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Somaliland House of Representatives Express Gratitude on U.S. Recognition Efforts and Slams Somalia Insurgency in Eastern Sool

-It reaffirms commitment to safeguarding national sovereignty and stability, calling for unified action to counter external interference and promote peace in the Horn of Africa region

-Calls for suspension of Somaliland-Somalia Talks



M.A. Egge.
The Somaliland House of Representatives, in its 14th session of the 12th term, chaired by Speaker Hon. Yasin Mahmoud Hiir (Faratoon), unanimously approved a resolution supporting the Somaliland

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Somaliland Police Vow to Crack Down on Youth Harassing Ethiopian Residents in Hargeisa

Mohamoud Walaaleye

The Somaliland Police Force has issued a strong warning to groups of youth in Hargeisa accused of harassing Ethiopian residents in the capital's markets, as tensions rise over recent incidents targeting foreigners.

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Somaliland, Ethiopia Central Bank Chiefs Meet to Boost Financial Cooperation



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Kaah Party Chairman Refutes Rhetoric from Las Anod, Calls for Erigavo Peace and Urges Dialogue Over Conflict



Mahmoud Hashi Abdi, Chairman of the KAAH Party, issued a powerful statement yesterday addressing inflammatory rhetoric from a recent meeting in Las Anod.

He strongly condemned the speakers' calls for civil strife, describing them as laden with

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Somaliland Education Minister Urges Graduates to Boost Progress with Tech Integration



"I urge you to dedicate your knowledge to serving your country, so that we can achieve sustainable progress now and in the future", Prof. Ismail

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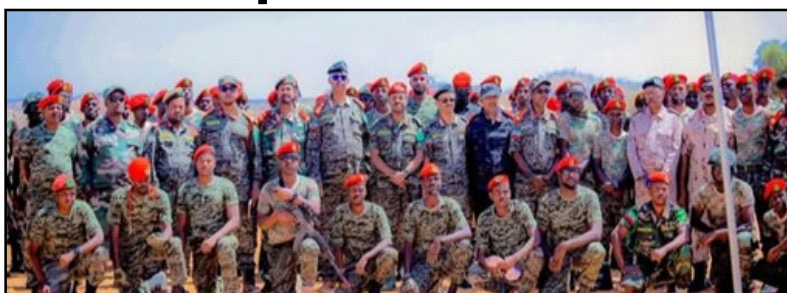
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"Strengthening our international stance and relations with neighboring countries is key to our progress," says Director General Mohamed.

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Somaliland National Army Advances Special Forces Capabilities with Elite Training Program



Our Special Forces are the vanguard of our nation's defense, and investing in their development strengthens our sovereignty and stability, says Brigadier General Nim'an

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Somaliland's Ministry of Finance Expedites World Bank-Funded Projects in Strategic Meeting



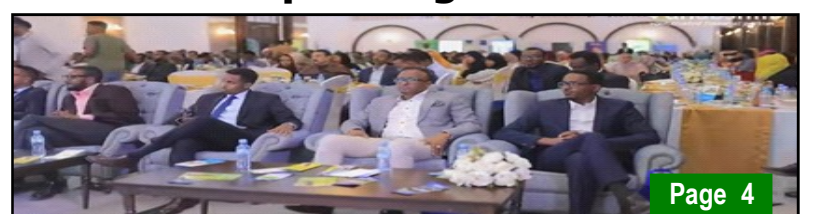
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recognition campaign in the United States and issued recommendations addressing the situation in the eastern Sool region. Support for U.S. Congress Recognition Efforts: The House endorses the ongoing efforts to secure international recognition for Somaliland in the United States and expresses gratitude to U.S. congressmen and diplomats advocating for these efforts. During the session, proposals submitted to the Members of Parliament regarding the situation in Sool Bari were presented. The House issued a resolution addressed to the Government of the Republic of Somaliland. The resolution, read by the Secretary of the House of Representatives, Abdirisak Said Ayanle, was as follows: -

1. Condemnation of Somalia's Interference: The House recognizes that the weak Somalia government in Mogadishu is directly interfering with Somaliland's independence, deliberately fostering instability in eastern Sool, which undermines regional stability and security. This violates Somaliland's territorial sovereignty, international law, the UN Charter of 1945, and the African Union Charter of 1963.
2. Call for Accountability: The House demands a closed session with all relevant security agency officials to review measures taken and planned to counter Somalia's interference in eastern Sool.
3. Suspension of Talks with Somalia: The House urges the government to immediately halt all Talks with Somalia due to its ongoing interference in Somaliland's sovereignty.
4. Appeal to the International Community: The House calls on the

- international community, political allies, regional organizations, and all nations to acknowledge Somalia's aggression, including its blatant interference, incitement of conflict, and efforts to destabilize communities in Somaliland, particularly in eastern Sool and Sanaag.
5. Support for Peace Initiative: The House endorses and urges the government to expedite President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro's peace initiative extended to the brotherly communities in the Sanaag region.
 6. Strengthening Regional Security: The House recommends that the government develop a plan to bolster security and defense in stable districts neighboring conflict-prone areas, such as Ainaba and other secure districts in Sool. These efforts should be included in the 2026 budget to address the needs of these areas and prevent further conflicts.
 7. Districts Assessment Mission: The House proposes deploying a parliamentary committee to assess the needs and potential interventions in affected districts, with a detailed report to be submitted to the House.
 8. Implementation of Prior Resolutions: The House calls for the implementation of its 2023 and July 2025 resolutions regarding Somalia Talks, national security, independence, and political party unity. It urges both houses to convene and reach a national consensus on addressing the eastern Sool situation. The Somaliland House of Representatives reaffirms its commitment to safeguarding national sovereignty and stability, calling for unified action to counter external interference and promote peace in the Horn of Africa region.

Somaliland Strengthens Regional.....

Mohamoud Walaaleye
In a series of high-level engagements aimed at bolstering Somaliland's international presence, Director General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mr. Mohamed Abdirahman, has wrapped up an official tour of key neighboring countries. The visits to the Republic of Djibouti and Kenya underscore Somaliland's commitment to enhancing diplomatic ties, improving consular services for its diaspora, and

fostering economic collaboration amid growing regional opportunities. The tour, which began earlier this week, focused on inspecting embassy operations, gathering insights on diplomatic challenges, and evaluating support for Somaliland citizens abroad. Mr. Abdirahman met with ambassadors, deputy ambassadors, and other diplomatic staff at Somaliland's missions in both nations. "The hard work of our embassies abroad is invaluable," Mr.

Somaliland Police Vow to Crack Down.....

Colonel Abdiqani Sheikh Ismail, the police spokesperson, condemned the actions as "illegal" during a press briefing, vowing that law enforcement will take swift legal action against those responsible for creating unrest. "The Somaliland police will not tolerate any behavior that disrupts the peace or threatens the safety of our communities," he stated. The incidents, which have occurred over the past week, involve groups of young individuals allegedly intimidating and causing trouble for Ethiopian nationals living in Hargeisa. Colonel Abdiqani emphasized the deep historical and neighborly ties between Somaliland and Ethiopia, noting that many Somalilanders reside peacefully in Ethiopia without facing similar hostility. "Somaliland and Ethiopia are brothers. There is no enmity between us, only strong bonds of friendship," he said.



The police have urged the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities, reinforcing their commitment to maintaining law and order. Colonel Abdiqani called on Somaliland's youth to refrain from taking the law into their own hands, warning that offenders will face strict consequences. Local community leaders have echoed the police's call for unity, urging residents to foster peace and mutual respect. The Somaliland government has also reaffirmed its

commitment to protecting all residents, regardless of nationality, as part of its broader efforts to ensure stability in the region. Authorities are now increasing patrols in key market areas and engaging with community groups to prevent further incidents. The members of the public are encouraged to cooperate with law enforcement to preserve Hargeisa's reputation as a safe and welcoming city.

Somaliland National Army Advances Special.....



By Mohamoud Walaaleye
In a significant step toward enhancing national security and military professionalism, the Somaliland National Army has successfully completed an intensive training program for a specialized unit of its Special Forces. Led by Commander Brigadier General Nim'an Yusuf Osman and his accompanying delegation, the initiative underscores Somaliland's commitment to building a highly skilled and well-equipped defense force capable of conducting advanced special operations. The training was held at the Adadle Training School in the Maroodijeeh region, which has now been officially designated as the Special Forces Training Center. This

facility upgrade aims to centralize and elevate the preparation of elite troops, ensuring they are ready to address evolving security challenges in the region. Participants underwent rigorous, high-level instruction focused on various combat disciplines, including proficiency with diverse weaponry such as sniper rifles. The program emphasized tactical expertise, precision marksmanship, and operational readiness, equipping the unit with the tools and skills necessary for executing special missions effectively. "This training marks a pivotal milestone in the Somaliland National Army's journey toward superior professionalism and full-spectrum preparedness," stated Brigadier General Nim'an Yusuf Osman. "Our

Special Forces are the vanguard of our nation's defense, and investing in their development strengthens our sovereignty and stability." The initiative is part of broader efforts by the National Army to modernize its forces amid ongoing regional dynamics. Somaliland's military has been progressively enhancing its capabilities through international partnerships and internal reforms, focusing on counter-terrorism, border security, and rapid response operations. Officials report that this training aligns with national defense strategies aimed at fostering self-reliance while promoting peace and stability in the Horn of Africa. The graduation ceremony, attended by senior military leaders and local dignitaries, featured demonstrations of the unit's newly acquired skills, highlighting their potential impact on national security. The Somaliland government has expressed optimism that such programs will deter external threats and contribute to regional cooperation.

Abdirahman stated during his meetings. "They play a crucial role in caring for and serving our citizens in Djibouti and Kenya, and I commend their dedication." In Djibouti, discussions highlighted potential synergies between the ports of Berbera (Somaliland) and Djibouti, as acknowledged by Djiboutian President Ismail Omar Guelleh in recent statements. This cooperation aims to create competitive trade routes for landlocked East African countries, rivaling routes through Kenya and Tanzania. Meanwhile, in Kenya, Mr. Abdirahman's arrival was warmly received by the Somaliland Mission, where talks centered on strengthening diplomacy, boosting trade links, and deepening cooperation. The meetings

emphasized the need to enhance services for Somaliland's expatriate community while exploring new avenues for economic partnerships. Mr. Abdirahman encouraged embassy staff to intensify efforts in promoting Somaliland's global representation and solidifying ties with like-minded nations. "Strengthening our international stance and relations with neighboring countries is key to our progress," he remarked. The tour comes at a pivotal time, as Somaliland continues its push for international recognition. Recent U.S. discussions, including calls from Senator Ted Cruz for President Donald Trump to recognize Somaliland, have added momentum, though the U.S. State Department has clarified no active talks are underway.

Additionally, Somaliland's diplomatic calendar is heating up with other notable events. President Irro is set to meet with Prof. P.L.O. Lumumba, the renowned Kenyan intellectual and Chairman of The Unity University, to discuss higher education development, academic cooperation, and the role of universities in state-building. This historic engagement highlights Somaliland's focus on intellectual and educational partnerships to support its quest for recognition. The visits reflect Somaliland's proactive foreign policy, prioritizing regional stability and economic integration. As the nation marks another step in its diplomatic outreach, analysts suggest these initiatives could pave the way for greater visibility on the African and global stage.

Kaah Party Chairman Refutes Rhetoric.....



incitement and driven by reckless ambition that undermines the unity of Somalia’s interconnected communities. “Sanaag and Sool Bari are integral parts of the legal boundaries of the Republic of Somaliland,” Abdi declared. “Any disputes or conflicts must be resolved through dialogue and brotherly consensus, not through actions that fuel division or

support the weak governance of Hassan Sheikh.” Emphasizing Erigavo’s need for stability, Abdi stated, “Erigavo does not need imported conflict. It requires peace, prosperity, and the benefits of unity.” He directly addressed those inciting violence, saying, “Do not let those who will not open their homes to you drag you into conflict; it is unnecessary, like grazing on dry winter grass.”

In closing, Abdi reaffirmed Erigavo’s enduring identity: “Erigavo is not a new frontier; it is the same as it was yesterday. Its people are not newcomers but those who have long shaped its destiny. Let it not be abandoned to neglect.” The KAAH Party calls for all stakeholders to prioritize dialogue and reject any attempts to destabilize the region, urging a collective commitment to peace and progress.

Somaliland, Ethiopia Central Bank Chiefs Meet.....

The central banks of Somaliland and Ethiopia on Saturday held talks in Addis Ababa aimed at strengthening financial and economic cooperation, including cross-border trade and banking ties, officials said. Somaliland’s central bank governor, Abdinasir Ahmed Hersi, and Ethiopia’s central bank chief, Mamo E. Mihretu, met at the National Bank of Ethiopia headquarters to discuss collaboration on payments and settlement systems, foreign exchange and trade financing, anti-money laundering measures, FinTech licensing and forex operations. The two sides agreed to set up a joint technical working group to follow up on the initiatives.



Governor Hersi underscored the importance of Somaliland’s Berbera Port and trade corridor for Ethiopia’s regional commerce, urging swift progress on banking and insurance protocols to accelerate port-use agreements. Governor Mihretu welcomed the initiative, committing to raise the matter with Ethiopia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The meeting also discussed strengthening financial flows, khat trade across the border, and the potential opening of a branch of Ethiopia’s state-owned Commercial Bank in Somaliland. Both governors pledged to deepen cooperation to bolster economic growth and regional stability. **SOURCE: HORNDIPLOMAT**

Somaliland’s Ministry of Finance Expedites.....

In a significant step toward enhancing economic and social development, the Republic of Somaliland’s Ministry of Finance held a high-level technical review meeting today to monitor and expedite nine ongoing projects funded by the World Bank. The gathering underscores the government’s commitment to efficient project implementation amid growing international partnerships aimed at bolstering public services in the region. Led by Director General Md. Mohamed Hassan Saleban the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, and accompanied by Accountant General Md. Hassan Muuse Khalif, the meeting took place at the ministry’s central headquarters. Attendees included Project Coordinators and representatives from Project Implementation Units (PIUs) overseeing the initiatives. This biannual technical session paves the way for the upcoming quarterly Steering Committee meeting,

which will involve ministers from relevant sectors. The primary goal of the discussion was to accelerate progress across all World Bank-supported projects operating in Somaliland. A special focus was placed on simplifying procurement processes to eliminate bottlenecks that could hinder the achievement of project objectives and desired outcomes. Participants reviewed current statuses, collaboratively addressed existing challenges, and pledged concerted efforts to execute planned activities effectively. “These projects are vital for our nation’s growth, and today’s resolutions will ensure we meet our timelines while maximizing impact for our citizens,” said Director General Saleban in opening remarks. The meeting concluded with actionable commitments, including detailed progress reports for each project, joint problem-solving sessions, and a roadmap for operational enhancements. The World Bank has been a key partner in Somaliland’s

development agenda, providing funding for diverse initiatives that span critical public service areas. These include advancements in healthcare, education, energy, water supply, financial management, and other essential sectors. To date, all nine projects are fully operational, each managed under the oversight of the pertinent ministry or agency. Dedicated Project Coordinators and PIU teams are on the ground ensuring seamless execution. This development comes at a pivotal time for Somaliland, as the country continues to navigate economic recovery and infrastructure challenges post-global disruptions. Recent reports indicate that World Bank investments in the Horn of Africa region, including Somaliland, have surged by 15% in 2025, focusing on sustainable development goals. Officials expressed optimism that streamlined processes will not only boost efficiency but also attract further international funding.

Somaliland Education.....



In a stirring address at the 22nd graduation ceremony of the University of Hargeisa, Prof. Ismail Ducale Yusuf, Minister of Education for the Republic of Somaliland, called on the nation’s youth to harness their education for the betterment of their homeland. Speaking to hundreds of newly minted graduates, the minister emphasized the role of knowledge in fostering sustainable development, both today and for future generations. “I urge you to dedicate your knowledge to serving your country, so that we can achieve sustainable progress now and, in the future,” Prof. Ismail declared, drawing applause from the audience packed into the university’s main auditorium. The event, which celebrated over 1,355 graduates across various disciplines, highlighted Somaliland’s ongoing commitment to higher education as a cornerstone of national stability and growth. Prof. Ismail, a respected academic and long-time advocate for educational reform, went on to advise the students to commit themselves to upholding core values while actively contributing to the advancement of Somaliland. “Education does not end with a degree,” he stressed. “You must continue to improve yourselves and make the most of modern technology, which is propelling the world to unprecedented heights.” His words resonated particularly in a country where access to digital tools and innovation is rapidly expanding, with recent government initiatives introducing tech labs in universities and vocational training programs aimed at bridging the digital divide. The minister’s speech also touched on practical reforms within Somaliland’s higher education system. Echoing recommendations from the University of Hargeisa’s Chancellor, Prof. Ismail endorsed the idea of implementing a tiered degree classification system based on academic performance—ranging from associate levels to full professorial distinctions. “This will incentivize excellence and provide clearer pathways for career

progression,” he noted, adding that such measures could help retain top talent in a competitive global job market. A key focus of the address was the need for curriculum standardization across Somaliland’s universities. “It is crucial to harmonize academic programs nationwide,” Prof. Ismail said. “Imagine a student from the University of Burao seamlessly transferring to another institution to continue their studies without interruption—this mobility will strengthen our education ecosystem.” This proposal comes at a time when Somaliland is expanding its university network, with new campuses in cities like Borama and Erigavo, but faces challenges in ensuring consistency amid resource constraints. In a forward-looking statement, the minister welcomed increased emphasis on research and development in universities. “I applaud the universities for initiating research that directly benefits our country and aligns with international standards,” he said. “As Somaliland continues to rise on the global stage, such efforts will be pivotal in addressing local challenges like climate resilience, healthcare, and economic diversification.” Recent reports indicate that Somaliland’s universities have secured partnerships with international organizations for joint research projects, including studies on arid agriculture and renewable energy—areas critical to the region’s semi-desert environment. The graduation ceremony, held under sunny skies in Hargeisa, featured traditional Somali performances and was attended by government officials, educators, and families. As Somaliland navigates its path toward international recognition and economic self-sufficiency, events like this serve as a beacon of hope. Graduates left the ceremony inspired, many voicing their intent to apply their skills in sectors like technology, agriculture, and public service. With the minister’s vision in mind, Somaliland’s youth appear poised to lead the charge toward a brighter, more innovative future.

Somaliland President’s Spokesperson Hussein.....



The Republic of Somaliland welcomed the escalating discourse in Washington, D.C., as a vital acknowledgment of its enduring democratic strength, stability, and pivotal strategic position at the entrance to the Red Sea.

In an official statement issued by Presidential Spokesperson Hussein Adan Igeh (Deyr), the government expressed appreciation for the principled advocates in the United States Congress, particularly Senator Ted Cruz, who have emphasized

Somaliland’s importance as a dependable ally in protecting essential global trade pathways, combating extremism, and enhancing stability across the Horn of Africa.

“For over three decades, Somaliland has proven its statehood through the establishment of democratic frameworks, the preservation of peace, and active collaboration with international stakeholders. The recognition of this established fact is not a question of if, but when,” the statement quoted President

Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi (Irro) as saying.

Deyr’s remarks come amid heightened U.S. interest in Somaliland, including recent directives from the U.S. House Appropriations Committee for broader engagement in security, diplomacy, trade, and development, as well as Senator Cruz’s August 14 letter to President Donald J. Trump urging formal recognition.

The spokesperson also reaffirmed Somaliland’s eagerness to bolster its alliance with the United States and all nations committed to democracy, security, and prosperity. “Somaliland stands ready to fortify these partnerships, contributing to a more secure and prosperous Horn of Africa,” Deyr added.

This development underscores Somaliland’s ongoing diplomatic push, including recent agreements with Taiwan and Qatar, and contrasts sharply with Somalia’s internal challenges, such as ongoing al-Shabaab offensives and humanitarian crises. As global powers reassess strategies in the Horn of Africa region, Somaliland positions itself as a beacon of stability amid Red Sea tensions.

The PPP Act draft bill to be voted for in next cabinet session



By M.A. Egge

The Public Private Partnership (PPP) Act may have its draft bill endorsed next week in the next successive cabinet meeting.

This was revealed in the 32nd session of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Somaliland, chaired by the President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro, while flanked by his deputy the VP H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi, held on Wednesday at the Presidency.

According to press release by the Presidential spokesman Hussein Adam Igeh, Hussein-deyr, the session pondered at length on the PPP hence resolved that they would vote on it in the coming session next week.

The press release notes that the session was in general given briefs on eight issues by the respective ministers.

-Security situation of the nation: Briefs supplied by the Minister of Foreign Affairs reported Interior and Security, Hon. Abdalla Mohamed Arab.

-Economy Report was given by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Abdillahi Hassan Aden.

-Drought situation Reports were given by the Minister of Religion and Endowments, Hon. Sheikh Abdullahi-Baashe Dahir Jama, on behalf of the Vice President, who heads as Chairman of the Drought Emergency Committee.

-Local government affairs Detail briefs given by the Deputy Minister, Hon. Ahmed Omar Abdillahi.

-Energy and minerals The Minister of Energy and Minerals, Hon. Ahmed Jama Barre, pointed out in his brief that the Ministry of Energy and Minerals will be responsible for the implementation of the 2019-2020 energy security plans.

-Health The Minister of Health Development, Dr. Hussein Bashir Hirsi, gave briefs and highlighted concerns in the Sanaag region.

-Transport and roads development The Minister of Transport and Roads Development, Hon. Osman Ibrahim Nur (Afgaab) gave briefs and noted concerns on road signs’ security.

- Public Private Partnership PPP The PPP matter was discussed in depth by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Somaliland and the approval of the bill of its laws by the cabinet was scheduled for the next session, 33rd.

At the end of the Session of the Council of Ministers meeting, the Head of State Somaliland commended 3 more ministries who submitted their first part of the biannual report.

They were:

1. Ministry of Education, Training and Science,
2. Ministry of Local Government and Urban Development,
3. Ministry of Resettlement and Humanitarian Affairs.

Numerous ministries have already tendered in their reports over the past two months.

Dahabshiil Group Celebrates Diaspora Contributions.....



The Dahabshiil Group hosted the second edition of its highly anticipated Diaspora Night, a vibrant event dedicated to honoring the invaluable contributions of Somali diaspora communities from across the globe. The celebration, held in Hargeisa, showcased the company’s commitment to fostering strong ties between the diaspora and their homeland.

DahabPlus, a key arm of the Dahabshiil Group, played a pivotal role in the event, highlighting its innovative services that seamlessly connect Somali communities worldwide. The platform’s modern financial solutions were lauded for empowering diaspora members to support their families, invest in their

homeland, and drive economic growth.

In a unified message, Dahabshiil’s leadership emphasized the diaspora’s critical role as the backbone of both the company’s success and Somaliland’s development. Chief Operating Officer Jama Ismail Nur, representing Chairman Haji Mohamed Said and CEO Abdirashid Duale, extended a warm welcome to diaspora members, acknowledging their efforts in uplifting their families and contributing to national progress.

“Dahabshiil is committed to supporting the diaspora wherever they are in the world, helping them invest and connect with their communities,” Nur stated.

A diaspora representative, speaking on behalf of attendees, praised Dahabshiil’s unwavering support over the years. “For more than 25 years, Dahabshiil has been my trusted partner, making it easier to support my family and invest in my country. I encourage them to continue their remarkable efforts,” she said.

The event concluded on a high note, with attendees enjoying a warm and festive atmosphere, filled with cultural performances and networking opportunities. Dahabshiil Group reaffirmed its dedication to enhancing services for the diaspora, ensuring they remain a driving force for progress in Somaliland and beyond.

Somaliland Ambassador to Taiwan Meets with 2025 ICDF Scholarship Recipients, Wishes Them Academic Success



In a heartening display of support for educational advancement, Somaliland's Ambassador to Taiwan, Hon. Mohamoud Adan Jama Galaal, held a special meeting today with a group of talented students from the 2025 batch who have successfully secured the prestigious International Cooperation and Development Fund (ICDF) Taiwan Scholarship.

The gathering, which took place at the Somaliland Representative Office in Taipei, brought together promising young scholars who will soon embark on advanced studies in various Master's and PhD programs across Taiwan's renowned universities.

The ICDF Scholarship, a flagship initiative of the Taiwanese government, aims to foster international collaboration and human resource development, particularly in developing nations like Somaliland. This year's recipients represent a diverse range of fields, including engineering, public health, agriculture, and international relations, underscoring Somaliland's commitment to building a skilled workforce for future national development.

Ambassador Galaal, known for his dedication to strengthening bilateral ties between Somaliland and Taiwan, extended warm congratulations to the students and offered words of encouragement. "Today, I had the privilege of meeting with the 2025 batch of students who have triumphed in securing the ICDF Taiwan Scholarship and will pursue various Master's and PhD programs," the ambassador stated. "I wish them every success in their educational journey and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will make upon their return to Somaliland."

The students, hailing from different regions of Somaliland, expressed their gratitude for the ambassador's guidance and the ongoing support from both the Somaliland and Taiwanese governments.

This meeting comes at a time when Somaliland-Taiwan relations continue to deepen, with education exchanges forming a cornerstone of cooperation. Since establishing formal ties in recent years, the two nations have collaborated on numerous scholarship programs, technical training, and capacity-

building initiatives. The ICDF Scholarship alone has supported over a dozen Somaliland students in the past few years, contributing

to expertise in key sectors vital for Somaliland's economic growth. As the students prepare to commence their studies in the coming months, Ambassador Galaal emphasized the importance of cultural exchange and knowledge transfer. "These scholars are not just students; they are bridges between our peoples," he added. "Their success will undoubtedly strengthen the enduring partnership between Somaliland and Taiwan."

Somaliland House of Representatives' Gender Advisory Office Unveils Key Achievements and Future Plans



In a significant step toward advancing gender equality, Ms. Salma Abdirahman Walaaleye, Head of the Gender Advisory Office at the Somaliland House of Representatives, presented a comprehensive activity report today, outlining the office's accomplishments and ambitious plans for the future. The event, held at the House's headquarters, was graced by the Speaker, Mr. Yasin Mahmoud Hiir (Faraton), First Deputy Speaker, Mr. Said Mire Farah (Giire), and other dignitaries. Ms. Salma highlighted the office's notable successes, including empowering women in politics, enhancing the capacity of House members and staff on gender equality, and launching community awareness and training programs to promote women's rights. "Our work is about ensuring women's voices are heard and their

contributions are valued at every level of decision-making," she stated. The report also outlined forward-looking goals, such as advocating for laws and policies to promote equality, forging international partnerships for technical and financial support, and increasing public awareness to foster a supportive environment for women's participation in national governance. Speaker Faraton and Deputy Speaker Giire praised the Gender Advisory Office for its pivotal role in advancing gender equality, urging Ms. Salma and her team to continue their transformative work. The event underscores Somaliland's commitment to building an inclusive society where women play a central role in shaping the nation's future.

Somaliland's Education Minister and UAE's Alef Education Sign Landmark MoU to Transform Education

In a significant step toward modernizing education in Somaliland, the Minister of Education and Science, Prof. Ismail Duale Yusuf, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Alef Education, a leading global educational technology company, during a high-level meeting in Abu Dhabi. The agreement, formalized with Alef Education's CEO, Mr. Geoffrey Alphonso, aims to transform Somaliland's education system through cutting-edge technology and innovative learning solutions. The MoU marks a milestone in Somaliland's efforts to enhance its educational framework, focusing on integrating advanced digital tools and services to benefit students, teachers, and administrative systems. Alef Education, headquartered in the UAE, is renowned for its award-winning platforms, serving over 1.6 million students across countries such as the United States, Indonesia, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt. This collaboration builds on the growing partnership between Somaliland and the UAE, following

PrPresidenH.E. Abdirahman Abdillahi Irro's recent visit to the Emirates, which led to the establishment of Burco's major hospital. The education MoU represents the second major initiative under this bilateral cooperation, signaling a commitment to sustainable development and innovation. "This agreement with Alef Education is a game-changer for Somaliland's education sector," said Prof. Ismail. "By leveraging their expertise in edtech, we are paving the way for a brighter future for our students and educators." Mr. Geoffrey Alphonso expressed enthusiasm about the partnership, stating, "We are honored to work with Somaliland to empower its education system with our innovative solutions, fostering a new era of learning and opportunity." The initiative is expected to roll out modern educational technologies across Somaliland's schools, equipping students with the skills needed to thrive in a globalized world and strengthening the nation's education infrastructure.

Somaliland Senate Passes Key Law to Boost National Institutions, Praised by Local Governance Ministry

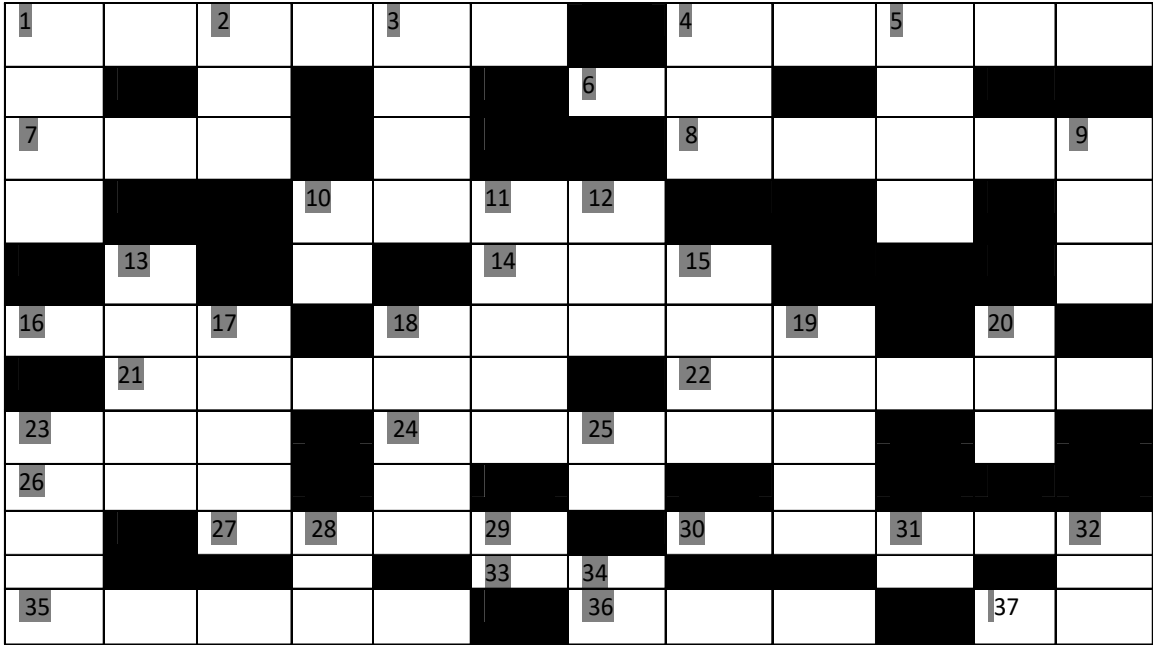


In a historic move, the Senate of the Republic of Somaliland on 26th August, 2025 unanimously approved the Law on the Delineation of Government Systems and Independent Institutions (Law No. 71/2025), marking a significant step toward enhancing the operational framework and autonomy of the nation's public institutions. The legislation, which had previously passed the House of Representatives with a strong majority, aims to bolster accountability, efficiency, and independence within Somaliland's governance structures. The Ministry of Local Governance and Urban Development hailed the approval as a milestone in Somaliland's ongoing efforts to modernize its legal and institutional frameworks. "This law reflects our commitment to creating a governance system that meets the needs of our people while ensuring transparency and independence for our national institutions," the ministry stated.

The newly passed law is expected to streamline the roles and responsibilities of government bodies and independent agencies, fostering a more cohesive and accountable administrative system. It aligns with Somaliland's broader vision of strengthening its democratic institutions and promoting sustainable development. The approval has been met with widespread support from lawmakers and the public, who see it as a critical step toward reinforcing Somaliland's sovereignty and governance capabilities. The Ministry of Local Governance emphasized that the law will pave the way for a more efficient and responsive public sector, tailored to the unique needs of Somaliland's society. As Somaliland continues to assert its place on the global stage, the passage of Law No. 71/2025 underscores the nation's dedication to building a robust and transparent governance system for the future.

THT Puzzle

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- 17 Communicate
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- 25 So
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- 34 Nope

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- 4 Rounded
- 6 Leave
- 7 Depressed
- 8 Swelling
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- 14 Fountain pen
- 16 Donkey/ horse family
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Somaliland Vice President Inaugurates ICPAS Headquarters, Launches CPA Program with Rwanda



In a landmark event for Somaliland's financial sector, Vice President H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw. Abdi officially inaugurated the headquarters of the Somaliland Institute of Certified Public Accountants (ICPAS) at the Ambassador Hotel in Hargeisa. The ceremony also marked the launch of the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) program, developed in collaboration with the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Rwanda (ICPAR).

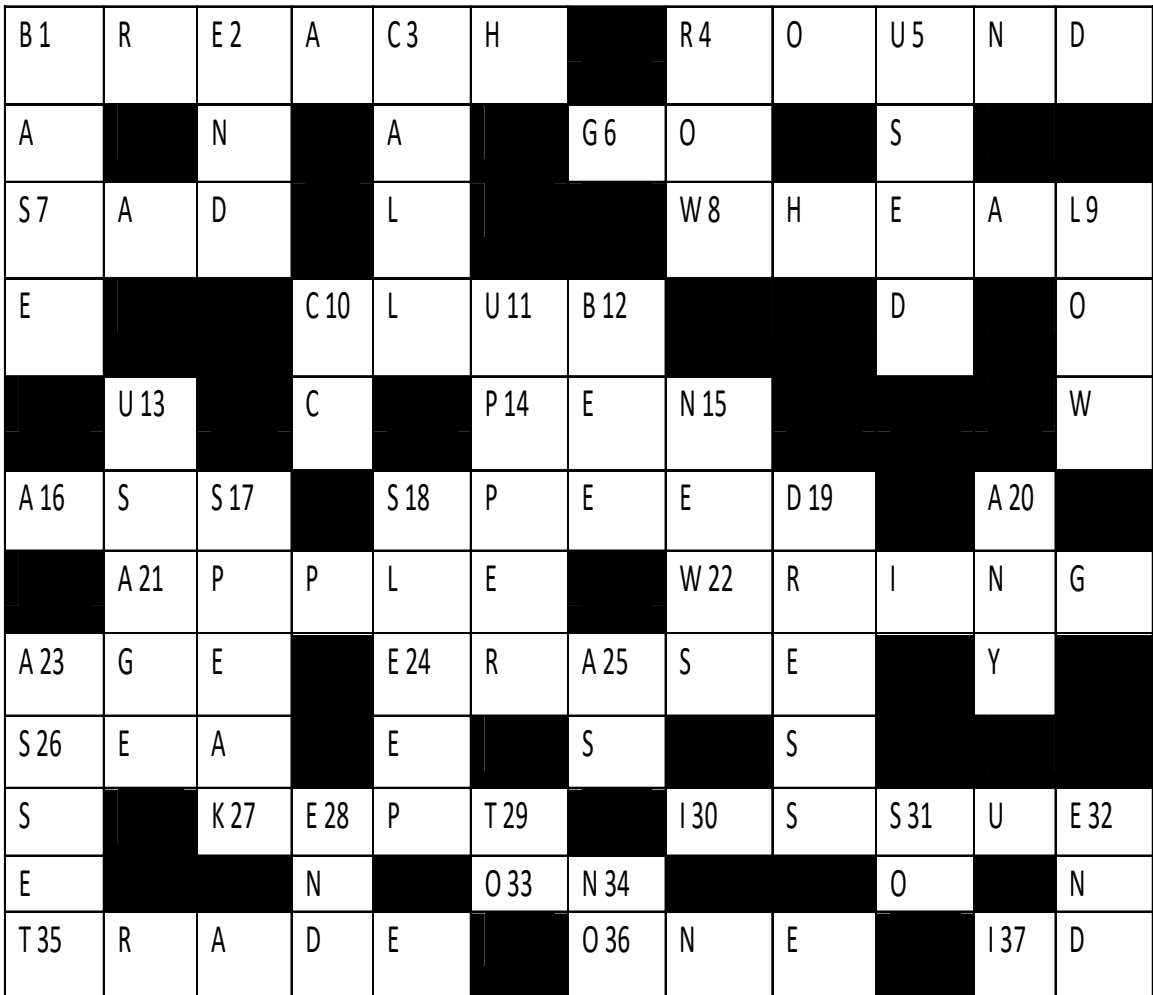
ICPAS, the national body for professional accountants, is set to elevate Somaliland's accounting standards by offering qualifications including Certified Accounting and Tax Technician (CATT), Professional Certificate in Accountancy Foundations (CAF), Certified Public Accountant (CPA), and Continuous Professional Development (CPD). The CPA program, aimed at graduates with degrees in accounting, business, economics, or related fields, can be completed in 4 to 9 months. Exams, requiring a minimum 50% pass mark, are held quarterly in March, June, September, and December.

Supported by equipment from the Somaliland Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, the new ICPAS headquarters symbolizes the government's commitment to strengthening the nation's financial infrastructure. ICPAS is actively forging international partnerships, including with ICPAR Rwanda, to secure global recognition for its qualifications through the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC).

The establishment of ICPAS and its programs is expected to significantly enhance accounting expertise across Somaliland's government, private sector, and broader economy. By equipping professionals with skills, ICPAS aims to drive economic growth, improve trade, and boost government revenue.

A delegation from ICPAR Rwanda attended the event, underscoring the growing collaboration between the two institutes. As Somaliland invests in its accounting profession, the initiative promises to transform the labor market and contribute to sustainable economic development.

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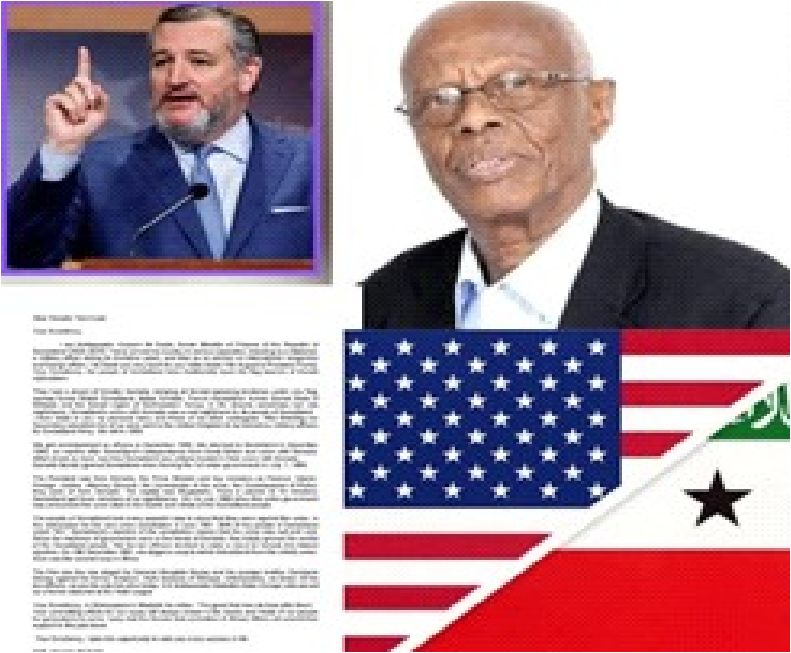
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Somaliland Diplomat's Letter to Senator Ted Cruz
Recalls Reasons for 1991 Withdrawal and 'Nightmare'
of 1960 Somalia Union



Ambassador Hussein Ali Duale, a distinguished Somaliland diplomat and former Minister of Finance (2003–2010), has written a heartfelt letter to U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, thanking him for advocating Somaliland's recognition as an independent state.

Dated August 24, 2025, the letter recounts Somaliland's historical struggle for sovereignty and highlights the significance of Cruz's recent appeal to President Donald Trump for formal recognition of the breakaway republic.

Ambassador Duale, a former military officer and advisor on international recognition, describes Somaliland's voluntary 1960 union with Somalia as a "nightmare" for its people.

He details the marginalization of Somaliland's representatives in the newly formed then Somalia Republic, noting their exclusion from key government roles.

Duale shares a personal account of his involvement in a 1961 coup attempt with nine other British-trained officers to restore Somaliland's sovereignty—an effort that failed but underscored the deep desire for reclaiming their lost self-determination.

"On July 1, 1960, when this unfair government was announced, the union died in the hearts and minds of the Somaliland people," Duale wrote, citing the 80% rejection of the union constitution in a 1961 referendum.

He praises Cruz's advocacy, stating, "Your unrelenting efforts for our cause will remain in the hearts and minds of our people for generations," and urges the Senate Subcommittee on African Affairs to support Somaliland's quest for recognition.

The letter follows Senator Cruz's August 14, 2025, letter to President Trump, in which he called Somaliland a "critical security and diplomatic partner" for the U.S., highlighting its strategic Gulf of Aden location and contributions to counterterrorism and anti-piracy efforts.

Duale's letter has gained traction on social media, with X posts echoing his call for recognition. One user noted, "Ambassador Hussein Ali Duale extended a formal letter of congratulations to Senator Ted Cruz, urging official recognition of the Republic of Somaliland," signaling growing momentum for Somaliland's cause.

Somaliland, a former British protectorate, reclaimed independence in 1991 after Somalia's central government collapsed. Despite maintaining a stable democratic system and its own institutions, it remains unrecognized by any UN member state.

Duale's letter underscores Somaliland's historical and moral case for sovereignty, marking a pivotal moment in its decades-long pursuit of international legitimacy (Sealed official letter with envelope) Senator Ted Cruz.

Dear Senator Ted Cruze
Your Excellency,

I am Ambassador Hussein Ali Duale, former Minister of Finance of the Republic of Somaliland (2003–2010). I have served my country in various capacities, including as a diplomat, a military officer during its formative years, and later as an advisor on international recognition and foreign affairs.

I do thank you very much for your letter dated 14th August to President Trump.

Your Excellency, the people of Somaliland have traditionally been the flag bearers of Somali nationalism.

They had a dream of Greater Somalia, bringing all Somali-speaking territories under one flag, namely former British Somaliland, Italian Somalia, French Somaliland, former Somali State of Ethiopia and the Somali region of Northeastern Kenya.

In life, dreams sometimes turn into nightmares. Somaliland's union with Somalia was a real nightmare for its people of Somaliland.

I here relate to you my personal story and those of my other colleagues. After finishing our Secondary education ten of us were sent to the United Kingdom to be trained as military officers for Somaliland Army. We left in 1958.

We got commissioned as officers in December 1960. We returned to Somaliland in December 1960, six months after Somaliland's independence from Great Britain and union with Somalia. What struck us most, was how Somaliland was unfairly treated in their union with Somalia.

Somalia literally ignored Somaliland when forming the 1st union government on July 1, 1960. The President was from Somalia, the Prime Minister and key ministers as Finance, Interior, Foreign, Justice, Attorney General, the Commander of the army, the Commissioner of Police, they were all from Somalia. The capital was Mogadishu. From a cabinet of 19 ministers, Somaliland got three ministers of no significance.

On 1st July 1960 when this unfair government was announced the union died in the hearts and minds of the Somaliland people.

The people of Somaliland took every peaceful step to show that they were against the union. In the referendum for the new union constitution in June 1961, 80% of the people of Somaliland voted "NO."

Somaliland's rejection of the constitution means that the union was null and void. Since the machines of government were in the hands of Somalia, they totally ignored the verdict of the Somaliland people.

We the ten officers decided to make a move to remedy this blatant injustice. On 10th December 1961, we staged a coup to delink Somaliland from this unholy union. Ours was the second coup in Africa. The first was the one staged by General Mengistu Neway and his younger brother Geremame Neway against the former Emperor, Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. Unfortunately, we failed.

Of the ten officers, we are the only two alive today.

H.E Ambassador Abdullahi Adan (Congo) who served as a diplomatic careers at the Arab League Your Excellency, in Shakespeare's Macbeth he writes: "The good that men do lives after them."

Your unrelenting efforts for our cause will always remain in the hearts and minds of our people for generations to come. I pray that the Senate Sub-committee of African Affairs will extend their support to this just cause.

Your Excellency, I take this opportunity to wish you every success in life.

Amb. Hussein Ali Duale

Somaliland's Civil Aviation
Minister Launches Two-Day
Strategic Retreat to Advance
2025-2029 Development Goals



In a pivotal move to strengthen its aviation sector and drive economic progress, Hon. Fu'ad Ahmed Nuux, Minister of Civil Aviation and Airport Development of the Republic of Somaliland, officially opened the Executive Strategic Retreat for the Ministry's leadership today. The two-day event, held in Borama, gathers key stakeholders to shape the future of Somaliland's aviation infrastructure as part of broader efforts to modernize airports and enhance regional connectivity.

The retreat, attended by Directors of various Ministry departments, Heads of Offices, and Technical Advisors, is focused on rigorously evaluating and refining the implementation strategies for the Ministry's Strategic Plan for 2025–2029.

Discussions will center on aligning departmental objectives, tracking progress, and achieving ambitious goals such as expanding airport capacities, enhancing safety protocols, and boosting international partnerships. Ministry officials underscored the plan's critical role in supporting Somaliland's economic development and attracting global investment in its aviation sector.

Inspiring the attendees, Hon. Yusuf Keyse Abdillahi, the Deputy Minister, and Mr. Rachid Abdi Jama, the Director General, delivered compelling speeches.

Hon. Fu'ad emphasized the retreat's potential to spark innovation and collaboration, declaring, "This is a defining moment to position our aviation sector as a cornerstone of Somaliland's growth and global engagement." Director General Rachid reinforced this vision, urging participants to focus on measurable results and cross-departmental coordination to ensure the plan's success.

The retreat aligns with Somaliland's ongoing efforts to bolster its aviation industry, highlighted by recent upgrades to Egal International Airport in Hargeisa and strategic investments in Berbera Port, which enhance the nation's trade and transport hub status. Experts suggest the retreat's outcomes could pave the way for strengthened ties with international organizations like the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and further progress in Somaliland's quest for global recognition.

This gathering reaffirms the Somaliland government's commitment to building a robust, world-class civil aviation framework, positioning the nation as a vital hub in the Horn of Africa.