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## Somaliland Government Condemns Somalia's Interference in Eastern Sool, Warns of Regional Instability

*Somaliland warns that Somalia's arms could end up with extremist groups, posing a further threat to regional stability*



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The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Somaliland, in a strongly worded statement, has on Saturday condemned what it describes as illegal interference by the Federal Government of Somalia in the eastern Sool region, a historically Somaliland territory and in all legalities.

The extraordinary cabinet meeting, chaired by H.E. President

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## U.S. House Subcommittee Approves 2026 Budget with Funding for Somaliland

Mohamoud Walaaleye

The U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee has approved the fiscal year 2026 budget, which includes provisions to strengthen Somaliland's

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## Education Minister Assesses Drought Crisis in Sanaag, Calls for Urgent Aid



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## Diaspora Week Conference 2025 Opens in Hargeisa, Uniting the Global Somaliland Diaspora for National Progress



Mohamoud Walaaleye

The Somaliland Diaspora Week Conference 2025 was officially inaugurated today at the Guleid Hotel Hall in Hargeisa, marking a historic gathering of nearly 500 delegates from across the globe.

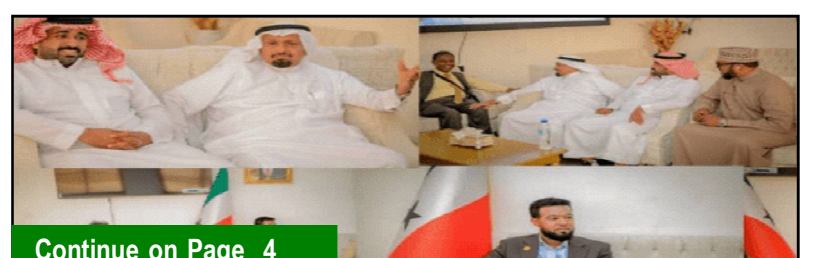
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## Somaliland Emerging as the Investment Hub of the Horn of Africa



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## Somaliland Offers U.S. Military Base, Minerals in Push for Recognition

The Republic of Somaliland is stepping up its diplomatic drive for international recognition by extending a strategic offer to the United States through access to a key Red Sea military

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## National Economic Development Committee Convenes Key Meeting to Advance 2025 Economic Strategy



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The Ministry of Finance and Economic Development of Somaliland hosted the monthly meeting of the National

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Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro, accused Mogadishu of using politically motivated actions to destabilize the region and undermine peace.

In a press briefing, Somaliland's Minister of Information, Culture, and National Guidance, Hon. Ahmed Yasin Sheikh Ali Ayanle, outlined the government's position, emphasizing Somaliland's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The cabinet declared that Somalia's actions in eastern Sool, including attempts to divide communities along tribal lines, are quite illegal and risk sparking serious tribal conflicts.

"The Mogadishu administration, having failed to rebuild its own state, is now resorting to political distractions to mask its shortcomings ahead of elections," part of the statement read.

It went on to: -

1. Reaffirming Sovereignty

The Republic of Somaliland reaffirms its sovereign status as a free, independent, and self-governing state. Its borders are those inherited at the time of its independence from the United Kingdom on 26 June 1960—borders that were internationally recognized and that constituted the legal foundation of a voluntary union with the former Trust Territory of Somalia. That union, entered into in good faith, collapsed irreparably in the wake of prolonged marginalization, systemic repression, and a brutal civil war. In 1991, Somaliland peacefully and rightfully restored its independence. Somaliland's sovereignty is firmly grounded in international law, the inalienable right to self-determination, and the clear democratic will of its people. It is not a speculative claim—it is a political, legal, and functional reality. It is final, legitimate, and irreversible.

2. Somalia's Destabilizing Actions

The Federal Government of Somalia has, in recent months, escalated its campaign of unlawful interference in the internal affairs of the Republic of Somaliland—most notably in the eastern Sool and Sanaag regions—through incendiary rhetoric, deliberate political subversion, and the diversion of international resources intended for peacebuilding and reconstruction.

These actions are not only provocative, but also constitute a direct and brazen violation of the foundational principles of non-interference, sovereign equality, and peaceful coexistence as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitutive Act of the African Union.

These maneuvers are transparently driven by short-term political desperation, aimed at deflecting from Somalia's deepening internal crises and impending electoral uncertainty.

The Republic of Somaliland unequivocally condemns—without reservation—the deliberate and irresponsible diversion of international aid and arms by the Mogadishu administration to destabilize neighboring regions and undermine Somaliland's peace and security. Such conduct is reckless, illegitimate, and threatens to unravel regional stability with consequences far beyond our borders.

3. Somaliland's Territorial Integrity Is Non-Negotiable

The regions of Sool, Sanaag, and Togdeer constitute an integral and indivisible part of the sovereign territory of the Republic of Somaliland. These regions have played a pivotal role in the establishment and consolidation of the modern Somaliland state and have been unwavering participants in its democratic processes, including constitutional referenda and nation-building efforts.

Attempts by the Federal Government of Somalia to portray these regions as disputed or to exploit clan divisions for political manipulation are reckless, illegitimate, and fundamentally opposed to the collective will of the people. The Republic of Somaliland unequivocally rejects any efforts to impose parallel governance structures or to alter its established borders under the pretext of federalism or political reconciliation.

4. A Principled Commitment to Peaceful Engagement

Somaliland has consistently upheld peace as a fundamental pillar of its domestic governance and international relations. The Government remains steadfastly committed to addressing grievances and de-escalating tensions in eastern Sool through

peaceful, inclusive dialogue grounded in mutual respect, genuine local ownership, and transparency.

The significant progress achieved in reconciliation efforts within the Sanaag region—spearheaded by a national peace initiative led personally by the President—reflects Somaliland's earnest dedication and proven capacity to settle disputes through dialogue rather than force. Nevertheless, while Somaliland champions peace, its duty to maintain internal stability and safeguard its constitutional framework is paramount and non-negotiable.

5. A Call for International Oversight and Responsibility

The Government of Somaliland urgently calls upon the United Nations Security Council, international donors, and regional partners to exercise vigilant oversight regarding the implications of lifting the arms embargo on Somalia.

Increasingly credible evidence indicates that weapons supplied ostensibly for counterterrorism and national defense are being misappropriated to fuel internal repression and destabilize neighboring territories, including within Somaliland.

The potential diversion of such arms to extremist groups or unauthorized non-state actors significantly heightens the threat to peace and security across the Horn of Africa.

It is therefore essential that the international community enforces stringent accountability measures and ensures full transparency in the deployment and end-use of all military and security assistance.

6. Somaliland Will Defend Its Sovereignty

The Republic of Somaliland remains a steadfast and responsible actor in the Horn of Africa, firmly committed to democratic governance, regional stability, and constructive cooperation. It will unwaveringly fulfill its constitutional mandate to protect its territory, institutions, and citizens. Any attempts to undermine the sovereignty of the Republic of Somaliland, sow division within its society, or impose illegitimate authority will be met with a firm, proportionate, and lawful response.



The Government affirms its resolve to employ all necessary means—diplomatic, political, and, if required, defensive—to safeguard the hard-won peace and independence that its people have diligently secured over the past three decades.

Conclusion

The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Somaliland solemnly and unequivocally declares that the Republic of Somaliland will categorically reject any external interference or intrusion into its sovereign affairs. Any deliberate attempts to divide its people,

undermine the legitimacy of its government, or destabilize its territorial integrity will be met with firm, decisive, and lawful resistance—as is the right of any sovereign nation committed to protecting its hard-won peace and stability.

While the Republic of Somaliland remains open to sincere and principled dialogue with all genuine partners dedicated to peace, mutual respect, and cooperation, it affirms without equivocation that its sovereignty, security, and territorial integrity are sacrosanct and non-negotiable foundations of the state.

## U.S. House Subcommittee...



democratic institutions and enhance its security capabilities. This move marks a potential shift in U.S. policy towards Somaliland, which has been seeking international recognition since reclaiming its independence from Somalia in 1991.

The budget allocation aims to support Somaliland's governance and security infrastructure, reflecting a broader U.S. strategy to engage with Somaliland amidst growing geopolitical competition. This decision comes at a time when Somaliland has been offering strategic advantages to the U.S.,

including a military base at the Red Sea entrance and critical-minerals deals, as reported by Bloomberg on July 30, 2025.

The approval by the subcommittee is a step towards formalizing U.S. support for Somaliland, which could have implications for the stability and international relations in the Horn of Africa.

The budget now heads to a vote in the House of Representatives, indicating a potential increase in U.S. involvement in Somaliland as part of its efforts to counterbalance other global powers, such as China, in Africa.



Diaspora Week Conference 2025 Opens in Hargeisa.....



Organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation’s Diaspora Department, the four-day event, running from August 2 to August 5, is themed “Redefining the Role of Diaspora” and aims to strengthen ties between Somaliland and its global diaspora. The conference opened with a powerful address by Ms. Ugbad Nasir, Director of the Diaspora Department, who described the event as “a defining moment in Somaliland’s journey and a gathering of a global family.” She emphasized the diaspora’s critical role in the nation’s resilience, expertise, and advocacy, calling for a deepened partnership to foster trust and shared responsibilities. “Let us seize this moment moving forward—government, citizens, and diaspora together,” she urged, highlighting a vision centered on collaboration and the promise of the next generation.

Mr. Mohamed Abdirahman, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, praised the diaspora as “the backbone of Somaliland’s progress,” noting their contributions through remittances, modern expertise, and global advocacy. He encouraged attendees to use the week to strengthen connections between the homeland and diaspora, showcasing bold ideas to advance Somaliland’s development. “This is your opportunity,” he stated, underscoring the diaspora’s role as tireless ambassadors for the nation’s interests. Hargeisa’s Mayor, Abdikarim Ahmed Mooge, and Central Bank Governor, Abdinasir Ahmed Hirsi, addressed a meeting, stressing the diaspora’s vital role in Somaliland’s progress. They urged the diaspora to intensify efforts in advancing Somaliland’s interests, especially in seeking international recognition. They emphasized the need for unified action to boost Somaliland’s

global presence and called for collective efforts to enhance the nation’s development. At the Somaliland Diaspora Conference, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Hon. Abdirahman Daahir Aadam, praised the diaspora’s vital contributions to the nation’s progress through their investments. He announced plans to strengthen ties with the diaspora by enhancing the diaspora department and establishing dedicated reception offices at airports and government facilities. The Minister emphasized Somaliland’s push for international recognition, urging collective action, stating, “Now is the time” to secure global acknowledgment for the nation. The conference follows a successful networking session hosted by the Diaspora Department in June, which gathered feedback to ensure the event reflects diaspora priorities. Attendees include diaspora representatives, academics, entrepreneurs, artists, youth, women’s organizations, government officials, and local investors from sectors such as banking, commerce, agriculture, and higher education. Panel discussions will cover topics like development, investment, entrepreneurship, and the diaspora’s role in strengthening Somaliland’s global presence. As Somaliland continues its push for international recognition, the Diaspora Week Conference serves as a vital platform to amplify these efforts and foster collaboration, solidifying the diaspora’s pivotal role in shaping the nation’s future.

National Economic Development.....



Economic Development Committee at its headquarters over the week, focusing on strategies to propel the nation’s economic growth. Chaired by Hon. Abdillahi Hasan Adan, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, the meeting brought together key stakeholders to discuss critical initiatives aligned with Somaliland’s Vision 2030 and the third National Development Plan.

The marathon session saw robust discussions on pivotal topics, including:

1. Approval of the 2025 Economic Development Strategy: The committee evaluated and endorsed Somaliland’s economic roadmap for 2025, ensuring alignment with long-term national goals.
2. Progress on Production Enhancement Study: Updates were presented on ongoing research to boost national productivity, with in-depth analysis of findings to date.
3. Planning for the Annual Economic Forum: The committee deliberated on

the structure and execution of Somaliland’s upcoming annual Economic Development Forum, a key platform for shaping economic policy.

Minister Adan praised the committee for their dedication and the seamless coordination of efforts, emphasizing the productive outcomes of the discussions. “Today’s meeting marks another step forward in our collective commitment to strengthening Somaliland’s economy,” he said, highlighting the consensus reached on all agenda items.

The meeting is part of a series of high-level engagements involving a ministerial committee and technical sub-committees, with the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development spearheading efforts to drive economic progress. Stakeholders from various sectors collaborated to share insights, ensuring a holistic approach to addressing economic challenges and opportunities.

Further meetings are planned to sustain momentum and build on the outcomes of today’s session, as Somaliland continues its pursuit of sustainable economic development.

Somaliland Offers U.S. Military.....

base and critical minerals – President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi told Bloomberg. This bold move underscores Somaliland’s growing geopolitical relevance as global powers intensify their competition for influence and resources across Africa. Since it reclaimed it’s statehood from Somalia in 1991, Somaliland has operated with its own government, military, and institutions, earning a reputation for peace and democratic governance in a region often plagued by instability. Now, it is leveraging those assets to build stronger international ties, starting with Washington. President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi, who came to power in December 2024, said discussions with the U.S. Embassy in Somalia and the Department of Defense are focused on forging new partnerships across economic cooperation, security, and counter-terrorism.

“We discussed ways and means to collaborate in security, in trade and in regional stability,” Abdullahi said in an interview on Monday, noting that the US ambassador to Somalia has visited Somaliland several times in recent months, while defense officials traveled to his region in December. The United Arab Emirates, a U.S. ally, already operates the Berbera Port and nearby airstrip in Somaliland, reinforcing the area’s role as a growing logistics and security hub at the mouth of the Red Sea. A potential U.S. military presence would further solidify Western influence near critical global shipping lanes, where Houthi attacks from Yemen have raised new concerns for maritime security. Although the U.S. Department of Defense has not commented publicly, Somaliland’s offer includes both military cooperation and critical mineral access. Abdullahi confirmed that Somaliland would be ready to offer

the U.S. minerals deal for products like lithium. “If the US is interested to set land in Somaliland they are most welcome,” Abdullahi said, adding that a partnership could involve long-term resource cooperation. While Somaliland doesn’t yet produce lithium, it has granted a license to Saudi-based Kilomass Co. for exploration. It also holds deposits of tin, gold, gypsum, and other valuable industrial minerals, according to African Mining. Abdullahi made clear that his administration seeks deeper international engagement not only for recognition but for broader cooperation. “While statehood recognition remains a goal,” he said, “the path to achieving that lies primarily through engagement with the international community on security, trade, counter-terrorism, anti-piracy and illegal migration.” The president said he expects to visit the US and that offering Washington new deals is “not

conditional” on Trump formally recognizing to Somaliland. Asked about a potential US military base in Somaliland, he said: “We are now still discussing issues. We are looking forward to that discussion bearing fruits in the future.” Somaliland’s peace and self-reliance stand in contrast to Somalia’s decades-long civil conflict and ongoing insurgency. While Mogadishu continues to face challenges from Al-Shabaab and other extremist groups, Somaliland has remained largely peaceful, earning praise for its democratic elections and civil society development. U.S. Africa Command has emphasized its current commitments in Somalia, where it supports counterterrorism efforts. “That’s where most of our people are,” said deputy head John Brennan. “It’s the biggest investment that we have.” Still, with growing instability in the Red Sea and intensifying rivalry with China, Somaliland’s strategic value continues to rise.

While U.S. Ambassador Richard Riley and other officials have engaged with Somaliland leaders to discuss shared interests in the Horn of Africa, the State Department reiterated that it is not currently in talks to recognize Somaliland as an independent state. It reaffirmed its support for Somalia’s sovereignty. Tensions between Hargeisa and Mogadishu remain, with Abdullahi accusing the federal government of Somalia attempting to install a parallel administration in parts of Somaliland. “Somalia cannot talk and have dialog with Somaliland while it’s cutting parts of Somaliland and making a separate administration,” he said. “We are a peace-loving nation, but Somaliland is capable of defending its territory and its people.” As international attention returns to the Horn of Africa, Somaliland’s leaders are making the case that their territory offers something rare in the region: stability, partnership, and strategic potential. Source: Horndiplomat and Bloomberg



Education Minister Assesses Drought Crisis.....



**Mohamoud Walaaleye**  
The Minister of Education and Science of Somaliland Prof. Ismail Duale Yusuf spearheaded a high-level delegation to evaluate the devastating drought impacting communities in the Sanaag region, visiting over the week areas such as Gudmo Biyo Cas, and surrounding villages. The mission aimed to gain firsthand insight into the dire conditions

affecting residents and livestock due to prolonged water and food shortages. The delegation observed severe hardships, including acute water scarcity, lack of grazing land, and widespread malnutrition causing livestock deaths and health issues. The crisis has also disrupted education, with schools struggling to operate without access to clean water, food, or proper shelter.

In a statement to the media in Gudmo, Prof. Ismail highlighted the drought's profound impact on local livelihoods, particularly on students and educational facilities. "Our visit is to witness the challenges our people face directly, enabling the ministry and government to implement effective solutions," he said. The minister urgently appealed to local and international humanitarian organizations to provide immediate aid to address the growing humanitarian crisis. Regional and district officials accompanying the delegation stressed the need for swift relief efforts and a long-term strategy to protect both the population and livestock. The Somaliland government is now mobilizing resources and coordinating with stakeholders to deliver critical support to the affected communities in Sanaag.

Somaliland Emerging.....



**Mohamoud Walaaleye**  
The Ministry of Investment Development and Industry of the Republic of Somaliland has officially welcomed a high-level delegation from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, whose visit is aimed at assessing and exploring investment opportunities in the country. The official reception was led by the Director General of the Ministry, Mr. Abdifatah Ismail Duale, who stated that the purpose of the delegation's visit is to review ongoing projects and explore new potential opportunities for implementation within Somaliland. He specifically highlighted the role of these opportunities in job creation, boosting national revenue, and reducing poverty. The delegation, representing stakeholders and investors from Saudi Arabia, is expected to closely examine critical sectors requiring urgent investment, including:  
- Processing of marine resources, particularly fisheries and fish production;  
- Extraction and utilization of natural minerals;  
- Development of livestock and industries related to livestock resources;  
- Economic infrastructure such as energy, construction, and light industry technologies.

The reception of this delegation underscores the tangible steps Somaliland is taking to establish itself on the investment map of the Horn of Africa. Notably, the Director General transparently presented to the delegation the ministry's plans and strategies aimed at transforming Somaliland into a hub for sustainable investment, leveraging its natural resources and open markets. As evident from the delegation's visit and their formal interactions with Somaliland's leadership, there is a growing confidence within the international community, particularly among Gulf countries, in Somaliland's political stability and business opportunities. This also serves as clear evidence that investment is the most direct path to genuine economic and social progress. The delegation ultimately commended the ministry's efficiency, preparedness, and forward-thinking ambition in promoting investment, pledging to maintain ongoing communication and further explore mutually beneficial opportunities. Such receptions and discussions are proof that the Somaliland government is on the right path to positioning the country as a vital commercial and investment center in the region.

Environment Minister Honors Renowned Environmentalist.....



The Somaliland Centre for African Studies (SCAS), a research division of the Redsea Cultural Foundation, celebrated the remarkable contributions of environmentalist and scholar Ahmed Ibrahim Awale during the Hargeisa International Book Fair. The prestigious award ceremony, attended by prominent figures including Somaliland's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Hon. Abdillahi Jama Osman "Geeljire," recognized Awale's decades-long dedication to environmental science and biodiversity conservation in Somaliland. Awale, a leading figure in Somaliland's environmental movement, has made significant strides in researching and promoting the region's biodiversity. As the chairman of the Somaliland Biodiversity Foundation and Candlelight for Environment, Education, and Health, he has authored influential works, including Environment in Crisis: Selected Essays on the Somali Environment and Introduction to Plants in Central Somaliland. His discovery of a new aloe species, Aloe sanguinalis (red aloe), in 2014, and his role in the naming of a scorpion species, Pandinurus awalei, in 2020, underscore his

impact on global scientific knowledge. Dr. Jama Muse Jama, Chairman of the Hargeisa Cultural Centre and founder of SCAS, praised Awale's tireless efforts, stating, "Ahmed Ibrahim Awale has fearlessly advocated for, protected, and educated others about the non-human communities sharing our planet. His scientific contributions have illuminated previously unrecognized plants and organisms, enriching our understanding of Somaliland's biodiversity. The ceremony, held amidst the vibrant atmosphere of the Hargeisa International Book Fair, saw the presence of notable dignitaries, including Deputy Minister of Fisheries Mr. Sharma'arke Abdi Muse, and esteemed scholars Dr. Saad Ali Shire, Dr. Mohamed Osman Fadal, Mr. Ahmed Diriye Liban, and Mr. Abdihakin Said Bustaale. The event highlighted Awale's role as an inspiration for young Somali scientists, with Minister Geeljire reflecting on their shared childhood at Adadley School. "This recognition reflects our nation's commitment to honoring good deeds, dedication,

and humanitarian spirit—qualities Ahmed embodies," Geeljire said. Awale, born in Adadlay near the biodiverse Gaan Libah mountain, has spent over two decades lecturing on environmental science at the University of Hargeisa. His work with Candlelight, founded in 1995, has raised awareness about environmental challenges like deforestation, overgrazing, and climate change, which threaten Somaliland's ecosystems. His discoveries, including the Aloe sanguinalis found near Alala Adka, have drawn international attention to the Somaliland's rich ecological heritage. SCAS commended Awale's ongoing commitment, urging him to continue his vital work in advancing environmental research and biodiversity conservation. The award ceremony underscored Somaliland's growing focus on environmental stewardship, with recent efforts by the Ministry of Environment to bolster wildlife and pasture protection amid a declared drought emergency in four regions. As Somaliland navigates challenges like climate change and desertification, Awale's contributions serve as a beacon for sustainable development and a call to action for future generations of environmentalists.

UK FCDO and Dahabshiil.....



On July 29, 2025, representatives from the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), including Ambassador Charles King and Louise Hancock, head of the UK Somaliland office, held a high-level meeting with senior executives from Dahabshiil Bank and the broader Dahabshiil Group. The discussions centered on strategies to promote economic growth in the Horn of Africa, with a focus on expanding financial access for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), fostering job creation, and encouraging diaspora investment.

The UK's engagement, through the FCDO, reflects its ongoing commitment to supporting stability, economic resilience, and regional cooperation in East Africa by partnering with key Somali-led companies like Dahabshiil, a leading financial services provider in the Horn of Africa region, and globe. Abdirashid Duale, CEO of Dahabshiil Group, emphasized the importance of aligning private sector innovation with global development goals, stating, "The meeting reflects ongoing efforts to align private sector innovation with global development goals in fragile and emerging markets."



# Taiwan Reaffirms Coast Guard Agreement, Refutes China's False Claims



The Taiwan Representative Office in the Republic of Somaliland strongly refutes the false claims made by the Chinese Embassy in Somalia and condemns its hostile rhetoric and cognitive warfare aimed at destabilizing the Horn of Africa. We urge the Chinese Embassy to cease its bullying tactics and genuinely uphold the values of peace and stability in the region.

The recently signed Taiwan-Somaliland Coast Guard Agreement, complemented by the official visit of Somaliland Foreign Minister H.E. Abdirahman Dahir Adam, marks a significant step toward enhanced maritime security

collaboration. This multilateral platform supports the strategic goal of establishing a Non-Red Somaliland Coastline, laying the foundation for a thriving Blue Economy. Taiwan is committed to further coordinating with the USA, UK, EU, and other regional partners to maintain stability and a rules-based international order in the Horn of Africa.

Taiwan categorically rejects China's baseless claims of territorial sovereignty, which distort fundamental truths. The fact remains that neither Taiwan nor China is subordinate to the other, and the People's Republic of China (PRC) has never governed Taiwan,

not even for a moment. Taiwan is a sovereign nation, independent of China and its Beijing regime, regardless of the PRC's attempts to claim historical credit prior to its establishment in 1949. China's efforts to obstruct Taiwan and Somaliland's international cooperation are unacceptable. Furthermore, United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 solely addresses the issue of Chinese representation at the UN and does not mention Taiwan or state that Taiwan is part of the PRC. It should not be misconstrued to support Beijing's so-called "One China Principle," which is used to assert false claims over Taiwan. Only the democratically elected government of Taiwan has the authority to represent the Taiwanese people. The G7 countries have consistently opposed any unilateral attempts to alter the status quo in the Taiwan Strait, whether by force or coercion. The Taiwan Representative Office in the Republic of Somaliland remains steadfast in promoting peace, stability, and cooperation in the region, while rejecting any distortions of truth by the PRC.

## Somaliland Cabinet Tackles Drought, Security, and Economic Growth in 29th Session



The Republic of Somaliland's Council of Ministers held its 29th regular session at the Presidential Palace, chaired by President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahirro and attended by Vice President H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi. The meeting addressed pressing national issues, from drought relief to

economic development and international diplomacy. Drought Relief Efforts Intensify Vice President Abdi, leading the National Drought Response Committee, outlined robust measures to combat the ongoing drought. Emergency food aid has reached 15,000 vulnerable

households, courtesy of Djibouti's government. A global humanitarian appeal has been launched to secure international support, while local private sector partnerships and coordination with NGOs aim to streamline aid delivery. The government emphasized

## Telesom Launches "Kaaliye":.....



Telesom Company, a leading telecommunications provider in Somaliland, has introduced "Kaaliye," a groundbreaking self-support platform aimed at transforming customer service. Accessible via the code \*151#, Kaaliye allows users to independently manage their telecommunications needs, including checking prepaid balances, data usage, and other services, without the necessity of visiting Telesom centers.

This innovative platform underscores Telesom's commitment to leveraging technology to enhance user experience and accessibility, particularly in Somaliland where digital infrastructure has seen significant development. "Kaaliye is designed to empower our customers, providing them with the tools they need at their fingertips," said a Telesom official. "It's a step

towards a more connected and efficient future."

Telesom's introduction of Kaaliye aligns with broader industry trends where telecommunications companies are increasingly adopting digital solutions to offer personalized and efficient services. The company's previous milestones, including the introduction of 2G, 3G, and LTE services, have been pivotal in modernizing Somaliland's telecommunications landscape, making it one of the most advanced in the Horn of Africa region.

This new platform is expected to significantly reduce wait times and improve service delivery, reflecting Telesom's ongoing dedication to customer-centric innovation. As digital transformation continues to shape the telecommunications sector, Telesom's Kaaliye stands as a testament to the potential of technology in bridging gaps and fostering connectivity in challenging environments.

transparency and citizen welfare in its response.

Security Measures Strengthened Interior Minister Abdalle Mohamed Arab reported on proactive steps to maintain national stability, including enhanced inter-agency coordination, intelligence-sharing, and community-based security initiatives to counter emerging threats.

Economic Resilience in Focus Finance Minister Abdillahi Hassan Aden provided updates on fiscal performance, highlighting domestic revenue growth and strategies to bolster financial discipline and tax administration, aligning with Somaliland's development goals. Deepening Ties with Taiwan Foreign Affairs Minister Abdirahman Dahir Adan shared outcomes from a recent diplomatic mission to Taiwan, securing agreements to boost cooperation in education, technology, and trade, advancing Somaliland's quest for global recognition.

Investment Conference Preparations

Ministers Saciid Mohamed Burale and Khadar Hussein Abdi detailed plans for the upcoming National Investment Conference, set to

attract investors by showcasing Somaliland's economic potential and commitment to a stable investment environment.

Agricultural and Health Reforms Deputy Minister Mukhtar Haji Mohamed Farah reported on international engagements to advance climate-smart agriculture, while Deputy Health Minister Samsam Mohamed Salah-Yacniile proposed reforms to strengthen health facility oversight, addressing licensing and compliance challenges.

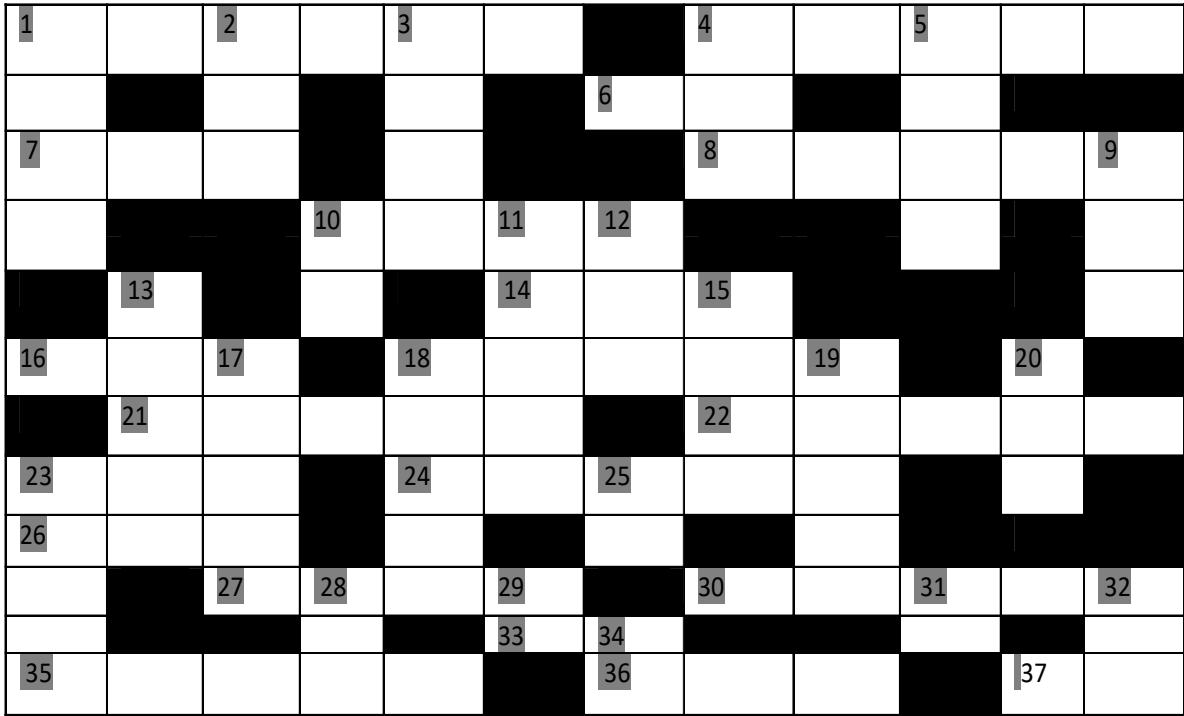
Education and Legal Aid Deputy Education Minister Mohamed Yusuf Ibrahim outlined preparations for the 2025-2026 academic year, ensuring infrastructure and teacher readiness. The Council reviewed the Legal Aid Services Bill, deferring its final vote to refine the draft, which aims to improve access to justice for underserved communities.

President Irro closed the session, urging ministers to enhance coordination and expedite strategic mandates. He praised the Ministries of Employment and Defence for their timely performance reports, reinforcing accountability across the government.



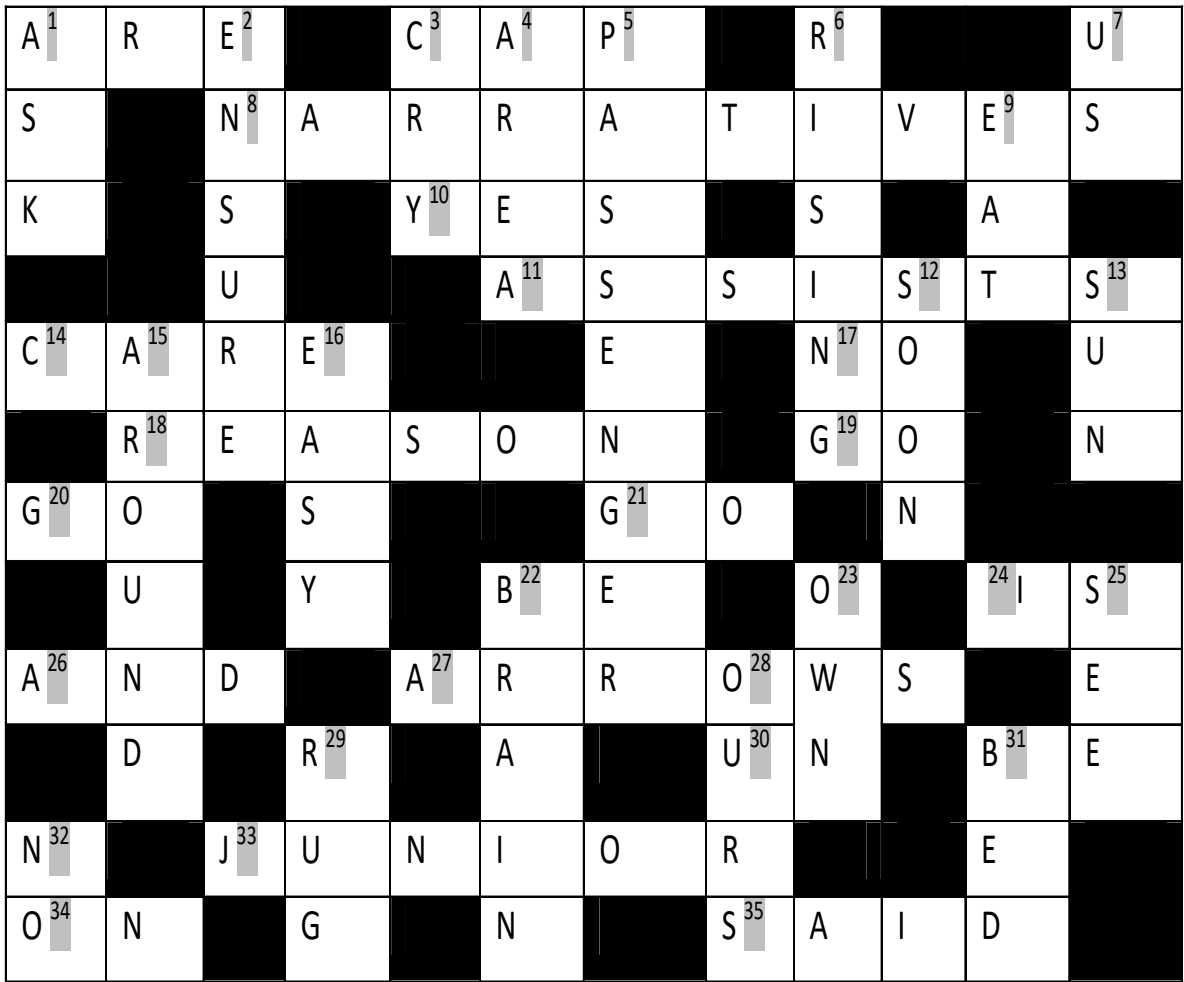
# THT Puzzle

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## Previous Answer



## Ministry of Foreign Affairs Reviews 2025 Action Plan, Signals Robust Diplomatic Agenda



The Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Somaliland, Mr. Mohamed Abdirahman, officially opened a pivotal workshop today to review and evaluate the Ministry's action plan for the first half of 2025 (January–June). Organized by the Ministry's Planning Department, the event underscores Somaliland's commitment to advancing its diplomatic and international cooperation objectives amid ongoing regional and global challenges. The workshop, held in Hargeisa, brought together key stakeholders, including ministry officials, diplomats, and policy experts, to assess the progress of Somaliland's foreign policy initiatives. The agenda focused on evaluating the Ministry's efforts to secure international recognition, strengthen bilateral ties, and promote regional stability in the Horn of Africa. Director General Abdirahman emphasized the importance of aligning Somaliland's diplomatic strategies with its national interests, particularly in fostering economic partnerships and countering security threats such as terrorism and piracy. "Somaliland remains steadfast in its pursuit of global recognition and meaningful international partnerships," Abdirahman stated

during his opening remarks. "This review allows us to reflect on our achievements, identify areas for improvement, and chart a clear path forward for the remainder of 2025." Key highlights from the first half of 2025 included Somaliland's diplomatic engagements with nations like the United States, where high-level consultations in Washington, D.C., in May strengthened bilateral ties. Additionally, President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdilahi Irro's participation in the World Government Summit in Dubai in February showcased Somaliland's growing diplomatic presence. Looking ahead, the Ministry aims to bolster economic cooperation through initiatives led by the International Cooperation and Economic Affairs Department (ICEAD), focusing on trade facilitation, investment opportunities, and diaspora engagement. The action plan for the second half of 2025 will prioritize expanding Somaliland's representative offices abroad and leveraging its strategic location on the Gulf of Aden to attract foreign investment. The workshop concluded with a call for continued collaboration across government sectors to ensure Somaliland's foreign policy aligns with its vision of becoming a recognized, democratic, and economically integrated state.

## DahabPlus Shines at the 18th Hargeysa International Book Fair



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DahabPlus, a leading financial services provider, made a significant impact at the 18th Hargeisa International Book Fair (HIBF), held in the vibrant city of Hargeisa. The event, a cornerstone of literary and cultural exchange, provided a dynamic platform for DahabPlus to engage with the creative community and showcase its innovative financial solutions. Throughout the fair, DahabPlus captivated attendees with demonstrations of its cutting-edge services, including seamless domestic and international money transfers, the DahabPlus Mastercard, and world-class payment solutions designed to empower individuals

and businesses. The company's presence underscored its commitment to driving financial inclusion and supporting community development through accessible, modern financial tools. The Hargeisa International Book Fair, renowned for celebrating literature, ideas, and innovation, proved to be an ideal setting for DahabPlus to highlight how its services can fuel progress and connectivity in Somaliland and beyond. Visitors to the DahabPlus booth experienced firsthand the ease and reliability of the #AppKuguFilan, reinforcing the company's role as

a trusted partner in financial empowerment. "DahabPlus is proud to support platforms like HIBF that bring communities together and inspire progress," said a DahabPlus representative. "Our participation reflects our dedication to fostering economic growth and providing solutions that meet the needs of a modern, connected world." The 18th Hargeisa International Book Fair was a resounding success, with DahabPlus leaving a lasting impression as a forward-thinking leader in financial services. #DahabPlus #HIBF2025 #AppKuguFilan #Dahabshiil

Health Ministry and UNFPA Strengthen Partnership in Key Meeting



Minister of Health Development of the Republic of Somaliland, Dr. Hussein Bashir Hirsi, held a pivotal meeting today with senior UNFPA official Francis Anyansi and the UNFPA Somaliland leadership team at his office in Hargeisa.

Joined by the Director of the Policy Planning and Development Department and his advisor, Minister Hirsi emphasized the importance of deepening the collaborative relationship between the Ministry and UNFPA. The

discussions focused on enhancing community-driven health services and accelerating ongoing UNFPA projects in Somaliland. Both parties explored strategies to bolster their partnership, aiming for sustainable improvements in healthcare access and quality. Minister Hirsi commended UNFPA's vital contributions to Somaliland's health sector and reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to expanding cooperation for measurable, impactful outcomes. This meeting marks a renewed commitment to addressing the healthcare needs of Somaliland's communities through strengthened collaboration and innovative initiatives.

Somaliland National Drought Committee Holds Key Meeting with Humanitarian Organizations

The National Committee for Drought Response in Somaliland convened a critical meeting with international and local humanitarian organizations to address the ongoing drought crisis affecting the nation. The gathering aimed to strengthen collaboration and expedite relief efforts for communities hardest hit by the drought. The meeting focused on assessing the drought's severity, identifying urgent humanitarian needs, and fostering coordinated action to mitigate its impact. Representatives from the National Committee, alongside delegates from global and local aid agencies, underscored the importance of unified, strategic efforts to support affected populations. The Committee presented a detailed overview of the drought's scale and its devastating effects, outlining the national strategy to



tackle the crisis and highlighting the pivotal role humanitarian organizations can play. Both parties agreed to enhance cooperation, improve information sharing, and ensure aid reaches the most vulnerable communities. A framework for sustained coordination and unified operations was also established. In a significant development, the Pharo Foundation donated 1,000 water containers to the National

Committee, marking their first targeted contribution to drought relief efforts. Vice President H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi, who chairs the Committee, closed the meeting by urging humanitarian organizations to intensify their efforts to deliver aid to those in need. He also renewed his appeal to the international community and Somalilanders, both at home and abroad, to provide robust humanitarian support to

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alleviate the suffering caused by the drought. This collaborative initiative signals a strong commitment to addressing Somaliland's drought crisis through collective action and solidarity.