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President Abdirahman Irro states once again zero tolerance for corruption as he launches workshop for parastatal CEOs

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By M.A. Egge

The President of the republic H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro has once again maintained that his administration will have zero tolerance for corruption. The Head of State gave the caution as he launched on Saturday a workshop for the heads of the parastatals and associated government agencies.

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Somaliland's Acting Speaker Saed Mire Expresses Gratitude to Senator Ted Cruz, Extends Invitation to Visit

Mohamoud Walaaleye

The House of Representatives of Somaliland has expressed heartfelt gratitude to U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas) for his recent call to recognize Somaliland's sovereignty.

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Somaliland's Upper House Lauds Senator Cruz's Push for U.S. Recognition, Signals Growing Momentum



Mohamoud Walaaleye

The Republic of Somaliland's Upper House of Parliament (Guurti) has expressed profound gratitude to U.S. Senator Ted Cruz for his recent call to President Donald Trump to formally recognize Somaliland as an

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Somaliland Celebrates Senator Cruz's Call for U.S. Recognition, Anticipates Trump's Support

Sen. Cruz's initiative has been highly received, with Somalilanders and their political hierarchy anticipating demos in support

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Dr. Abdirahman Gaas Praises Senator's Support for Somaliland Recognition, Urges Trump Action



Dr. Abdirahman Gaas, a prominent Political Economy Analyst specializing in the Horn of Africa, has called on the United States to formally recognize the

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The President made it clear that state pilfers, incompetence, misuse of funds and maladministration would not be entertained at all. The essence of the training is importance for the reform of national institutions, efficient cooperation between them and good governance. President Abdirahman Irro underscored the strengthening of the culture of responsibility, urging the new heads of independent institutions to maintain accountability, transparency,

efficiency and the public's trust in the public administration through diligence. This training, jointly convened by the Ministry of the Presidency, the Civil Service Commission, the Good Governance Commission and the University of Hargeisa, held at the main hall of the National Police Service, was one of the foundations for the work plan and efficient strategy to be followed by the new CEOs. On the other hand, the Ministers of the Presidency Ministries, Hon. Khadar Hussein Abdi and the

Minister of Information, Culture and National Guidance Hon. Ahmed Yasin Sheikh Ali Ayaanle, who addressed the function, emphasized the importance of the training for the good of the nation and the envisioned results that are expected to be achieved thereof. They urged the officials who received this opportunity to make efforts to ensure that their work is reflected in the knowledge and results they gain from this training. President Abdirahman Cirro said that the officials will be provided with knowledge on the benefits of efficient cooperation within the government and the necessary things for each institution and the planned issues it aims to achieve. Later on, the President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi, visited the General Command Center of the Somaliland Police Force, hence was given briefs by the police chief Brig Gen Abdirahman Abdillahi Hassan (Abdi-deere). In turn the President commended the force for their efforts and urged them to further endeavour for excellence as they go about their national duties in maintaining security and peaceful stability.

Somaliland's Upper House Lauds Senator Cruz's.....



independent state within its 1960 borders. In a letter dated August 15, 2025, Hon. Abdikadir Mohamed Hassan, Chairperson of the Guurti's Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Committee, praised Cruz's advocacy as a "principled and compelling" step toward advancing Somaliland's decades-long quest for international recognition. Hassan's letter, written on behalf of the Guurti—a traditional elder-based legislative body integral to Somaliland's governance—emphasized the moral and strategic imperative recognizing Somaliland. "Your leadership in championing this cause strengthens

Somaliland's position and advances U.S. national security interests in a region of critical importance," Hassan wrote, commending Cruz's focus on Somaliland's resilience against external pressures, including those from the Chinese Communist Party. The Guurti's endorsement follows widespread celebrations across Somaliland, where leaders, scholars, and citizens have voiced optimism about Cruz's intervention. Somaliland's Foreign Minister, Abdirahman Dahir Adan, echoed this sentiment, stating, "Senator Cruz's clear understanding of Somaliland's statehood and strategic importance reflects the value we bring to the U.S. and the world." Social media platforms in Somaliland have been flooded with

messages of thanks to Cruz, with many urging President Trump to act swiftly. Senator Cruz, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, urged President Trump on August 14, 2025, to grant Somaliland formal recognition, citing its strategic location along the Gulf of Aden, its consistent democratic record since 2003, and its contributions to regional security through counterterrorism and anti-piracy efforts. Cruz also highlighted Somaliland's diplomatic alignment with U.S. interests, including its hosting of a Taiwanese Representative Office in Hargeisa and support for the Abraham Accords.

Somaliland's Acting Speaker.....



In a letter to Senator Cruz, Acting Speaker Rt. Hon. Saed Mire Farah (Giire) praised the senator's letter to President Donald J. Trump, urging the U.S. to formally acknowledge Somaliland as an independent state. Hon. Farah highlighted Somaliland's 30-year record of democratic governance, peaceful elections, and stability, despite lacking international recognition. He emphasized Somaliland's role as a reliable partner in

counterterrorism and its strategic importance in the Horn of Africa. The letter also invited Senator Cruz to visit Hargeisa to observe Somaliland's progress and discuss stronger U.S.-Somaliland ties. Having reclaimed its independence from Somalia in 1991, Somaliland continues to seek global recognition while maintaining its own government and security forces. Hon. Farah's letter underscored Somaliland's commitment to democracy and regional stability, expressing hope for a lasting partnership with the United States.

Sen. Ted Cruz Letter Urges.....

In a bold move to bolster U.S. interests in the Horn of Africa, Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, has called on President Trump to formally recognize the Republic of Somaliland as an independent state. In a letter sent 14th August, 2025 today, Cruz highlighted Somaliland's strategic importance and steadfast partnership with the United States, urging the administration to take decisive action to cement this critical alliance. "Somaliland has emerged as a vital security and diplomatic partner for the United States," Cruz wrote, emphasizing its pivotal role in advancing American national security interests. Strategically positioned along the Gulf of Aden, Somaliland sits near one of the world's busiest maritime corridors. "The nation boasts capable armed forces, actively contributing to regional counterterrorism and anti-piracy operations. Somaliland has also strengthened ties with U.S. allies, hosting a Taiwanese Representative Office in its capital, Hargeisa, expressing support for the Abraham Accords.

"Despite its contributions, Somaliland faces growing threats, particularly from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), which Cruz notes is using economic and diplomatic coercion to punish Somaliland for its pro-Taiwan stance and alignment with U.S. interests. Undeterred, Somaliland remains committed to deepening military cooperation, counterterrorism efforts, and economic partnerships with the United States. "Recognizing Somaliland as an independent state would unlock its full potential as a partner, delivering significant benefits to American national security," Cruz urged in the letter. Formal recognition would empower Somaliland to expand its contributions to regional stability and counter adversarial influence in a geopolitically critical region". The call for recognition marks a significant moment in U.S.-Somaliland relations, spotlighting the nation's aspirations for sovereignty and its role as a democratic beacon in the Horn of Africa. As the Trump administration considers this historic opportunity, all eyes are on Washington to see whether it will take this bold step to strengthen ties with a key ally.

Somaliland Celebrates.....



By M.A. Egge.

Somaliland’s government, political leaders, scholars, and citizens have enthusiastically welcomed U.S. Senator Ted Cruz’s letter urging President Donald Trump to formally recognize the Republic of Somaliland as an independent state.

The appeal, seen as a significant milestone in Somaliland’s decades-long quest for international recognition, has sparked widespread optimism about a potential breakthrough in U.S.-Somaliland relations.

In a letter dated August 14, 2025, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, described Somaliland as “a critical security and diplomatic partner for the United States.” He highlighted its strategic location along the Gulf of Aden, its capable armed forces, and its contributions to counterterrorism and anti-piracy efforts.

Cruz also noted Somaliland’s resilience in the face of pressure from adversaries, particularly the Chinese communist party, which he accused of using economic and diplomatic coercion to undermine Somaliland’s ties with Taiwan.

“Despite these threats, Somaliland remains committed to forging closer ties with the U.S.,” Cruz wrote, urging Trump to grant Somaliland formal recognition to strengthen military, counterterrorism, and economic partnerships.

Official Response from Somaliland’s Leadership

On behalf of President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro, the government, and the people of Somaliland, Presidential Spokesman Hussein Adan Igeh (Deyr) issued a statement, expressing profound gratitude to Senator Cruz.

“We extend our deepest thanks for your principled and unwavering support, as articulated in your eloquent letter to President Trump,” Igeh said. “Your advocacy captures the essence of Somaliland’s history, our democratic achievements since 1991, and our strategic value to the U.S. and the global community.

Horn of Africa, also voiced strong support.

In a letter addressed to Sen. Cruz and copied to President Trump, Dr. Gaas underscored Somaliland’s stability, democratic governance, and strategic importance. “Somaliland is not a separatist ambition but a functioning state that has maintained peace and built credible institutions since 1991,” he wrote, contrasting Somaliland’s democratic elections and border control with Somalia’s ongoing instability.

He argued that recognition would “promote regional stability and reward a government grounded in the rule of law,” aligning with U.S. interests in securing maritime corridors near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait.

Somaliland’s political spectrum united in support of Cruz’s call. Leaders from both the opposition, including Mohamoud Hashi Abdi, and the ruling party, such as Hersi Ali H Hassan, hailed the senator’s endorsement as a testament to the growing U.S.-Somaliland partnership.

Meanwhile, Ismail Ahmed, founder of WorldRemit, framed the potential recognition as a transformative moment in U.S. foreign policy. On X, he called it “Trump’s Panama Canal Moment,” drawing parallels to President Theodore Roosevelt’s 1903 recognition of Panama. Ahmed highlighted Somaliland’s offer of exclusive access to Berbera’s port and a 4km airfield, describing it as “a low-cost, high-impact foothold in one of the world’s most strategic corridors.”

The timing of Cruz’s letter aligns with a planned visit by Somaliland President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro to Washington, D.C., in the coming weeks. Foreign Minister Abdirahman confirmed to local media that President Irro will engage in high-level discussions with U.S. officials, members of Congress, and think tank representatives. The talks are expected to focus on strengthening bilateral ties, boosting economic cooperation, and addressing regional security challenges in the Horn of Africa.

Somaliland’s strategic overtures, including its offer of a U.S. naval base near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait and access to lithium, gold, and oil blocks, with drilling set to begin in 2026, have further fueled momentum for recognition.

Cruz’s letter, combined with bipartisan Congressional interest and President Irro’s upcoming visit, has elevated Somaliland’s recognition from a distant possibility to a pressing item on Washington’s agenda. As Somalilanders celebrate this diplomatic milestone, they await President Trump’s response, hopeful that 2025 will mark a turning point in their nation’s quest for sovereignty.

Dr. Abdirahman Gaas.....



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In a letter addressed to Senator Ted Cruz, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, and copied to President Donald J. Trump, Dr. Gaas emphasized Somaliland’s stability, democratic governance, and strategic importance as compelling reasons for recognition.

“Somaliland is not a separatist ambition but a functioning state that has maintained peace and built credible institutions since 1991,” Dr. Gaas wrote.

He highlighted Somaliland’s track record of democratic elections, effective border control, and diplomatic engagement, contrasting it with Somalia’s ongoing instability and reliance on foreign aid.

“Recognizing Somaliland would promote regional stability and reward a government grounded in the rule of law,” he added.

Dr. Gaas, known for his extensive research on regional integration and sustainable development in the Horn of Africa, argued that Somaliland’s recognition aligns with U.S. interests in securing critical maritime corridors near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait and countering growing geopolitical competition in the region.

His letter comes amid recent discussions in Congress about reviewing U.S.-Somaliland ties, with Somaliland offering a potential naval base and access to rare earth minerals in exchange for recognition.

The call has sparked debate, with some analysts noting the African Union’s reluctance to endorse Somaliland’s independence due to concerns over regional precedents. However, Dr. Gaas remains optimistic, urging President Trump to leverage his

pragmatic leadership to advance U.S. interests by welcoming Somaliland as a reliable ally.

Source: Below letter by Dr. Abdirahman Gaas, Political Economy Analyst, Horn of Africa

The Case for Recognizing Somaliland: Stability, Partnership, and Reality

To: Senator Ted Cruz Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy

CC: President Donald J. Trump

Dear Senator #Cruz, As a scholar and political economy analyst specializing in the Horn of Africa, I write in full support of your August 14, 2025, letter to President Donald J. Trump, urging the recognition of the Republic of Somaliland as an independent nation.

Your proposal is not only justified — it is long overdue. Somaliland is not a separatist ambition. It is a stable, democratic, and functioning state. Since declaring independence in 1991, Somaliland has maintained peace, built credible institutions, delivered essential services, and held multiple democratic elections — all without significant international aid or recognition.

It governs effectively, controls its borders, collects taxes, and engages diplomatically abroad. These are not characteristics of a breakaway region but of a sovereign state. Meanwhile, Somalia remains a fragile partner, heavily dependent on foreign support amid ongoing instability and extremist threats.

Recognizing Somaliland would promote stability across the Horn of Africa. It would reward peace over conflict and empower a legitimate government with hard-earned experience in reconciliation and institution-building.

Somaliland understands Somalia’s challenges; it has lived through them.

But unlike Somalia, Somaliland confronted its past, reconciled its

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since 2018 (Washington Diplomat, June 6, 2024), have paved the way for this moment. His meetings with U.S. officials and push for the “Somaliland Partnership Act” (Somaliland Standard, December 27, 2022) have built a foundation of trust, now poised to flourish under renewed attention. Ambassador Goth concluded, “This is a celebration of shared values—democracy, security, and progress. With Senator Cruz and President Trump’s support, we can write a story of success together.” As the world watches, this budding alliance promises to shine as a model of international collaboration.

In a heartening development for U.S.-Somaliland relations, Ambassador Bashir Goth, Somaliland’s esteemed representative in Washington, D.C., has thrown his full support behind Senator Ted Cruz’s recent call for the United States to recognize Somaliland as an independent state. In a statement, Goth praised Cruz’s outreach to President Donald Trump, signaling a potential new chapter of partnership between the two nations. “I applaud Senator Ted Cruz’s courageous leadership and his outreach to President Donald Trump,” Goth wrote. “This is a historic opportunity for Somaliland, a beacon of stability, to join hands with the U.S. With our strategic Red Sea access and rich mineral resources, we can build a future of prosperity together. Thank you, Senator, for championing our cause. The announcement follows Cruz’s statement on Thursday, August 14, 2025, urging the Trump administration to grant Somaliland recognition, citing its 30-year track record of democratic governance and military cooperation against terrorism—achievements lauded in a 2021 Journal of African Studies report. Z Ambassador Goth’s endorsement highlights Somaliland’s unique value to the United States. Its 850-kilometer coastline along the Gulf of Aden offers a critical maritime chokepoint, while its untapped lithium deposits promise to fuel technological innovation, as noted in a recent India Today analysis (August 14, 2025). Goth emphasized these assets in a follow-up interview with VOA Somali, saying, “Our stability and resources can strengthen U.S. leadership in the Horn of Africa, fostering peace and economic growth for both our peoples.” The timing couldn’t be more auspicious. With China’s economic influence in the nation under scrutiny—following reports of coercion against Somaliland for its support of Taiwan (Council on Foreign Relations, 2023)—Goth’s statement positions this recognition as a win-win alliance. “This is not just about Somaliland; it’s about building a democratic

partnership to counter challenges and create opportunities,” he added. Goth’s diplomatic efforts, bolstered by his years of advocacy

We Will Never Forget Those.....



Mohamoud Walaaleye The Chairman of Somaliland’s ruling WADDANI Party, Hon. Hirsi Ali Haji Hassan, has publicly expressed gratitude to U.S. Senator Ted Cruz for urging President Donald Trump to formally recognize Somaliland as an independent state. In a statement released, Chairman Hirsi described Cruz’s advocacy as a significant step in Somaliland’s decades-long pursuit of international recognition. Speaking on behalf of the Somaliland government and the WADDANI Party, Hirsi emphasized the shared values between Somaliland and the United States, including democracy, human rights, peace, and regional stability. “We share many positive interests with the United States, and we have much to offer in return,” he said, highlighting Somaliland’s strategic position along the Gulf of Aden and its potential to host a U.S. military base to counter terrorism and secure the Red Sea. Hirsi’s remarks come in response to a letter sent by

Senator Cruz to President Trump on August 14, 2025, which described Somaliland as a “critical security and diplomatic partner” for the U.S. Cruz cited Somaliland’s contributions to counterterrorism, its support for the Abraham Accords, and its ties with Taiwan as reasons for granting formal recognition. Hirsi underscored Somaliland’s readiness to contribute to regional security, stating, “We will never forget those who support our quest for recognition and stand by us when we need them.” He also suggested that President Trump has a unique opportunity to reshape East African geopolitics by recognizing Somaliland, potentially leaving a historic legacy. As Somaliland continues to strengthen its diplomatic outreach, including recent engagements with the UAE and offers of mineral exploration deals, the nation’s bid for recognition is gaining unprecedented traction.



has urged U.S. President Donald Trump to recognize Somaliland’s independence in exchange for exclusive military access to the strategic Port of Berbera and its adjacent airfield. The proposal, framed as a cost-free strategic opportunity, positions Somaliland as a potential ally in the geopolitical contest for control of the Red Sea corridor. Ahmed, who previously exposed corruption in UN aid programs to Somalia before launching the global money transfer company WorldRemit in 2010, argues that U.S. recognition would yield significant returns without financial or military investment. “For the cost-free act of recognition, Washington would gain a loyal partner and prime strategic real estate along the Red Sea—no costly wars, no nation-building required,” he wrote in the letter addressed to Trump. A Strategic Bargain on the Horn of Africa Somaliland, since 1991 with a population of approximately five million, has maintained its own currency, passport, and governance structures independent of Somalia. The letter highlights Berbera’s deep-water port and its 4,140-meter runway—among the longest in Africa—as critical assets for U.S. military and commercial

operations. Situated near the Babel-Mandeb chokepoint, a vital global shipping lane, Berbera could serve as a counterweight to China’s military base in Djibouti, established in 2017. Ahmed proposes exclusive U.S. access to these facilities, denying other global powers, including China, similar rights. This aligns with growing U.S. interest in the region, where analysts have noted potential for monitoring Chinese activities and securing mineral rights, particularly as tensions rise in the Horn of Africa amid Sudan’s ongoing crisis. Contrasting Narratives: Somaliland vs. Somalia The letter draws a stark contrast between Somaliland’s stability and Somalia’s challenges. Ahmed cites an audit suggesting 96% of international aid to Somalia has been lost to corruption—a issue he claims to have witnessed firsthand during his UN tenure, which led to his dismissal, “Somaliland has achieved peace, stability, and democracy on its own,” he asserts, urging a reevaluation of U.S. policy toward the region. Somaliland’s reclamation of independence followed a decade-long war ending in 1991, after a brief 1960 independence and an unratified union with Somalia. Somalia, which considers

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communities, and established a functioning state just two months after the central government collapsed. That state has now endured for over three decades — resilient, lawful, and grounded in consensus. #Somaliland and #Somalia are not merely politically separate; they are fundamentally different in governance and statecraft. While Somalia struggles with fragmentation, foreign dependence, and elite-driven politics, Somaliland has thrived through local ownership, community participation, and a commitment to the rule of law. These differences stem from leadership, legitimacy, and a determination to move forward. Somaliland seeks not Somalia’s collapse, but its own rightful

recognition. It is prepared to act as a constructive regional partner for peace and development. Continuing to ignore its success while tolerating failure elsewhere is not just unjust — it is strategically short-sighted. President Trump’s legacy as a bold and pragmatic leader who prioritizes U.S. interests should include recognizing reliable allies. Somaliland is one: it governs itself, supports regional security, and sits astride a critical maritime corridor. It has shown that it can lead — and it is ready to do more. It is time to turn a new page in the Horn of Africa. Let Somaliland take its rightful place among the nations of the world. Respectfully, Dr. Abdirahman Gaas Political Economy Analyst, Horn of Africa

Prominent Republican.....



formally recognize the independence of Somaliland, describing a critical security and diplomatic partner for the United States.

In a letter dated August 14, Cruz wrote, “Somaliland has emerged as a pivotal partner for the United States in security and diplomacy, contributing to the advancement of our strategic interests in the Horn of Africa and beyond.”

He added, “Somaliland demonstrates a clear commitment to strengthening its relations with Washington, and is actively engaged in enhancing military cooperation, combating terrorism, and expanding economic and trade partnerships. To maximize the benefits of American interests, its recognition as an independent state is a necessity.”

Cruz’s call was immediately welcomed by Somaliland’s representative in Washington, Bashir Goth, who told Africa Report, “Somaliland is a steadfast partner of the United States and a first line of defense against growing Chinese influence in the Horn of Africa. The momentum toward closer ties has never been stronger, with growing bipartisan support, including Senator Cruz’s endorsement of our independence.

He added, “President Trump understands America’s interests in our nation, and we believe his renewed vision will open the door to a new, historic chapter in relations between Washington and Hargeisa.”

Historical background

Somaliland was an independent state for a few days in 1960 before voluntarily uniting with Somalia later that same year.

In 1991, it reclaimed its independence from the collapsing Somali state, and has since maintained a degree of stability and democracy in a region plagued by conflict.

Momentum builds in Washington

Cruz’s message comes at a time when Somaliland is receiving increasing attention within US federal institutions. Hargeisa has consistently presented itself to successive US administrations as a counterweight to Chinese influence in East Africa.

The Pentagon is paying particular attention to finding alternatives to Camp Lemonnier in Djibouti, the only permanent US base in Africa,

which is located next to a Chinese military facility.

Somaliland has entered into talks with the US military regarding the establishment of a military base in the port of Berbera on the Gulf of Aden, and also hosts a Taiwanese representative office in the capital.

Chinese pressure that prompted the Somali government to bar Taiwanese passport holders from entering Somaliland has reinforced calls for a change in US policy toward the Horn region.

In his letter, Cruz wrote, “The Chinese Communist Party is using economic and diplomatic pressure to punish Somaliland for its support for Taiwan and is seeking to undermine that support. Unfortunately, the Somali government has played a negative role in these efforts.”

Potential gains for the Trump administration

Somaliland is trying to woo the new US administration by aligning with its priorities, including offering to host refugees from Gaza in exchange for official recognition

and granting Washington access to its vital mineral wealth.

The new commander of US Africa Command, General Dagvin Anderson, also expressed openness to strengthening ties with Somaliland during a Senate hearing last month.

“I think it’s in our best interest to have some level of engagement in that area, whether with the federal government or local entities, and I’ll evaluate that when I’m sure,” General Anderson said.”

Next steps

Although the legal deadline for submitting amendments to this year’s National Defense Authorization Act has passed, lawmakers are expected to continue pushing for recognition of Somaliland when they return from summer recess in September.

In the House of Representatives, Pennsylvania Republican Representative Scott Perry is leading a bill that would give Trump the authority to recognize Somaliland’s independence, and it has received the support of five other Republican representatives.

In the Senate, Senator Cruz could highlight the issue by holding hearings on various African issues, most notably maritime security, where Somaliland could represent a compelling alternative to Djibouti.

Cruz concluded his message: “The partnership between the United States and Somaliland is strong, and it is deepening.”

Africa Report Source.

Press release: Somaliland’s Enduring Quest for Recognition- Dr. Ali Duale-SL-SAG



Press Release

Somaliland holds a unique place in the modern history of the Horn of Africa. On June 26, 1960, it became the first Somali-speaking territory to gain independence from colonial rule. In the spirit of pan-Somali unity, Somaliland voluntarily joined the former Italian Somaliland in July 1960 to form the Somali Republic. However, this union was never ratified by the people of Somaliland, who soon realized that the terms were being manipulated to favor Mogadishu, leading to deep disillusionment.

For decades, Somalilanders endured political marginalization, economic exploitation, and eventually brutal repression. In their struggle for justice, they sacrificed thousands of lives, saw their cities

destroyed, and lost much of their wealth. Despite the devastation, the people persevered, and on May 18, 1991, Somaliland reclaimed its independence, choosing a path of self-determination.

From that moment, Somaliland embarked on the difficult task of rebuilding a nation from the ground up. Without international recognition or significant foreign aid, it created functioning democratic institutions, held six peaceful transfers of power, and maintained stability in a volatile region. It has resisted destabilization efforts, including rejecting Chinese influence, while nurturing

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Somaliland part of its territory, has not governed the nation since.

Ahmed argues that recognition would respect colonial-era boundaries, a principle supported by some African Union precedents.

Geopolitical Timing and Support

The appeal coincides with the Trump administration’s second term, which began in January 2025, and its focus on reducing foreign aid spending while countering China’s global influence.

Recent statements from U.S. lawmakers, including Senator Ted Cruz, have highlighted Somaliland’s potential as a security and diplomatic partner, reinforcing Ahmed’s case.

The proposal also comes as the U.S. reassesses its Horn of Africa strategy, where instability in Somalia—marked by Al-Shabaab’s control of swaths of territory—and

China’s regional presence have raised concerns. Ahmed suggests that recognizing Somaliland could redirect resources from a “failed” Somalia policy to a proven success.

A Panama Canal Moment?

Drawing a historical parallel, Ahmed likens the deal to President Theodore Roosevelt’s 1903 recognition of Panama to secure the Panama Canal, framing Berbera as a 21st-century strategic prize.

“This is your chance to redraw the map in America’s favor, counter China, and cement your legacy,” he told Trump, appealing to the president’s reputation for bold decision-making.

Nonetheless, Ahmed’s letter has thrust Somaliland into the global spotlight, raising questions about whether Trump will seize this opportunity to reshape U.S. influence in the Horn region.

Berbera Port’s Historic Fuel Vessel Arrival Signals Bright Future for Somaliland,” Says Dahabshiil CEO Abdirashid Duale



In a landmark achievement for Somaliland’s economic growth, Berbera Port has received its largest-ever fuel vessel, carrying approximately 50,000 cubic meters of fuel. The shipment, delivered by Horn Petroleum Company and stored at the East Africa Storage Terminal—both part of the Dahabshiil Group—marks a significant step in strengthening Somaliland’s role as a strategic trade hub in the Horn of Africa.

The arrival of the vessel was celebrated as a triumph for the nation’s development. Horn Petroleum’s manager, Mahad, emphasized the importance of such advancements, stating, “This is a proud moment for Somaliland, as it brings tangible benefits to our people and economy.”

Dahabshiil CEO Abdirashid Duale hailed the achievement as a testament to the vision of Dahabshiil Chairman Haji Mohamed Said, whose leadership has driven the project’s success.

“This milestone at Berbera Port opens new opportunities for Somaliland and the Horn of Africa, ensuring a steady fuel supply to power progress,” Duale said.

“Berbera Port’s Historic Fuel Vessel Arrival Signals Bright Future for Somaliland,” adds Dahabshiil CEO Abdirashid Duale

The fuel shipment is expected to meet the energy needs of Somaliland and neighboring countries, bolstering energy security and supporting economic growth.

Local and regional officials from the Sahil region, alongside other dignitaries, praised Dahabshiil’s contribution and urged other businesses to invest in Somaliland’s development.

This historic event underscores Berbera Port’s growing prominence as a key maritime and trade hub, positioning Somaliland as a vital player in the region’s energy and commerce sectors.

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Prepared by: Abdillahi Said Muhummed

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- 20 Speech
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partnerships with nations and allies that respect its sovereignty. Today, the dream of recognition is closer than ever, thanks to the steadfast commitment of Somaliland's friends around the world. U.S. Senator Ted Cruz made a bold move by formally urging President Donald Trump to consider Somaliland's case, a gesture deeply appreciated by the

people. President Trump's willingness to take a closer look at Somaliland's story represents a pivotal moment in this decades-long journey. Somaliland's experience stands as a testament to resilience, democracy, and self-reliance in Africa. Long life and prosperity for the people of Somaliland. Dr. Ali Duale, member of SL-SAG
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Somaliland Intellectual Forum Applauds Senator Cruz's Push for U.S. Recognition of Somaliland's Sovereignty



The Somaliland Intellectual Forum, a coalition of scholars, professionals, and civic leaders, has expressed profound gratitude to U.S. Senator Ted Cruz for his bold advocacy in urging President Donald J. Trump to formally recognize the Republic of Somaliland as a sovereign nation. In a letter titled "Somaliland Intellectual Forum's Letter of Gratitude and Support for U.S. Recognition of Somaliland's Sovereignty," dated August 15, 2025, the Forum hailed Cruz's efforts as a historic milestone for Somaliland's decades-long quest for international legitimacy. Cruz, in a letter to President Trump on August 14, 2025, called for the United States to recognize Somaliland within its 1960 borders, emphasizing its historical independence and strategic importance. The Forum's letter underscores that Somaliland is not a breakaway state but a nation that gained independence from Great Britain on June 26, 1960, and was recognized by over 30 countries, including the U.S., before entering an unratified union with Somalia. That union collapsed in 1991, leading Somaliland to reassert its

sovereignty and build a stable, democratic state in a volatile region." Somaliland is a reliable partner for the United States," the Forum stated, highlighting the nation's strategic location along the Gulf of Aden near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, a critical chokepoint for global maritime trade. The group emphasized Somaliland's readiness to deepen military cooperation, bolster counterterrorism efforts, and expand trade with American firms, positioning it as a natural ally in the Horn of Africa. The Forum praised Cruz for reigniting hope among Somalilanders and reinforcing ties between the two nations. "Your leadership has reaffirmed the values of liberty, self-determination, and strategic foresight," the letter read, urging Trump to restore U.S. recognition of Somaliland to honor its democratic resilience and advance American interests. As President Trump considers Cruz's recommendation, the Somaliland Intellectual Forum's endorsement underscores the growing momentum for Somaliland's place on the world stage.

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Op-Ed: From Hargeisa to Washington: The Final Steps Toward Somaliland's Recognition



Thursday, August 14, 2025, is a day that will be remembered in the hearts of Somalilanders around the world. U.S. Senator Ted Cruz has written directly to President Donald J. Trump, urging the United States to formally recognize the Republic of Somaliland as an independent state within its 1960 borders.

Senator Cruz's letter, rooted in historical truth and strategic clarity, acknowledges what we as Somalilanders have known for decades: that Somaliland has been a stable, selfgoverning, democratic nation since reclaiming its independence in 1991.

He praised our peaceful elections since 2003, our strong voter turnout, and our peaceful transitions of power—values that echo the democratic principles cherished by both Somaliland and the United States.

He reminded President Trump—and the world—that Somaliland is a critical security and diplomatic partner to the United States. Strategically located along the Gulf

of Aden, near one of the busiest maritime corridors in the world, Somaliland has capable armed forces and actively contributes to counterterrorism and anti-piracy operations.

Senator Cruz also highlighted our diplomatic courage: welcoming a Taiwanese Representative Office in Hargeisa, and proposing to host a U.S. military presence while offering critical mineral partnerships to strengthen American supply chains. These are not just symbolic gestures—they are commitments that place Somaliland firmly on the side of democracy, freedom, and strategic partnership.

Senator Cruz also warned of the mounting pressure from adversaries, including the Chinese Communist Party's economic and diplomatic coercion, and the unfortunate role of the Somali government in undermining our sovereignty.

Despite these threats, Somaliland remains steadfast in its commitment to the U.S. and its allies.

As Chairman of the Waddani Party in Minnesota-USA, I thank Senator Ted Cruz for his principled stand, Representative Scott Perry and all other lawmakers who support Somaliland's recognition, and President Donald J. Trump for his willingness to examine this matter with courage and vision.

This moment is no longer a distant hope—it is fast approaching. In September 2025, our newly elected President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi "Irro" will make an official visit to Washington, D.C.

This trip is more than ceremonial—it is an opportunity for direct engagement at the highest level, to solidify Somaliland's place among America's trusted allies.

To my fellow Somalilanders across the United States: now is the time to unite, organize, and prepare. Recognition will bring responsibilities as well as pride. We must be ready to support our homeland politically, economically, and diplomatically when this historic milestone is achieved.

Senator Cruz's letter today is a bold step forward, a signal that the United States is ready to acknowledge the reality on the ground. We, as Somalilanders in America, must match that courage with our unity and our readiness.

The dawn of Somaliland's recognition is breaking—let us stand ready to greet it together.

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Dual Citizen of the United States and Somalila

Presidency Minister: "We Have Valuable Contributions to Offer the United States" in Push for Recognition

Mohamoud Walaaleye Khadar Hussein Abdi, Somaliland's Minister of the Presidency, announced Somaliland's readiness to serve as a dependable ally to the United States and its partners in the pursuit of international recognition.

In a statement shared on his X account, Abdi emphasized Somaliland's potential to contribute significantly to regional stability and cooperation.

"We believe we have valuable contributions to offer the United States and its allies," Abdi declared, highlighting Somaliland's commitment to being a responsible partner.

In a pointed critique, the minister accused Somalia of leveraging Al-Shabaab as a tool to influence American policymakers and perpetuate regional instability. The remarks underscore Somaliland's



ongoing efforts to distinguish itself as a stable and cooperative nation in the Horn of Africa, amid its quest for global recognition as a sovereign nation.

Somaliland Ministry of Agriculture and Shaqo-Doon Agency Hold Key Meeting to Advance SOM-REP Project



The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Somaliland and the Shaqo-Doon Agency convened a significant meeting today at the Ministry's headquarters in Hargeisa to discuss the advancement of the SOM-REP project. The initiative focuses on strengthening livelihood infrastructure, boosting agricultural productivity, and fostering community integration across Somaliland's regions.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Agriculture Hon. Mohamoud Ege Yusuf, the Director General Eng Abdirisak Ahmed Gaas, senior experts from the Ministry, and high-ranking officials from the Shaqo-Doon Agency. Discussions centered on strategies to enhance the SOM-REP project, ensuring that its initiatives align with the real needs of Somaliland's farming communities in the regions where the project operates.

Key topics included improving agricultural output, addressing challenges such as water scarcity and limited investment, and promoting sustainable practices to build resilience against climate shocks. The SOM-REP project, known for its community-based approaches like Natural Resource Management (NRM)

and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), aims to empower local farmers and enhance food security.

Both parties emphasized the importance of aligning project activities with Somaliland's broader agricultural development goals, including the recently launched 2025–2030 Strategic Plan for Agricultural Development. The collaborative effort underscores Somaliland's commitment to sustainable growth and food security, as highlighted in recent initiatives like the \$100 million agriculture project with African Food Security and the World Bank-funded Somaliland Food Systems Resilience Project (SL-FSRP).

The meeting concluded with a commitment to further refine the SOM-REP project's implementation, with plans for ongoing coordination to ensure tangible benefits for Somaliland's farming communities. This development marks a significant step toward transforming the nation's agricultural sector and reducing reliance on food imports

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