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Somaliland President Makes Historic First Visit to Qatar

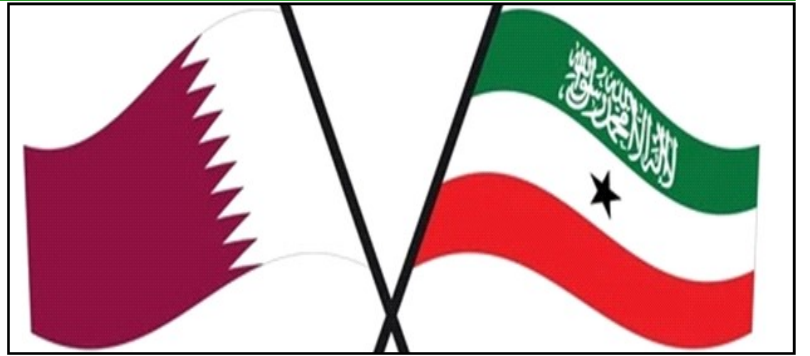
Discussions will emphasize strengthening of bilateral ties, focusing on regional security and stability in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, and Horn of Africa



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In a landmark diplomatic move, President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro of the Republic of Somaliland embarked on an official working visit to Qatar on Saturday, marking the first time a Somaliland president visiting the Gulf nation. The trip, prompted by

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Somaliland Police Force Joins Commonwealth Police Sports Union as 41st Member

Mohamoud Walaaleye

In a historic milestone, the Somaliland Police Force has officially become the 41st member of the Commonwealth Police Sports Union (CPSU), marking a significant step in



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Somaliland-UAE Business Summit 2025: A Milestone for Economic Partnership

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The Somaliland-UAE Business Summit, held at the prestigious Jumeirah Emirates Towers, marked a significant step in fostering economic ties between Somaliland and the United Arab Emirates.



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UK Urged to Champion Somaliland Recognition and Its Bright Future, Parliamentary Report Highlights



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In a wave of optimism, a new report from the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Somaliland, led by Rt Hon Sir Gavin Williamson CBE MP, is calling on

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Education Minister Commends Borama Students for Post-Exam Humanitarian Gesture

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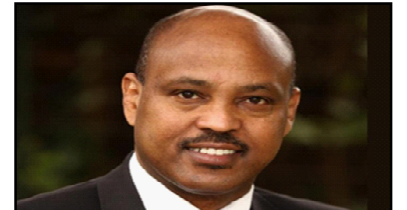
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Somaliland at 65: A Legacy of Resilience and an Aspiration for Recognition- Dr. M. A. Omar

By Dr. Mohammad A. Omar

Today, sixty-five years ago, on June 26, 1960, the people of Somaliland raised a free flag

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Somaliland Central Bank Hosts National Conference to Combat Money Laundering

Mohamoud Walaaleye

The Central Bank of Somaliland convened a landmark National

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New Somaliland Port Director Thanks President Irro, Pledges Robust Maritime Growth

In a heartfelt gratitude, Somaliland's newly appointed Director of Ports Mr. Ali Dirie Ahmed expressed deep gratitude to

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Dahabshiil Group and Save the Children Announce Strategic Partnership to Support Children in the Horn



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Somaliland President.....

an official invitation from the Qatari government, underscores Somaliland's growing international engagement. President Irro, accompanied by a high-level delegation, traveled to Doha aboard a special aircraft. The delegation includes key figures such as the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Abdirahman Dahir Adan, the Minister of Internal Affairs and National Security, Hon. Abdale Mohamed Arab, the Minister of the Presidency, Hon. Khadar Hussein Abdi, the Minister of Religious Affairs and Endowments, Hon. Sheikh Abdullahi Dahir Jama, the Presidential Senior Economic Advisor, Dr. Abdirahman Duale Beyle and the Chief of Staff Abdikadir Eidle. During the several days visit, President Irro and his team are scheduled to hold talks with Qatar's leadership and senior officials. The expected discussions will focus on strengthening bilateral ties, with a particular emphasis on regional security and stability in the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, and the Horn of Africa. Other key topics include economic



cooperation, investment opportunities, infrastructure development, and social issues. This historic visit highlights Somaliland's proactive foreign policy and its commitment to fostering robust relationships with the international community. Analysts view the trip as a significant step in Somaliland's efforts to gain broader recognition and deepen economic and diplomatic ties with global partners. Further details on the outcomes of the visit are expected as meetings progress in Doha.

Somaliland-UAE Business Summit.....

Under the theme "Somaliland: Gateway to Trade and Investment in the Horn of Africa," the summit convened senior Somaliland government officials, global investors, and UAE business leaders to explore transformative trade and investment opportunities. The event, meticulously organized, was inaugurated by Somaliland's Ambassador to the UAE, Hon. Masoud Abdi Ali, who emphasized the growing confidence of international investors in Somaliland's political stability and economic potential. "This summit is a testament to Somaliland's readiness to engage with the global market and its strategic position in the Horn of Africa," he stated. The keynote address was delivered by Somaliland's Minister of Commerce and Tourism, Hon. Abdirahman Hassan Noor, who highlighted the country's diverse investment prospects. These include logistics and port development, natural resources, agriculture, green energy, fisheries, and tourism. The Minister outlined Somaliland's



investor-friendly policies, streamlined investment regulations, and a new government strategy to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) anchored in economic stability, security, and a balanced ecosystem. Directors from Somaliland's Ministries of Foreign Affairs Mr. Mohamed Abdirahman Hassan and Investment Mr. Abdifatah Ismail Dualeh presented detailed insights into the country's investment framework, addressing opportunities and regulatory support for investors. Attendees, including UAE-based investors and Somaliland business representatives, engaged in interactive sessions, posing questions to officials and discussing collaboration prospects with local companies. The summit concluded with a networking dinner, fostering connections between UAE investors and Somaliland entrepreneurs. Discussions centered on future partnerships in key sectors, reinforcing Somaliland's position as a stable and promising investment destination in the Horn of Africa. This event builds on Somaliland's growing international engagement, following its participation in the World Governments Summit 2025 in Dubai, which facilitated high-level talks with UAE officials. Analysts view the Somaliland-UAE Business Summit as a pivotal moment, strengthening economic and cultural ties and positioning Somaliland as a key player in regional trade.

UK Urged to Champion Somaliland Recognition....

the UK to take a bold step in recognizing Somaliland as an independent nation—a move that could inspire democratic progress across Africa. The report celebrates Somaliland's extraordinary journey, transforming from a region scarred by conflict into a shining example of stability, democracy, and hope in the Horn of Africa. Since re-declaring independence in 1991, Somaliland has achieved

what many thought impossible: a thriving democracy with free and fair elections, a robust constitution, and inclusive governance. The November 2024 election, which ushered in then opposition leader President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi through a peaceful transfer of power, cemented Somaliland's place as one of only five African nations to achieve such a democratic milestone this year. "Somaliland is a beacon of resilience and good governance," Williamson proudly stated. The report highlights Somaliland's strategic importance, with its UK-backed Port of Berbera poised to become a major trade hub for East Africa. The nation's untapped resources and effective community-driven efforts against terrorism and piracy further position it as a reliable

Somaliland Police Force.....



fostering international cooperation and advancing police sports. The agreement was formalized today in Hargeisa during a signing ceremony between Major General Abdirahman Abdilahi Hasan, Commander of the Somaliland Police Force, and Mr. Sunil Kumar, Secretary of the CPSU. The CPSU, a globally recognized organization, promotes collaboration, knowledge exchange, and the development of sports among police forces in its member countries. Somaliland's inclusion as the 41st member underscores its growing presence on the international stage and commitment to enhancing professional and athletic opportunities for its police force. The signing ceremony was attended by prominent figures, including Ambassador Hasan Da'ud and senior officers from the Somaliland Police Force, alongside

a high-level delegation from the CPSU. Major General Abdirahman Abdilahi Hasan hailed the membership as a gateway to new opportunities, stating, "Joining the CPSU opens doors for our police force to engage in sports, specialized training, and international partnerships, which will strengthen our capabilities and global connections." Mr. Sunil Kumar echoed this sentiment, expressing his enthusiasm: "We are thrilled to welcome Somaliland as the 41st member of the CPSU. This is a pivotal moment for fostering stronger ties and collaboration among police forces worldwide." This development is expected to enhance the Somaliland Police Force's participation in international police sports events, training programs, and collaborative initiatives, further solidifying its role in global law enforcement networks.



and forward-looking partner. With strong historical ties from the British Somaliland era and a vibrant Somaliland diaspora thriving in UK cities like London and Liverpool, the case for recognition is stronger than ever. By leading the charge, the UK could unlock transformative opportunities: direct humanitarian aid, economic growth, and a powerful message that democracy and progress are rewarded. The report underscores that recognizing Somaliland would not only honor its triumphs over adversity—including the historical injustice of the Somaliland genocide—but also inspire other nations to embrace democratic

values, countering autocratic influences in the region. As global interest grows, with discussions about potential U.S. recognition under President Trump, the UK has a golden opportunity to lead with vision and moral clarity. Somaliland's story is "too inspiring to ignore," the report declares, urging the UK to celebrate this "regional democratic superpower" and pave the way for a brighter, more stable Horn of Africa. The future looks promising, and Somaliland's success is a testament to what determination and democratic spirit can achieve.

Somaliland at 65: A Legacy of Resilience.....

in the skies over Hargeisa, the birth place of the first independent Somaliland republic recognized by over 30 countries. Both Somalia and Kenya were under colonial administration at that time. But after a short period. the new independent Somaliland merged, in a voluntary union, with Somalia when it got its independence from Italy on July 1 in the that year, with the aim of uniting all Somali populated areas in the Horn and East Africa – a goal that history proved to be unattainable. Although that independence lasted short after the merger, it was not extinguished. In 1991—amidst the collapse of the Somali state—Somaliland reclaimed its sovereignty with clarity, peace, and purpose. Today, we mark a dual legacy: one of historic independence and one of modern endurance. Over the past three decades, Somaliland has defied the odds. In a region often associated with protracted conflicts and fragile governance, Somaliland has written an altogether different narrative—of grassroots reconciliation, bottom-up institution building, and democratic resilience. It has conducted inclusive national reconciliation process, inaugurated successive governments through the ballot box, and weathered economic and security storms with remarkable

stoicism. Democracy in Somaliland is not performative—it is participatory. Somaliland has held multiple presidential, parliamentary, and local council elections, and experienced peaceful transfers of power. Our national identity card and voting system is biometric. Our courts function independently. Our civil society is vigilant. While imperfections remain, as they do in any maturing democracy, our commitment to reform is resolute and visible. Economically, Somaliland has laid the groundwork for transformation. Berbera Port, once a relic of colonial geopolitics, has become a cornerstone of regional connectivity. The Berbera Corridor now links the Red Sea to the heart of the Horn of Africa, offering Ethiopia and other landlocked nations a new lifeline to global trade. Livestock exports continue to sustain rural livelihoods, while diaspora investment has revitalized education, technology, and health sectors. Diplomatically, the case for Somaliland’s recognition grows more persuasive. Our stability contributes to maritime security in the Gulf of Aden. Our cooperation with international partners has helped deter terrorism and human trafficking along strategic sea lanes.



And our governance model offers a tangible example that local ownership can yield national legitimacy. Yet, recognition remains elusive—not because Somaliland has failed to meet the criteria of statehood, but because the international community remains trapped in the inertia of outdated frameworks. It is time to recalibrate that thinking. A rules-based international order must also reward those who build peace from the ground up. As we commemorate Somaliland’s 65th year of independence, we do so with pride, but not complacency. The task ahead is to consolidate what we’ve built, reach across borders with humility and purpose, and continue proving—by action more than argument—that Somaliland is not just a place apart, but a partner worth having. Somaliland may be unrecognized, but it is not invisible. And as history has shown, dignity rooted in self-determination cannot be denied forever.

Somaliland and Turkiye Strengthen Ties.....



In a significant step toward deepening bilateral relations, Somaliland’s Turkish Consul General, Levent Çeri, met with Somaliland’s Minister of Investment Promotion and Industry, Hon. Said Mohamed Burale, to discuss enhanced cooperation and investment opportunities. The meeting, held at the Ministry’s headquarters in Hargeisa, focused on fostering economic ties and creating job opportunities in Somaliland through Turkish investments. Accompanied by Deputy Minister Eng. Mohamed Elmi Huno and

Director General Abdifatah Ismail Duale, Minister Burale emphasized Somaliland’s commitment to creating a favorable environment for foreign investors. “We are eager to collaborate with Turkish businesses to drive economic growth and provide sustainable job opportunities for our youth,” Burale stated. Consul General Çeri highlighted Turkiye’s growing interest in Somaliland, noting that Turkish investors are keen to explore opportunities in infrastructure, energy, and manufacturing. “Somaliland’s

strategic location and stable governance make it an attractive destination for Turkish businesses looking to expand in the Horn of Africa,” Çeri said.

The discussions build on years of growing trade and political relations between Somaliland and Turkiye. Turkish businessmen have already initiated development projects in Somaliland, including in construction and trade, contributing to local job creation.

Both sides expressed optimism about future collaborations, with plans to facilitate more Turkish business delegations to Somaliland in the coming months. The Ministry of Investment Promotion and Industry continues to engage with global investors, aiming to position Somaliland as a hub for economic development in the region.

This meeting underscores Somaliland’s proactive approach to attracting foreign direct investment and fostering partnerships that align with its vision of economic resilience and growth.

Somaliland Central.....



Conference on Combating Money Laundering at the Damal Hotel in Hargeisa, bringing together key stakeholders from the financial sector to strengthen the nation’s financial integrity. In his opening remarks, Central Bank Governor Hon. Abdinassir Ahmed Hersi emphasized the conference’s critical role in enhancing the operational framework of the Central Bank and Somaliland’s financial institutions. “Our goal, aligned with the President’s vision, is to achieve a Somaliland with stable, transparent, and trustworthy financial markets, both domestically and internationally,” Governor Abdinaasir stated. He highlighted that money laundering and terrorism financing pose significant threats to local stability and erode confidence in the financial system. The Director General of the Central Bank, Mr. Yasin Jama Ahmed, outlined the

conference’s objective to review the anti-money laundering law enacted five years ago and accelerate its implementation. “We must reflect on our progress and expedite efforts as financial institutions bound by this law,” he urged. Mr. Khalif Omar Noor, Chairman of Private Banks, underscored the vital role of financial institutions, noting that they inject over \$400 million into Somaliland’s economy annually. Meanwhile, Attorney General Jama Hayaan defined money laundering as the conversion of illicit funds or financing of terrorist groups, emphasizing that legitimate financial inflows drive economic growth and development. The conference is expected to yield actionable decisions to bolster the Central Bank’s efforts in advancing Somaliland’s financial system, reinforcing its commitment to fostering a robust and trustworthy economic environment.

New Somaliland Port.....



President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro for entrusting them with the prestigious role. The Director vowed to lead with dedication, aiming to elevate Somaliland’s maritime sector, particularly the strategic Berbera Port, to new heights. “I am honored by this responsibility and will serve with sincerity and expertise,” the Director Ahmed stated, commending President Irro’s visionary leadership in empowering educated youth to drive national progress. The appointment signals Somaliland’s commitment to fostering innovative governance and strengthening its position as a key maritime hub in the Horn of Africa. The Director Ahmed’s pledge comes at an exciting time for Somaliland, with Berbera Port

attracting global interest following recent high-level U.S. visits and a landmark agreement with Ethiopia in 2024. The public has rallied behind the appointment, with citizens sharing messages of support and optimism for enhanced trade and economic growth. “This is a bright moment for Somaliland’s future,” a local resident posted online. The Director thanked the community, calling their support “a treasure” that fuels their resolve to deliver lasting progress. With a focus on sustainable development and regional cooperation, Somaliland’s new port leadership is poised to unlock transformative opportunities for the nation.

Dahabshiil Group and Save the Children.....

Dahabshiil Group, a leading African financial services provider, and Save the Children, a global humanitarian organization, have launched a groundbreaking partnership aimed at improving the lives of children across the Horn of Africa. The collaboration, announced at a high-profile ceremony, seeks to combine Dahabshiil's financial expertise and remittance network with Save the Children's humanitarian efforts to address pressing challenges in health, education, and child welfare. The launch event was attended by prominent figures, including Dahabshiil Group CEO Abdirashid Duale, Kenya's Health Minister Hon. Aden Duale, Save the Children UK CEO Moazzam Malik, and other regional leaders and dignitaries. The partnership is set to leverage Dahabshiil's robust remittance platform to facilitate the flow of funds, ensuring critical support reaches vulnerable communities efficiently. A Commitment to Social Impact, speaking at the event, Hon. Aden Duale praised the initiative, emphasizing its potential to drive meaningful change. "This partnership between Dahabshiil and Save the Children is a powerful example of how humanitarian goals and innovative business solutions can come together to serve our children. It's a testament to the impact of collaboration in tackling today's health and developmental challenges," he said. He also highlighted Save the Children's impactful work in Wajir, Kenya, noting, "You're partnering with an organization that's making a real difference." Abdirashid Duale, CEO of Dahabshiil Group, underscored the



company's longstanding commitment to social responsibility. "Dahabshiil has always been dedicated to addressing societal challenges, from health to humanitarian crises. Our partnership with Save the Children and Mr. Moazzam Malik reflects how businesses can play a pivotal role in community development," he said. "By facilitating remittances from the diaspora, we aim to empower vulnerable populations and support transformative initiatives." Moazzam Malik, CEO of Save the Children UK, expressed optimism about the partnership's potential to transform lives. "This collaboration with Dahabshiil opens new doors for supporting children in the Horn of Africa. Our discussions began in 2023, and while we've worked together on remittance services, this partnership allows us to do much more," Malik said. "The region faces significant challenges, and by combining the strengths of private enterprise and humanitarian organizations, we can create lasting solutions for children." The partnership builds on

Dahabshiil's history of supporting communities during crises, such as droughts, floods, and fires, as inspired by the company's founder, Haji Mohamed Said. "Dahabshiil has always played a vital role in community progress, and we are ready to continue this legacy," added Abdirashid Duale. A Model for Public-Private Collaboration, MP Mohamed Adow, who also spoke at the event, lauded Dahabshiil's leadership in the private sector, describing the partnership as a model for how businesses and humanitarian organizations can work together to address regional challenges. The event, attended by parliamentarians, humanitarian officials, and other stakeholders, concluded with a shared commitment to driving impactful change for children and families. This partnership marks a significant step toward addressing the unique challenges faced by children in the Horn of Africa, with both organizations pledging to expand their efforts in the years ahead.

Education Minister.....



students for their remarkable humanitarian initiative. The students, who recently completed their certificate examinations, donated their school uniforms to underprivileged families in Somaliland, showcasing compassion and community spirit. While accompanied by Deputy Minister Mohamed Yusuf Ibrahim Fa'ul and Director General Abdirahman Hussein Hirsi, the Minister praised the students for their voluntary act, which reflects a deep understanding of mutual support and social responsibility. "This gesture is a testament to the values instilled by our education system," Prof. Ismail stated, highlighting the students' integrity and commitment to helping those in need. The Ministry's media office reported that the donation was specifically directed toward families requiring urgent support, marking a

significant contribution from students transitioning out of their academic obligations. Prof. Ismail emphasized the Ministry's dedication to fostering such positive actions, encouraging students to grow into responsible citizens who prioritize their community and nation. In a related announcement, the Minister, alongside Examinations Office Chairman Daud, confirmed that the secondary and high school certificate examinations concluded smoothly. Official results are expected to be released in the coming months. The Ministry urged all Somaliland students to use their free time productively, contributing to society and embodying the practical value of education. The inspiring act by Borama's students sets a powerful example for youth across the nation.

Dahabshiil CEO Honored with Leadership Award at Global Somali Awards 2025 in Columbus, USA

Abdirashid Duale, the visionary Chief Executive Officer of Dahabshiil Group, has been awarded the prestigious Leadership Award at the Global Somali Awards 2025, held in Columbus, Ohio, USA. The ceremony, which celebrates outstanding contributions by Somalis worldwide, recognized Duale for his transformative leadership and commitment to advancing financial inclusion and economic empowerment across the globe. Under Duale's stewardship, Dahabshiil Group has grown into the largest Somali-owned business, operating in over 130 countries and providing critical financial services to millions. Building on the legacy of his father, Haji Mohamed S. Duale, Abdirashid Duale has



spearheaded the expansion of Dahabshiil's portfolio, including Dahabshiil Money Transfer, Dahabshiil Bank, DahabPlus, and eDahab,

making the company a cornerstone of financial access for the Somali diaspora and beyond. Duale's forward-thinking leadership has not only

revolutionized the remittance and banking sectors but also fostered innovation and community development. His efforts have empowered countless individuals and businesses by ensuring accessible, reliable,

and secure financial solutions, particularly in underserved regions. In his acceptance speech, Duale expressed gratitude to the Global Somali Awards organizers and dedicated the honor to his team at Dahabshiil Group and the Somali communities worldwide. "This award is a testament to the resilience and ambition of the Somali people. At Dahabshiil, we remain committed to driving progress, supporting our diaspora, and building a brighter future for all," he said. The Global Somali Awards 2025, held in Columbus—a hub for the Somali diaspora in the United States—brought together leaders, innovators, and changemakers to celebrate achievements in business, education, philanthropy, and more. Duale's recognition underscores his pivotal role in elevating the Somali business community on the global stage.

Agriculture DG Inspects Farms in Sanaag Region

The Director General of Somaliland's Ministry of Agriculture, Eng. Abdirizak Gaas, led a high-level delegation on a working visit to the Sanaag region on 21st June, 2025, conducting inspections of farmlands in several key areas. The delegation, which included Ibrahim Omar, Director of the Planning Department, and officials from the Somaliland Development Fund (SDF), focused on assessing the state of agriculture and engaging directly with local farmers. The team visited farming communities in Hid-Hid, Hareed, Gaa'id, and Shumuh-shumuh, where they were joined by regional officials, including the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment coordinators for Sanaag, as well as MP Khadar Ali Hakim. During the tour, the delegation met with farmers to discuss critical issues such as crop production, water



availability, pest control, and the types of crops cultivated in the region. Eng. Gaas emphasized the Ministry's commitment to supporting farmers, stating, "Our visit aims to understand the challenges and needs of our farmers firsthand. We are ready to provide technical knowledge, pest management solutions, and equipment to boost productivity." Farmers shared detailed reports on their efforts and challenges, expressing optimism about potential government support.

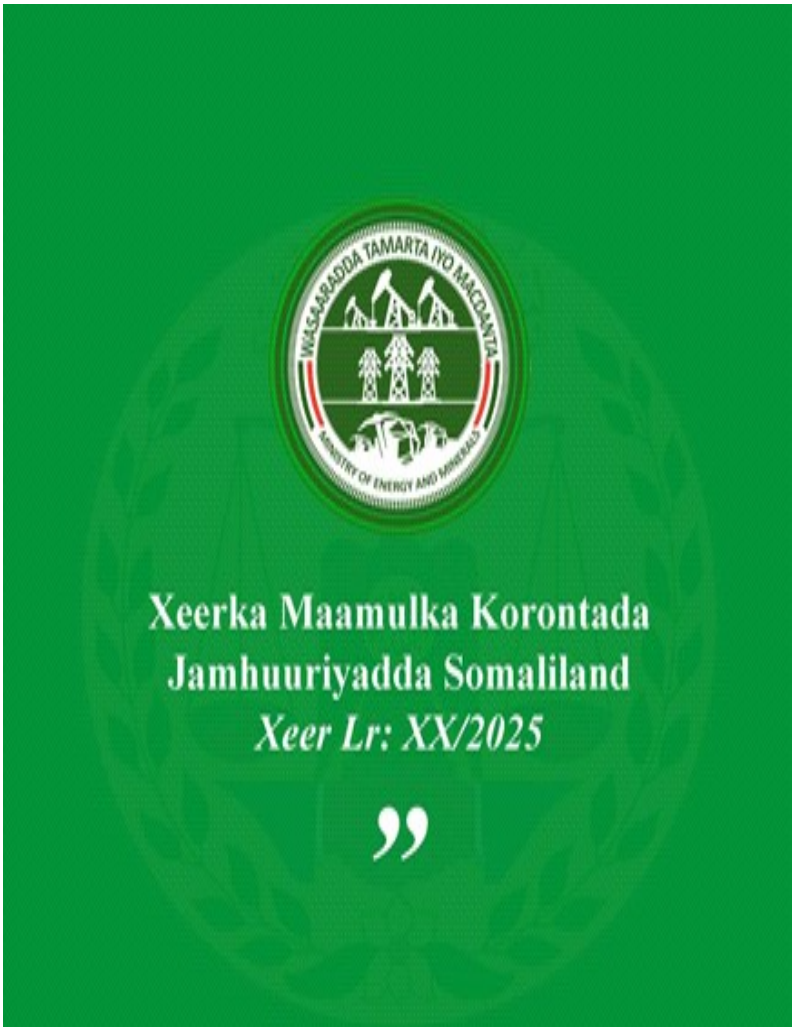
The inspection, which lasted several hours, concluded with the delegation's return to Erigavo, the regional capital. This visit is part of a broader nationwide tour by the Director General to evaluate and strengthen agricultural development across Somaliland. The Ministry's proactive engagement signals a renewed focus on empowering farmers and enhancing food security in the region.

Somaliland Council of Ministers Approves Landmark Electricity Management Law

In a significant step toward modernizing the nation's energy sector, the Council of Ministers of Somaliland unanimously approved the Somaliland Electricity Management Law during its 24th session on 24th June, 2025. The law, drafted by the Ministry of Energy and Minerals, is one of three critical pieces of legislation passed to strengthen national infrastructure and governance.

The session, chaired by President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi, saw an in-depth discussion led by Minister of Energy and Minerals, Eng. Ahmed Jama Barre, who emphasized the law's pivotal role in regulating and enhancing electricity services across Somaliland. "This legislation will streamline electricity management, improve service delivery, and reinforce the central government's authority in the energy sector," the Minister stated.

The former Attorney General provided insights into the law's development, confirming its alignment with Somaliland's legal framework. All 34 attending Council members voted in favor, with no opposition or abstentions, underscoring the law's national



significance. President Abdirahman announced that the approved laws, including the Electricity Management Law, will now be forwarded to the House of Representatives for final legislative review. The move is expected to bolster Somaliland's energy sector, fostering

sustainable development and improved access to electricity for its citizens. The Ministry of Energy and Minerals was commended for its dedication to the law's preparation, marking a milestone in Somaliland's journey toward energy reform and modernization.

Somaliland's 65th Sapphire Jubilee: A Beacon of Resilience and Rising Global Support

As Somaliland gears up to celebrate its 65th anniversary of independence from Britain on June 26, 2025 tonight, the nation is riding a wave of optimism, fueled by growing international momentum for recognition and its enduring stability. The Sapphire Jubilee marks a historic milestone since June 26, 1960, with Somaliland showcasing its resilience, democratic progress, and strategic importance on the global stage.

A Historic Milestone Infused with Pride

Somaliland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs has launched the "Honouring Our Past, Reclaiming Our Future" campaign, featuring vivid imagery from the 1960 independence signing. Hargeisa's streets are alive with green, white, and red flags, and community events aim to spotlight Somaliland's unique journey. The Ministry hosted a symposium on June 25, 2025, at Ali Jirde Hotel to reflect on this milestone and strategize for recognition, welcoming diplomats and thinkers to share ideas. On X, locals are buzzing, describing the celebrations as a "rebirth of our nation's story," with #SomalilandRising trending globally.

UK and US Lawmakers Champion Recognition

Momentum for Somaliland's international recognition is surging. In the UK, the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Somaliland is set to release a "Roadmap to Recognition" report on June 26, 2025, coinciding with the jubilee. Former MP Alun Michael, who led a 2007 delegation to Somaliland, has urged Britain to be ready to recognize the nation, citing its democratic success and historical contributions, including Somalilanders' roles in World War II.

In the US, Congressman Scott Perry introduced the "Republic of Somaliland Independence Act" on June 12, 2025, aiming to recognize Somaliland as a sovereign state. Congressman Tom Tiffany emphasized, "It is a simple fact that Somaliland is a sovereign and self-governing nation separate from Somalia, and U.S. policy should reflect that." Senate support is also growing, with Senator Ted Cruz, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa, praising Somaliland's "unique democratic character." A high-level US delegation, led by Ambassador Richard Riley and AFRICOM Commander General Michael Langley, visited Hargeisa from June 18-20, 2025, to discuss security and defense cooperation, including the strategic port of Berbera. Insiders suggest President Trump's administration, influenced by Project 2025's call for Somaliland as a strategic ally, may be nearing a



historic recognition decision.

Economic Resilience and Strategic Importance

Despite its unrecognized status, Somaliland boasts a stable democracy and a growing economy. The port of Berbera, a critical trade hub on the Gulf of Aden, has seen a significant increase in trade volume over the past five years, driven by infrastructure investments from partners like Ethiopia and the UAE. Local entrepreneurs are leveraging social media to promote Somaliland-made goods, amplifying the #SomalilandRising hashtag. Somaliland's offer of Red Sea access, counterterrorism support, and democratic stability positions it as a vital ally in a geopolitically competitive region.

Cultural Unity and Regional Stability

Somaliland's commitment to democratic governance, underscored by nine elections since 1991 and a peaceful power transition in 2010, has earned praise from African Union observers. Community leaders are organizing cultural events to celebrate the jubilee, highlighting Somaliland's rich heritage and peaceful coexistence. These values, coupled with regional alliances, reinforce Somaliland's role as a beacon of stability in the Horn of Africa.

A Pivotal Moment for Somaliland

As Somaliland marks its 65th Sapphire Jubilee, the nation stands at a crossroads. With the UK's APPG and US lawmakers, including Congress and Senate members, pushing for recognition, and President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi signaling optimism after talks with US leaders, the dream of international legitimacy feels closer than ever. Somaliland's story of resilience, democracy, and hope continues to captivate the world, making 2025 a year of promise for this unrecognized nation.

The Time Is Now: With bipartisan support in the US and UK parliamentary efforts aligning, Somaliland's quest for recognition is gaining unprecedented traction, heralding a potential turning point for its future on the global stage.

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Somaliland Takes Steps to Reform Energy, Industrial & Diplomatic Sectors with New Laws



The 24th session of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Somaliland was held today at the Presidential Palace, chaired by H.E. President Abdurahman Mohamed Abdullahi (Irro) and attended by the Vice President H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi.

The meeting's agenda, aside from reviewing national security and economic reports, centered on debating and approving three critical law vital for the nation's governance and development.

Key Reports Presented:

1. **National Security and Stability Report**
– Minister of Interior and Security, Mr. Abdalle Mohamed Arab, reported that the country remains stable and secure, with no significant security threats or unrest.

2. **Finance and Economic Development Report**
– Finance Minister Mr. Ismail

Mawlid Abdullahi, provided updates on public expenditure, revenue collection, preparations for the 2026 national budget, and a review of World Bank-funded projects.

Approval of Three Key Laws:
Following discussions, the Council of Ministers deliberated on and unanimously approved the following legislation:

1. The Somaliland Electricity Management Law
2. The Somaliland Industrial Law
3. The Somaliland Diplomatic Missions Law

President Cirro instructed the ministers to debate, amend (if necessary), and vote on each law. After detailed discussions—with the Attorney General and relevant ministers providing clarifications—the Council approved all three laws by unanimous consent, with no objections or abstentions.

Minister of Planning Chairs High-Level Consultation to Advance NDPIII Priorities



The Minister of Planning and National Development, Hon. Kaltun Sheik Hassan Abdi, chaired a pivotal ministerial meeting today at the Ministry's headquarters, bringing together members of the Economic Development Committee of the Council of Ministers. The high-level consultation focused on reviewing and prioritizing the Third National Development Plan (NDPIII 2023–2027), a cornerstone for Somaliland's progress and alignment with the government's strategic vision.

In her opening remarks, Minister Kaltun underscored the critical role of NDPIII in driving national development and achieving Somaliland's long-term aspirations. She called on committee members to utilize such forums to ensure the plan's effective implementation, addressing the nation's pressing needs.

The Director of the Planning and Coordination Department

presented a detailed report, outlining Somaliland's developmental milestones, the 2030 national vision, and key priorities for the next phase of NDPIII. The presentation highlighted transformative changes aimed at shaping the country's future growth.

Committee members engaged in robust discussions, offering valuable insights and recommendations to enhance collaboration, streamline the plan's execution, and ensure alignment with evolving societal needs.

Closing the meeting, Minister Kaltun thanked the committee for their dedication, emphasizing that NDPIII is poised to deliver tangible improvements to the lives of Somalilanders, in line with the 2030 national vision. The outcomes of this consultation are expected to guide the next steps in Somaliland's development journey.

Somaliland President Hosts IFRC Delegation
Invited by SRCS, Praises Humanitarian Efforts



President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdirahman warmly received a high-level delegation from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), led by Secretary-General Jagan Chapagain, at the Presidential Palace in Hargeisa on 23rd June, 2025. The visit, facilitated by an official invitation from the Somaliland Red Crescent Society (SRCS), underscores Somaliland's growing engagement with global humanitarian organizations. During the meeting, President Irro expressed gratitude for the IFRC's vital contributions to Somaliland, particularly in healthcare, disaster relief, and community development. "We deeply value the work of international organizations like the IFRC in supporting our people," the President said, according to his spokesperson, Hussein Deyr. He urged the delegation to expand the scope and quality of their projects in



Somaliland to further benefit local communities. Secretary-General Chapagain, whose Geneva-based organization represents 192 member states, praised Somaliland's remarkable peace and stability. "I have visited Marodi-jeh, Sahil, and Togdheer regions, and what I've seen here contradicts the misconceptions often portrayed about Somaliland," he remarked. He emphasized that the country's secure environment enables humanitarian workers to operate freely and effectively across the nation. The delegation included senior Somaliland SRCS officials, such as Executive Director Ahmed Abdi Bakaal and Nairobi-based SRCS President Yusuf Hassan Mohamed, alongside IFRC representatives Mr. Nixon and Mr. AAzmat. The visit highlights Somaliland's commitment to fostering

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz Champions Historic Recognition
of Somaliland as a Beacon of Stability

In a groundbreaking statement, Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) has called for the United States to recognize Somaliland as an independent nation, heralding a new era of partnership that promises to bolster American interests and celebrate Somaliland's remarkable achievements. Speaking to the Washington Examiner, the senator expressed enthusiasm for a "meaningful conversation" about recognition, highlighting Somaliland's 30-year track record of peace, democracy, and

resilience as a shining example in the Horn of Africa. "I believe that a serious conversation about U.S. recognition of Somaliland is both necessary to advance clarity about America's national security interests, and is long overdue. A stable, long-term, and clearly defined partnership

partnerships with global humanitarian bodies to address pressing needs and promote sustainable development. The SRCS, an active member of the IFRC, continues to play a pivotal role in delivering aid and services across Somaliland, supported by the nation's stable governance and peaceful environment.

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between the U.S. and Somaliland would be mutually beneficial," Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) told the Washington Examiner. Somaliland, reclaimed its independence in 1991, has quietly built a stable society amid regional challenges, with peaceful elections and a commitment to democratic governance that sets it apart. "Somaliland's remarkable stability and democratic progress make it a beacon of hope," Senator Cruz noted, emphasizing the potential for a "long-overdue partnership" that would bring mutual benefits to both nations. This endorsement comes as Somaliland continues to demonstrate its potential, with a 2023 Royal United Services Institute report praising its steady democratic performance as a "breath of fresh air" on a continent where such successes are rare. The proposed recognition could unlock significant opportunities for Somaliland, which has thrived

despite limited international support. Somaliland has been lauded by former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo as "a place that has made something out of virtually nothing." Experts from The Heritage Foundation also point to Somaliland's embrace of free speech and market ideas, suggesting that U.S. recognition could open doors to vital economic growth and counterbalance emerging influences in the region. This positive development aligns with growing global admiration for Somaliland's achievements. Its regular leadership transitions and commitment to democratic norms have earned it a reputation as a regional leader, inspiring hope for a brighter future. As Senator Cruz's vision gains traction, the prospect of a strengthened U.S.-Somaliland alliance is being celebrated as a win for stability, prosperity, and international cooperation.

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