant question:

One critical issue for the state-building process lies in the lack of clear Civil Servant policy. For example, on a global level, Civil Servant is the main pillar of the State in any country of the world, and based on the civil servant law, any person of the Civil Servant body remains in his post until his retirement. What is happening here in Somaliland is something contrary to the norms in use in the world, in relation to the place and role of the Civil Servants. Unfortunately, after every election, the new president starts to discharge almost all civil servants and substitutes them with supporters of the new president. This started to happen from the Silanyo government and continued with President Muse Bihi, continued with President Abdulahi Irro. However, since the State Bureaucracy (Deep State) is not only the state management but also is the memory of the state and government, here the non-politicized body of the state apparatus became a matter of necessity to exist. Through a non-politicized concept of the state bureaucracy, the state becomes a national ownership; it does not belong to one party, or one clan, or region, or a certain group of people. That is the reason why the civil servants should remain neutral and out of politics. It is well known and acceptable globally that without a well-experienced and depoliticized state bureaucracy, there is no state at all.

3. Somaliland Political Parties and the virus of Clannism.

In the Somali society, clannism in politics is a historical dilemma. It is a social phenomenon that holds back the process of state building. Therefore, the tribal nature of the Somaliland Political Parties is a matter of political pandemic and a historical disadvantage, and thus a stumbling-block to the deeds and endeavors of detribalization of the political parties and organizations. On the other hand, it is a matter of unavoidable historical reality, which emanates from the socio-economic

reality of the society. Tribalism or Clannism, even as a backward historical category, is not the problem, but the problem begins when the majority of the political elites lack a patriotic mind and adhere to tribalism, and lead political parties from positions of opportunism.

De-Tribalization of the Somaliland parties should come through a process of qualitative renovation from clan entities to national institutions. This needs to be understood, not as a matter of short-term process, but a long and painstaking transformation of the society from clan-based to community-class based society. Because it is to deal with a crucial need for the evolutionary nature of society. The required goal is two things: 1) a highly educated, cultured and honest political elite as leaders of the Political parties' and 2) a party building program that can produce new generations of leadership. The current of corrupt political-illiterates prevalent on the Somali political arena will remain the source of reproduction of Clannism and Statelessness.

In Conclusion:

Mr. President, the challenges outlined above are not new — but they are urgent. The success of Somaliland's statehood project depends not only on what we have achieved, but on the reforms we are willing to implement. We need a credible Guurti, a professional civil service, and political parties built on political national ideology rather than clan identity — parties that transcend narrow clan interests and reflect the national vision.

I respectfully urge your leadership to initiate serious reforms in these three areas. Your legacy, and the future of our republic, will be defined by the courage to act in the national interest. The people of Somaliland are ready — now, more than ever — for a new chapter of inclusive, professional, and visionary governance.

Respectfully,

Adam Muse Jibril

Concerned Citizen



REPUBLIC OF SOMALILAND

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

country: Republic of Somaliland

project name: Somali name d enhancing public resource management project

project id: P177298 IDA-E1360

assignment title: Consultancy Service for National Public Procurement Reform

reference no: SO-MOF-SL-469357-CS-CQS

place of assignment: Hargeisa, Somaliland

The Republic of Somaliland has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Enhancing Public Resource Management Project (SERP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The Consulting Services (the Services) include four key areas: 1) Support the NTB in reviewing, updating, amending, and translating procurement laws, regulations, guidelines, policies, procedures, standard bidding documents. 2) Develop a national procurement capacity strategy, professionalize and certify procurement staff, and foster collaboration with international training institutes. 3) Provide ongoing technical assistance to NTB and its staff to implement procurement reforms in line with the SERP project and Somaliland's broader reform agenda. 4) Assist in procurement reporting, facilitate the Annual Procurement Forum, and support the NTB in assessing, developing, and piloting an e-Government Procurement System (E-GPS).

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1. Core business of the firm and At least 8 years in business (general experience in procurement-related consultancy and public financial management in developing countries, A multidisciplinary team with expertise in legal, procurement, and IT)
2. Experience of conducting similar assignments (At least 8 years of experience Proven success in similar assignments for government or international organizations, strong track record in public procurement reform and capacity building.
3. Experience of relevant services in drafting and revising legal and regulatory frameworks, experience in organizing procurement-related events and systems reporting, capability to assess, operationalize, and implement IT-based procurement systems.
2. Technical and managerial organization of the firm. (Provide the structure of the organization and CVs of staff). *The Qualifications and Experience of Key Experts shall not be included in the shortlisting criteria*. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

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GOVERNMENT OF SOMALILAND

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

COUNTRY: SOMALILAND

PROJECT NAME: SOMALI ENHANCING PUBLIC RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT ID: P177298 IDA-E1360

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT OF AN OPERATIONAL AND COSTING MODEL FOR CITIZEN ACCESS POINTS (CAPs)

REFERENCE NO: SO-MOF-SL-469395-CS-CQS

PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT: HARGEISA, SOMALILAND

Background.

The Government Somaliland's development history has evolved from 40 years of grassroots peacebuilding and state building. Over time, a resilient institutional structure has taken shape, in which modern and traditional institutions, religious authorities, the private sector, and civil society have worked together to ensure peace, stability and the delivery of basic services. Somaliland has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of Enhancing Public Resource Management Project (SERP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The feasibility study is a comprehensive assessment of the practicality and potential of successfully establishing Citizen Access Points (CAPs) in Awdal, Togdheer and Sanaag regions. The rationale for conducting this study is to identify facilitating factors as well as potential problems or limitations that may hinder the project. The feasibility study is intended to help CSC optimize the establishment of CAPs and reduce risks that may be associated with the startup and running CAPS to facilitate for stakeholders to make informed decisions and minimize the chances of failure.

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1. Core business of the firm and Minimum Five (5) years in business (general experience in conducting research on providing public service delivery, economic analysis, and community engagement strategies advice to government. Extensive experience in public/business administration, economics, development studies, or a related field. Valid business license from Somaliland Ministry of Commerce with tax clearance certificate and physical address in Somaliland.
2. Experience of conducting similar assignments (Deep knowledge and technical capacity in conducting feasibility studies and developing operational and financial models for public service initiatives, preferably in a developing context).
3. Experience of relevant services in government administrations and international donors; familiarity with the socio-economic and geographic context of Somaliland.
4. Technical and managerial organization of the firm. (Provide the structure of the organization and CVs of staff). Experts will be evaluated during the shortlisting stage, Skilled and experienced team of key experts, as required in the TOR.

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