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## Somaliland President Irro to Spotlight Berbera's Rise as East Africa's Trade Gateway at Prestigious UAE Africa Debate

President will join a fireside conversation titled "Ports, Policy, and Possibility: Berbera and the New Gateway to East Africa."



Mohamoud Walaaleye  
In a resounding affirmation of Somaliland's strategic importance in Africa's burgeoning economic landscape, His Excellency Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro, President of the Republic of Somaliland, has been invited to deliver a keynote address at The Africa Debate – UAE, set for September 30, 2025, in Dubai. Under the compelling theme "Africa: The Next Global Renewable"  
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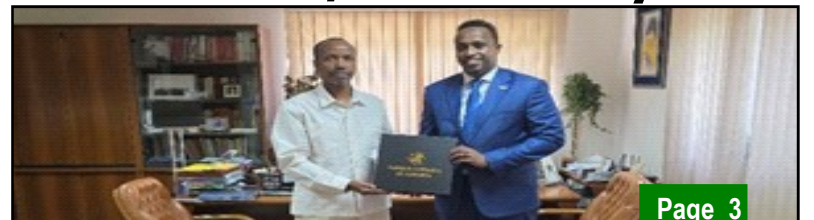
### President Abdirahman Irro reaffirms commitment to institutional integrity,

As Presidency articulate biannual ministerial reports at cabinet session

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America must stop China from invading Africa and especially Somaliland.

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### Somaliland Finance Minister Strengthens U.S. Ties During Official Washington Visit

Mohamoud Walaaleye  
Republic of Somaliland's Minister of Finance, Hon Abdirahman Hassan Adan, was warmly received at the Somaliland Mission in the United States today,

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### Grand Peace Conference Officially Opens in Erigavo, Somaliland, Ushering in New Era of Unity



Mohamoud Walaaleye  
The Republic of Somaliland proudly launched the Grand Peace Conference in Erigavo on Tuesday, a historic event declared open by Governor Ahmed Abdi Muse of the Sanaag Region.

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Somaliland President.....



Energy Hub,” the summit – organized by Invest Africa in partnership with the UAE Government – will convene over 500 influential leaders from government, finance, and industry to chart pathways for inclusive, investment-driven growth across the continent. President Irro, who assumed office in December 2024 following a decisive electoral victory with over 63% of the vote, will join a fireside conversation titled “Ports, Policy, and Possibility: Berbera and the New Gateway to East Africa.” This dynamic session promises to illuminate the Horn of Africa’s emergence as a frontier for strategic investments, with a spotlight on the transformative Berbera Special Economic Zone (SEZ). Moderated by Mohammed Sergie, Editor of Semafor Gulf, the discussion will feature President Irro alongside Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DP World – the global logistics powerhouse behind Berbera’s port modernization. From cutting-edge infrastructure and seamless logistics to robust regulatory frameworks and mitigated sovereign risks, the conversation will unpack the blueprint for attracting long-term foreign direct investment (FDI) into high-potential markets often overlooked by global capital. Berbera, with its upgraded port now handling up to 500,000 TEUs annually and poised for expansion to two million, stands as a beacon of possibility – fostering job creation, trade flows, and industrial synergies that could redefine East Africa’s commercial future. As the UAE – Africa’s largest investor with over \$110 billion committed between 2019 and 2023, including \$72 billion in renewables – deepens ties with the continent, President Irro’s participation underscores Somaliland’s pivotal role in this UAE-Africa corridor of opportunity.

This invitation builds on President Irro’s acclaimed presence at last year’s World Governments Summit in Dubai, where he championed Somaliland’s democratic credentials and vision for global partnership to an audience of over 30 world governments. There, his strategic address highlighted Berbera’s port as a cornerstone of regional security and logistics, forging key dialogues with UAE officials, the Dubai Chamber of Commerce, and DP World executives on trade facilitation and economic collaboration. Now, as The Africa Debate aligns with COP30 preparations and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)’s momentum, President Irro’s insights will further position Somaliland as a stable, investor-friendly hub amid the Global South’s capital reallocation. The summit, headlined by partners like the Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) and ARISE Integrated Industrial Platforms (ARISE IIP), will also tackle pressing topics from boosting intra-Africa trade to public-private partnerships for infrastructure and climate-aligned energy projects. President Irro’s engagement signals a bright horizon for Somaliland, where initiatives like the Berbera Economic Zone – offering 100% foreign ownership, tax exemptions, and one-stop licensing – are already drawing global interest and empowering local communities, including through DP World’s Solar Mamas program for rural women. As Africa surges toward its promise as the world’s renewable energy powerhouse, President Irro’s voice at The Africa Debate will not only celebrate Somaliland’s progress but inspire actionable collaborations that uplift the entire Horn of Africa. This is a moment of immense pride for Somaliland – a testament to its resilient democracy, visionary leadership, and unyielding commitment to shared prosperity.

President Abdirahman Irro reaffirms.....

By M.A. Egge  
The Council of Ministers of the Republic of Somaliland convened its 36th Session on Wednesday at the Presidential Palace in Hargeisa, under the chairmanship of H.E. the President, Dr. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi (Irro), flanked by the Vice President, H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi. The meeting addressed critical matters of national importance, underscoring the Government’s steadfast commitment to safeguarding peace, advancing economic resilience, strengthening public services, and ensuring good governance across the Republic. National Security: The Minister of Interior and Security, Hon. Abdalle Mohamed Arab, reported that stability prevails across all six regions of Somaliland. He confirmed the absence of any unrest or disturbances, affirming that the nation enjoys full political calm. The Minister highlighted road traffic accidents as an emerging national concern, stressing the urgency of a comprehensive, coordinated response. Economic and Fiscal Progress:

The Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Abdillahi Hassan Adan, briefed the Council on revenue performance and the state of the economy. He noted that the 2025 national revenue forecast is progressing as planned, while preparations for the 2026 national budget are advancing smoothly. He emphasized that sustained domestic revenue growth reflects the Republic’s economic progress and financial stability, enabling the Government to expand social services and invest in critical infrastructure. Healthcare Development: The Minister of Health Development, Dr. Hussein Bashir Hirsi, provided an update on the national health sector. He highlighted the expansion of healthcare services across the regions, while also identifying challenges requiring concerted national effort. He informed the Council of the inauguration of the newly equipped Mental Health Hospital in Berbera – a milestone in strengthening specialized care. The Minister

reaffirmed his Ministry’s commitment to ensuring accessible, reliable, and high-quality healthcare for all citizens. Strengthening Governance and Accountability: The Minister of the Presidency, Hon. Khadar Hussein Abdi, presented the biannual reports submitted by Ministries, which are being consolidated into an official government document. This process, aligned with the pillars of the National Development Plans, aims to promote transparency, accountability, and accelerated institutional performance. In his concluding remarks, H.E. the President underscored the Government’s unwavering commitment to rule of law and institutional integrity. He directed all Ministries to ensure that any projects funded through international grants or partnerships are fully submitted to the National Tender Board, in accordance with the National Procurement Law (Law No. 82/2018), and to strictly adhere to established procedures and guidelines.

Somaliland Finance Minister Strengthens.....



marking a key highlight of his ongoing official visit to the country. The delegation’s arrival underscored the growing diplomatic and economic momentum between Somaliland and the U.S., as the nation continues to advocate for enhanced bilateral cooperation. Somaliland’s U.S. envoy, Ambassador Bashir Goth, welcomed the minister with a statement expressing deep appreciation for the visit. “We had the honor to receive Somaliland Minister of Finance Hon. Abdillahi Hassan Adan in Somaliland Mission in US,” Ambassador Goth stated, emphasizing the significance of the occasion in fostering stronger ties. The minister’s itinerary included participation in a prominent international financial conference in Washington, D.C., where he engaged with global stakeholders on fiscal policy and development strategies. Following the event, Hon Adan held targeted briefings with relevant U.S. government officials, providing in-depth insights into Somaliland’s robust economic landscape. Discussions highlighted the nation’s stable macroeconomic environment, including its strategic port of Berbera as a gateway for trade in the Horn of Africa, and untapped opportunities in sectors such as renewable energy, fisheries, agriculture, and infrastructure. “Somaliland stands as a beacon of stability and democratic governance in a volatile region,” Ambassador Goth added during the

reception. “This visit not only reaffirms our shared commitment to mutual prosperity but also opens doors for innovative partnerships that can drive sustainable growth for both our peoples.” The engagement comes amid heightened U.S. interest in Somaliland’s strategic position, particularly following recent high-level consultations between the two sides on security and economic collaboration. Earlier this year, Somaliland’s leadership has pursued similar outreach, including preparatory talks in Washington aimed at deepening ties across defense, diplomacy, and development. These efforts align with broader U.S. initiatives to counter regional challenges, such as countering undue foreign influence in the Horn of Africa. Hon. Abdillahi Hassan Adan, a seasoned economist with a track record of advancing fiscal reforms in Somaliland, used the platform to underscore the republic’s investment-ready economy. Key

highlights from his briefings included Somaliland’s impressive track record of holding multi-party elections, maintaining low inflation rates, and attracting foreign direct investment through public-private partnerships. Opportunities for U.S. firms were spotlighted in areas like digital finance and logistics, leveraging Berbera’s modernized facilities developed in collaboration with international partners. As Somaliland continues its quest for international recognition—bolstered by its de facto independence since 1991 and peaceful relations with neighbors—this visit signals a proactive step toward formalizing economic alliances with the United States. Ambassador Goth concluded the reception by toasting to “a future of shared success and enduring friendship.” The Somaliland Mission in the U.S. serves as a vital hub for promoting the republic’s interests, hosting events and dialogues that bridge Hargeisa and Washington.



Anab Riyoraac Champions Somaliland’s.....



Mohamoud Walaaleye

In a stirring address that captivated the audience, Anab Mohamoud Ali Riyorac, Co-founder and former chairwoman of SL-SAG, a passionate advocate for global democracy, took the stage at the Loudoun County Republican Committee’s 3rd Annual Patriot Ball to illuminate Somaliland’s remarkable journey toward sovereignty and its vital role in America’s strategic interests. Held at the elegant Grand Ballroom of The Hilton, the black-tie gala brought together Republican leaders, dignitaries, and supporters to celebrate patriotism while raising funds for local party initiatives. Ali’s speech, delivered with eloquence and fervor, underscored Somaliland’s status as a beacon of stability in Africa and issued a compelling call for U.S. recognition, aligning seamlessly with the event’s theme of advancing American values abroad.

The evening featured an impressive lineup of speakers, including U.S. Congresswoman Nancy Mace from South Carolina and Colorado Congresswoman Lauren Boebert, both known for their bold defenses of constitutional principles. Adding to the international flavor, Abdirisak Jama, Vice Chairman of the Somaliland Strategic Advocacy Group (SLSAG) and its spokesperson, delivered a commendable presentation highlighting grassroots efforts to foster U.S.-Somaliland ties. Hosted by Loudoun County Republican Committee Chairman Scott Pio, the Patriot Ball exemplified community-driven leadership in promoting conservative ideals on both local and global stages.

A Voice for the Unrecognized Somaliland: Anab Ali’s Powerful Address

Opening with warm gratitude to the attendees, Ali declared, “It is indeed both a privilege and honor to stand before you tonight. I thank you for the opportunity to join such a distinguished gathering and for the leadership you bring to our nation, our county, and our global partnerships.” She swiftly pivoted to her core message, introducing Somaliland—a thriving democracy often overshadowed by its turbulent neighbor, Somalia. “Somaliland is

NOT Somalia!” she emphasized, drawing applause for clarifying a distinction critical to understanding the region’s dynamics. Ali traced Somaliland’s resilient history: achieving independence from Great Britain on June 26, 1960, and briefly uniting with Italian Somaliland in a union she described as “not legalized nor rectified.” The partnership dissolved amid the brutal regime of dictator Mohamed Siad Barre, whose war claimed thousands of Somalilanders’ lives. Undeterred, the people reclaimed sovereignty on May 18, 1991, forging a nation that has since emerged as “a model for Africa—it’s a democracy like no other!”

Highlighting Somaliland’s democratic credentials, Ali celebrated its regular elections—“one person, one vote”—peaceful transfers of power, and multiparty system featuring three active parties. She noted the functioning rule of law across all government branches, its independent currency, and a capable military. “Somaliland has fulfilled all requirements for statehood and is worthy of international recognition according to the Montevideo Convention,” she affirmed, positioning it as a natural ally to the United States, bound by shared commitments to freedom and self-determination.

Strategic Imperative: Securing America’s Interests in the Horn of Africa

Turning to geopolitics, Ali made a persuasive case for U.S. engagement: “Why must America engage with Somaliland? America must stop China from invading Africa and especially from Somaliland!” She spotlighted Somaliland’s prime location along the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea chokepoint of Bab el-Mandeb—a vital artery for global trade that the U.S. cannot afford to cede to Beijing. Spanning 68,000 square miles with over 800 kilometers of coastline, Somaliland boasts a population of 6.2 million, with Hargeisa as its vibrant capital and President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi (elected shortly after Donald J. Trump’s 2024 victory) at the helm. Ali lauded Somaliland’s close ties with Taiwan, a partnership that has

irked China, prompting destabilizing tactics in Somaliland’s eastern regions. “Due to Somaliland’s strategic geographical location, America NEEDS Somaliland,” she urged, tying it to President Trump’s “America First” agenda. “Somaliland is too important for America to neglect! Please drop the failed one-Somalia policy.”

In a nod to ongoing legislative momentum, Ali respectfully called on Congress to advance H.R. 3992, the Republic of Somaliland Independence Act, introduced by Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA) in June 2025. This bipartisan-backed bill seeks to formally recognize Somaliland as a sovereign nation, invalidating Somalia’s territorial claims and authorizing presidential action. Echoing sentiments from Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX), who recently urged President Trump to lead on this front, Ali framed recognition as “not only justice for the people of Somaliland who have suffered for many years, but it’s also in America’s best interest.”

A Unified Vision for Freedom and Security

As applause filled the ballroom, Ali closed with optimism: “In concluding, honorable members of Congress, I thank you for your service and your leadership. May God bless you, Somaliland, and the United States of America.” Her words resonated deeply, sparking conversations among attendees about bolstering U.S. partnerships in Africa to counter authoritarian influences.

The Patriot Ball not only celebrated American resilience but also amplified voices like Ali’s, fostering dialogue on how targeted diplomacy can enhance national security. With Somaliland’s stability offering a counterweight to regional chaos—and potential U.S. military and economic collaborations on the horizon—this event marked a positive step toward a more assertive U.S. foreign policy. As Project 2025 outlines, recognizing Somaliland could hedge against waning influence in Djibouti while rewarding a proven democratic ally. Somaliland’s story reminds us: True patriotism knows no borders—it’s about championing liberty wherever it thrives.

Grand Peace Conference Officially.....



This landmark gathering, fulfilling President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Iirro’s November 2024 pledge, underscores Somaliland’s unwavering commitment to peace, unity, and reconciliation in the wake of last year’s challenges. Hundreds of delegates, including government officials, parliamentarians, traditional elders, and community leaders, converged in Erigavo to foster dialogue and heal divisions following the

December 2024 conflict that displaced residents. The conference builds on the success of the El-Afweyn peace agreement and the integration of clan militias into national forces, showcasing Somaliland’s proactive approach to stability. Governor Muse hailed the opening as “a moment of hope and renewal,” emphasizing inclusivity and mutual respect as cornerstones of the initiative. Local residents expressed optimism, with markets buzzing and community spirit reigned.

Somaliland Bank Chief Unites..

Mohamoud Walaaleye

Abdinasir A. Hersi, Governor of the Central Bank of Somaliland, has marked a significant milestone in regional financial collaboration with a high-level meeting in Djibouti. Joining forces with Mr. Ahmed Osman Ali, Governor of Banque Centrale de Djibouti, the two leaders have committed to deepening cooperation in banking, trade, knowledge sharing, and critical anti-money laundering (AML) and counter-terrorism financing (CFT) initiatives.

This landmark meeting underscores a shared vision to enhance financial stability across the Horn of Africa, a region where robust AML/CFT frameworks could reduce illicit financial flows by up to 30%, according to a 2019 IMF study on financial law. Djibouti’s proven track record, including a 15% increase in financial inclusion since 2013 through reforms like modernized payment systems and Islamic finance, offers a promising blueprint for Somaliland’s development.

Governor Hersi’s recent diplomatic efforts extend beyond Djibouti, with notable tours to Ethiopia and Taiwan further solidifying Somaliland’s economic outreach. In Ethiopia, his September 2025 visit focused on strengthening trade and investment ties, aligning with the World Bank’s BOOST Project under the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA).

This initiative aims to reduce trade costs and foster sustainable growth, with Hersi’s leadership earning praise for enhancing Somaliland-Ethiopia relations. Meanwhile, his pioneering trip to Taiwan in September 2025 has paved the way for innovative financial modernization.



Collaborating with Taiwan’s Deputy Foreign Minister Wu Chih-chung François and senior officials, Hersi secured agreements to establish a Somaliland Deposit Protection Fund through Memoranda of Understanding, building on a partnership initiated in 2019. This collaboration with the Central Bank of Taiwan and other financial bodies positions Somaliland as an emerging player in the Horn of Africa region. Governor Hersi’s multifaceted approach reflects a commitment to leveraging technology and international alliances to drive economic resilience.

As the Horn of Africa continues to attract global attention, his efforts align with broader regional trends, such as Djibouti’s recent digital transformation talks with Romania. These initiatives promise to bolster economic, social, and climate resilience, offering a beacon of hope for sustainable development in Somaliland and beyond.

With these strategic partnerships, Governor Hersi is steering Somaliland toward a prosperous future, enhancing its role on the global stage while fostering regional stability.



Amb. Bashe Debunks Somalia President’s Claims on.....



The narrative pushed by Somalia’s President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud about Somaliland—a supposed 1960 union, “one people,” and Mogadishu’s “permission” for its development—crumbles under scrutiny. Here’s the truth:

**No Union, Just Sovereignty:** No binding treaty was ratified in 1960. Somaliland’s independence, gained from Britain, was never legally surrendered. Its 1991 declaration wasn’t secession—it was a restoration of sovereignty.

**Identity Doesn’t Dictate Statehood:** HSM’s claim that Somalis must be one state ignores reality. Like the Gulf states, shared culture doesn’t erase sovereignty. Somalis live

across Djibouti, Ethiopia, and Kenya—yet Somaliland stands distinct.

**Borders Rooted in History:** The African Union’s 1964 decision to respect colonial borders affirms Somaliland’s boundaries as a former British Protectorate. Somalia’s failed “Greater Somalia” dream violated this principle, not Somaliland.

**A Democratic Triumph:** Somaliland’s independence is backed by a 2001 referendum where 97% voted for sovereignty. Multiple competitive elections and peaceful power transitions showcase a democracy Somalia struggles to match.

**Berbera’s Rise:** Mogadishu tried to block Somaliland’s progress, banning DP World and lobbying against it. Yet, Somaliland forged ahead, partnering with DP World and Ethiopia to make Berbera a thriving regional hub.

**Governance That Works:** For 34 years, Somaliland has maintained its own currency, military, and elections, delivering peace and stability. Meanwhile, Mogadishu grapples with Al-Shabab’s grip on its capital.

**The Time for Recognition is Now:** Somaliland’s sovereignty since 1960 and self-governance since 1991 aren’t up for debate. Recognition isn’t a favor—it’s acknowledging reality. Somaliland proves what’s possible: a stable, democratic state in the Horn of Africa.

Let’s celebrate Somaliland’s resilience and call for the world to recognize its undeniable sovereignty!

Time for Trump to recognize Somaliland.....

Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom formally recognized a Palestinian state. Their collective action both rewarded Hamas terrorism — notably, Hamas still holds its Jewish hostages — and shredded the basis of previously negotiated agreements that tied recognition to Palestinian acceptance of Israel and forswearing of terrorism. Frankly, Israel would now be legally within its rights to permanently reoccupy Gaza and turn the clock back to pre-1993.

The Australian, Canadian, and British leadership seek to pander to their own increasingly radical constituencies, though they will couch their rhetoric in the logic of building momentum. The U.K.’s willingness to recognize a Palestinian state is also a deliberate finger in the eye of President Donald Trump. He should certainly see it as such.

It is no longer the 19th century, and so British recognition of a Palestinian state, let alone that of Canada and Australia, means absolutely nothing. Contrary to arguments that Israel “occupies” Gaza, the would-be state has never been a stand-alone entity. Control over disputed territories passed from the Ottomans to the British to the Jordanians and Egyptians. It is telling that neither Jordan nor Egypt recognized the West Bank and Gaza as a Palestinian state. Most Palestinians came from outside the region, as early 20th-century censuses show. If Canberra, Ottawa, and London — the Axis of Pandering — wish to promote a Palestinian state, Washington should lead by moral clarity: It should recognize Somaliland.

Consider the two cases: Hyperventilating progressives citing



Hamas aside, there has been no genocide, let alone starvation, in Gaza. Major newspapers shamed themselves by posting photos of cerebral palsy victims and those with other severe conditions, seeking to deceive audiences into believing they represent ordinary Gazans. Some pre-cropped photos even show fat terrorists in the background. Meanwhile, there has been a real and documented genocide in Somaliland, where Somali forces under dictator Siad Barre sought to eradicate the Isaaq clan.

Unlike Gaza, Somaliland has a long history as an entity and can actually trace its rulers back centuries. In 1960, approximately 30 countries recognized its independence. It subsequently chose union with Italian Somaliland, a marriage that failed spectacularly because of Siad Barre. Since 1991, Somaliland reclaimed its independence, though it remains unrecognized. Somaliland has governed itself for longer than it was part of Somalia. While the Palestinian Authority and the United Nations Relief and

Works Agency are essentially elaborate money laundering operations, Somaliland has built a functioning country without any meaningful international aid. While Mahmoud Abbas, the president of the Palestinian Authority, serves his 20th year of a four-year term, Somaliland elects its leaders regularly, becoming the first nation in the world to use biometric iris scans to secure voter registration and prevent fraud.

Most importantly, while Palestinians extort money and leverage sympathy based on their own terrorism, Somaliland has built a democratic culture that invests money into infrastructure rather than terrorist tunnels.

When Trump takes the podium in New York, he should show the world that he truly stands for freedom, liberty, and decolonization rather than violence, antisemitism, and terrorism. He should announce the formal U.S. recognition of Somaliland and tell the Palestinians that they will achieve their state only when they follow the Somaliland model. There can be no shortcuts or legitimization of terrorism.

Somaliland Bank Chief Unites..

Mohamoud Walaaleye

In a bold escalation of Somaliland’s diplomatic campaign for international legitimacy, Second Deputy Speaker Ali Hamud Jibril submitted a pivotal resolution to the European Parliament over the week, calling for formal recognition of the Republic of Somaliland.

The document, presented during a high-stakes plenary session, highlights Somaliland’s unparalleled strides in democratic elections, economic self-sufficiency, and counter-terrorism efforts—milestones achieved amid decades of isolation without substantial global aid.

Flanking Jibril in Brussels was Somaliland’s EU envoy, Ambassador Mohamed Kaiser, who delivered a passionate address emphasizing the urgency of EU

endorsement. “Somaliland stands as a beacon of stability in a turbulent Horn of Africa, deserving not just sympathy but sovereignty,” Kaiser declared, invoking recent U.S. overtures and Ethiopia’s strategic pact as catalysts for a broader shift. He urged that delaying recognition risks emboldening Somalia’s irredentist claims and destabilizing vital Red Sea trade routes.

The resolution follows Jibril’s whirlwind tour of Nordic and Benelux capitals, where lawmakers voiced tentative support. If adopted, the measure could compel the EU’s External Action Service to prioritize Somaliland in regional dialogues, potentially unlocking trade and development pacts.

As global attention turns to the UN General Assembly next week, Kaiser’s plea resonates: “Recognition is the key to unlocking peace, not a barrier to it.”

Somaliland retorts to Somalia president’s.....



By M.A. Egge

The Somaliland Presidential spokesman, Mr. Hussein Deyr, has retorted to flawed remarks made by the President of Somalia as regards the essence of Somaliland to have been part and parcel of Somalia. Despite misinforming the world at the sidelines of the UNGA meeting, the Somalia president insinuated that Somaliland was a ‘project’, a term that is as ludicrous as it is offensive to the nation of the Republic of Somaliland.

The statement that Hussein Deyr published on his Twitter account, read as follows:

“A Failed State Cannot Lecture a Sovereign State. President Hassan Sheikh’s belated admission of Somaliland’s stability and democracy only exposes what Mogadishu has long tried to deny: that a nation it neither governs nor contributes to has built functioning institutions while Somalia remains

mired in chaos, corruption, and foreign tutelage.

“His attempt to compare Somaliland to Sudan and South Sudan is deeply flawed. Somaliland is not a “breaking away” — it is reclaiming the sovereignty it rightfully held in 1960. The so-called union was never legally ratified and collapsed under dictatorship, persecution, and genocide.

“Somalia should fix its own chronic instability before lecturing a nation that governs itself with peace, order, and legitimacy — a reality no rhetoric can erase.

“Long live the Republic of Somaliland”. END.

The Somalia leader unashamedly depicted political naivety by misinforming the world hence lying and distorting facts in his endless zeal to fight against Somaliland recognition at any opportunity he can clutch on, a fact that would all the more be detrimental hence undermine his own backyard.



# Somaliland Police Force Updates Public on Gold Theft Investigation



The Somaliland Police Force has issued an official statement regarding the ongoing investigation into the gold theft case involving the

victim, Sakiya Ibrahim. The case is now under the jurisdiction of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) leadership, with significant progress reported as of today. Authorities have confirmed a strong collaborative effort with key government agencies, including the Immigration Force and the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airport Development of Somaliland. Several suspects linked to the incident are currently in custody, though the investigation remains active. In a call for patience, the police have urged the public to

refrain from speculating or prejudging the investigation's outcome, promising an official update in due course. "We stand in solidarity with the mother Sakiya and are committed to our legal duties," the police statement added, emphasizing the force's dedication to the case. The police have also appealed to the victim, Sakiya Ibrahim, to stay directly engaged with the investigation process at the CID headquarters

## Somaliland Central Bank Hands Over Waaheen Market Project to Daryeel Construction



In a bold move to accelerate economic recovery and urban development, the Central Bank of Somaliland officially transferred the construction responsibilities for the government-owned portion of the iconic Waaheen Market to Daryeel Construction Company. This handover marks the Central Bank's inaugural foray into direct project financing, underscoring the institution's evolving role in driving national growth amid Somaliland's ongoing push for self-reliance. The ceremony, held at the bustling market site in Hargeisa, was presided over by Director General Yassin JamaAhmed, who emphasized the project's urgency and impact. "This initiative represents a pivotal step in revitalizing our economy," Ahmed stated. "We commit to completing the market's development within one year, transforming it into a modern commercial hub that will generate jobs, boost tax revenues, and foster sustainable trade. Waaheen is more than a market—it's the heartbeat of Hargeisa's commerce."

Daryeel Construction, Somaliland's premier firm with over 25 years of expertise in residential, commercial, and public infrastructure projects, accepted the contract on site. Chairman Keyse Shukri Jama, a veteran in the sector known for pioneering sustainable building practices, hailed the partnership as a "testament to Somaliland's ingenuity." In his remarks, Jama extended heartfelt thanks to President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro for his visionary leadership, as well as to the Somaliland Central Bank's senior executives for their instrumental support in fast-tracking this vital endeavor. The project comes at a critical juncture for Waaheen Market, which was devastated by a catastrophic fire in April 2022, wiping out hundreds of shops and crippling the city's tax base—historically accounting for up to 55% of Hargeisa's revenue. Reconstruction efforts, fueled largely by domestic resources and limited international aid, have already seen significant progress.

Just last December, President Muse Bihi Abdi Irro's predecessor inaugurated 24 blocks with 644 modern shops, featuring enhanced safety measures, advanced infrastructure, and global-standard amenities. Today's handover focuses on the municipality's remaining section, ensuring full operational readiness. This development aligns with broader economic strategies outlined in recent Somaliland Central Bank policies, including the promotion of instant payment systems and financial inclusion. Analysts predict the completed market could inject millions into local GDP, supporting thousands of traders and reinforcing Somaliland's reputation as a resilient trade gateway in the Horn of Africa. As Daryeel mobilizes crews for groundbreaking next week, optimism is palpable among vendors and residents. "We've waited too long for this," said Amina Hassan, a longtime stall owner. "With the Central Bank's backing, Waaheen will rise stronger, drawing buyers from across the Horn of Africa region."

## Somaliland's Kenya Envoy Hosts Historic Meeting with Women Leaders, Strengthening Ties with Kenya



In a landmark diplomatic event, Republic of Somaliland's Ambassador to Kenya, Dr. Mohamed Abdilahi Omar, welcomed a delegation of prominent Kenya-Somaliland women leaders at the Somaliland Mission in Nairobi on Tuesday, September 23, 2025. The gathering, marked by vibrant discussions on investment, youth empowerment, and women's leadership, signals a new chapter of collaboration between the two nations. The event featured a warm reception with the Kenyan and Somaliland flags proudly displayed, symbolizing a commitment to fostering stronger bilateral relations. Leaders engaged in meaningful dialogue alongside Ambassador Omar and his team. The discussions highlighted the invaluable insights and dedication of these leaders toward community empowerment, setting the stage for future partnerships. This meeting

comes at a time of growing optimism, with recent data indicating a significant decline in female genital mutilation (FGM) rates in Somaliland to 25% among young girls (UNICEF, 2013), reflecting a regional focus on gender equality and empowerment—key themes of today's talks. Ambassador Omar expressed his honor in hosting the delegation, stating, "Their commitment to strengthening Kenya-Somaliland relations through investment and leadership is truly inspiring. This is a step forward in our shared journey toward prosperity and collaboration." As the sun sets on this historic day, the meeting stands as a beacon of hope, promising enhanced economic and social ties between Somaliland and Kenya, with women leaders at the forefront of this transformative partnership.

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REPUBLIC OF SOMALILAND  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## BUDGET DEPARTMENT

### 2025 Citizen's Budget Book



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### 2024 Revenue:

2.320.519.563.687 SL\$

### 2025 Revenue Forecast:

2.575.931.251,888 SL\$

## National Budget

- A Government's annual plan outlining how public money will be raised and spent.
- Outlines projected revenue and expenditure (balanced budget).
- Period: 1st Jan. to 31st Dec.
- Revenue sources, such as taxes.
- Expenditures focused on the NDPII.
- Strategic plan for resource sharing on expenditures, sectors & programs.

## Citizen's Budget

- **Citizens Budget:** Simplified version of the national budget to explain spending in easy language.
- Enhance transparency and accountability by presenting financial information.
- Explainer on the use of taxpayers money.
- Educate citizens and ensure fair citizen discussions on the Budget.



### 2024 Expenditure:

2.385.025.459.894 SL\$

### 2025 Expenditure Forecast:

2.524.399.509.586 SL\$

## False Nationalism as a Political Cover- Eng Abdi Ali

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The failed state leadership of Villa Somalia's President is marked by corruption, nepotism, and unconstitutional actions. He hides behind the façade of so-called nationalism, pretending to act in the national interest while pursuing personal gain. Projects such as the E-Visa system, the defense of government land in Mogadishu, and the "one person, one vote" initiative are not genuine reforms, but rather schemes to enrich himself and consolidate power.

Since 1993, Somalia has suffered from weak and unstable governance, but this President stands out as one of the worst, prioritizing wealth accumulation over the well-being of the nation. Instead of protecting the country and its people, he has been engaged in the reckless selling of public land and misappropriation of national funds. Somalia desperately needs leadership that truly serves the people and safeguards national resources, not one that exploits them for personal fortune.

The Failed State of Villa Somalia: A Presidency Built on Corruption and False Nationalism

### Introduction

Somalia has endured decades of instability, conflict, and weak governance since the collapse of the central state in 1991. In this fragile environment, every president has carried the enormous responsibility of rebuilding national institutions and restoring public trust. However, the current leadership at Villa Somalia has done the opposite, deepening corruption, exploiting nationalism for personal gain, and undermining constitutional order.

### False Nationalism as a Political Cover

The President of Villa Somalia often presents himself as a defender of Somalia's national interest, portraying policies such as the E-Visa system, the protection of government land in Mogadishu, and the "one person, one vote" project as steps toward modernization and sovereignty. In reality, these initiatives serve as tools to accumulate wealth and power. Rather than advancing the state, they are carefully designed to project an image of reform while masking corruption and mismanagement.

### Corruption, Nepotism, and Unconstitutional Rule

The administration has become synonymous with nepotism, where political appointments and state resources are distributed based on clan loyalty and personal relationships rather than merit. Public funds and government land are being sold or misused, draining Somalia's already fragile institutions. Unconstitutional decision-making has become normalized, eroding the principles of accountability and rule of law.

The Worst Presidency Since 1993  
From 1993 to 2025, Somalia has experienced a cycle of failed governance, but this presidency will be remembered as one of the worst. Instead of laying the groundwork for peace, stability, and progress, Villa Somalia has prioritized personal enrichment. The country continues to suffer from insecurity, poor governance, and lack of essential services while its leader consolidates wealth and power at the expense of the nation and the administration consolidates only in Mogadishu, the capital city area only.

### Exploiting National Projects for Personal Gain

E-Visa Program: Marketed as a step toward modernization, but largely managed as a revenue stream lacking transparency.

Government Land in Mogadishu: Rather than protecting state property, land has been treated as a commodity for sale or political bargaining.

One Person, One Vote Project: A symbolic campaign that has not been realized in practice, yet used to attract international funding and legitimacy while delivering nothing meaningful to citizens.

A Nation in Need of True Leadership  
Somalia deserves leaders who place the interests of the people above personal wealth. The looting of public resources, sale of national land, and manipulation of reform projects have left the country in a perpetual state of dependency and disillusionment. To move forward, Somalia requires leadership that: Strengthens institutions and the rule of law.

Ends corruption and nepotism through real accountability mechanisms.

Restores the trust of citizens by delivering services, security, and economic opportunities.

Respects the constitution and upholds the sovereignty of the Somali people.

### Conclusion

The presidency at Villa Somalia has proven itself to be a failed experiment in governance, defined by corruption, greed, and deception. By hiding behind the rhetoric of nationalism while looting the country's wealth, this leadership has betrayed the very people it claims to serve. Somalia is not short of potential, it is short of genuine leadership. Unless there is a fundamental shift in governance, the country will remain trapped in the cycle of exploitation and instability.

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XAFIISKA WAAXDA DHISMAHA

Ujeeddo: Liiska Shirkadaha aan cusbooneysiin muddada dheer

No	Magaca Shirkadaha
1.	Heegan construction company
2.	Brothers trading construction company
3.	SL general contractors
4.	Hargeysa trading construction company
5.	Al cise ceel-sheekh construction company
6.	Guul alla construction company
7.	Sheikh madar construction company
8.	Galool construction company
9.	Kaah construction company
10	Taabuk construction company
11	Sheybe construction & design company
12	Idil estab for construction company
13	Farah construction company
14	Fatah contracting & construction
15	Al sacaada construction company
16	Riyaq trading & construction company
17	Red sea construction company
18	Nageeye construction company
	Punt engineering corporation
	Range construction company
	Taani construction company
	Somaali construction company (scc)
	Gargaar construction company
	Saaxil construction company
	Raage trader & construction company
	Guul construction and general service co.
	Waaheen construction company
	Dubar construction company
	Al fuadi construction company
	Al fawsi construction company

Somaliland FM Welcomes  
Waltz’s Appointment, Eyes  
Historic Diplomatic Opportunity



In a heartening development for international diplomacy, Somaliland’s Foreign Minister Hon. Abdirahman Dahir Adam extended warm congratulations to Michael Waltz on his recent confirmation as the United States’ Ambassador to the United Nations. The announcement, made on September 20, 2025, marks a significant step forward in the growing relationship between Somaliland and the U.S., offering hope for enhanced cooperation and mutual prosperity. Ambassador Waltz, a decorated combat veteran and former Florida congressman, was confirmed by a narrow 47-43 Senate vote just days before President Trump’s high-stakes address to the UN General Assembly. His appointment has been met with enthusiasm, particularly in Somaliland, where leaders see an opportunity to strengthen ties with a key global partner. FM Adam expressed optimism, stating, “Somaliland looks forward to engaging with you in advancing our shared commitments,” highlighting a shared vision for peace, security, and economic growth. Notably, Ambassador Waltz has been a vocal supporter of Somaliland, advocating for its recognition during his tenure in Congress and emphasizing its strategic importance to U.S. interests, including proposals for a military presence near the Gulf of Aden—a stance that has endeared him to Somaliland’s leadership.

Adding to the positive momentum, influential U.S. Senator Ted Cruz recently praised Somaliland as a “critical security and diplomatic partner,” suggesting that President Trump may recognize the republic during his administration. With Ambassador Waltz’s known support for Somaliland’s cause, this possibility has sparked celebrations across Somaliland with many viewing it as a long-overdue acknowledgment of the nation’s resilience and contributions to counterterrorism and regional stability. The partnership is already bearing fruit, with investments like the UAE’s \$442 million upgrade of the Port of Berbera and the UK’s CDC Group doubling funding for infrastructure. These developments promise to boost trade, create jobs, and enhance connectivity with landlocked Ethiopia, fostering a ripple effect of economic growth across the Horn of Africa. As Ambassador Waltz prepares to represent U.S. interests at the UN next week, the world watches with anticipation. This milestone not only strengthens the U.S.-Somaliland bond but also offers a beacon of hope for other unrecognized states seeking a voice on the global stage. With shared commitments to security, prosperity, and innovation—bolstered by Waltz’s advocacy—the future looks brighter than ever for this emerging partnership.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)  
(CONSULTING SERVICES-INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT)

Country: Government of Somaliland

Name of the Project: Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project (ISEGP)

Project ID: P-SO-KF0-015 Grant No: 5900155018607

Assignment Title: Public Investment Management Policy TA

Reference: REOI/002/2025

Place of Assignment: Hargeisa, Somaliland

Deadline: 05<sup>th</sup> October 2025

A. Background

The Government of the Republic of Somaliland has received funding from the African Development Bank (AfDB) under the Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project (ISEGP) and intends to apply part of the grant to engage a Public Investment Management Policy TA Technical Assistant to support institutional strengthening at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.

Effective Public Investment Management (PIM) is critical for maximizing the impact of public investments on economic growth and development. In recent years, many governments have faced challenges in project selection, planning, procurement, and implementation, resulting in inefficiencies, cost overruns, and suboptimal outcomes. In response, there is an increasing demand for a comprehensive policy and institutional framework that strengthens the entire public investment lifecycle — from project identification to implementation and evaluation.

This consultancy will support the government in developing and operationalizing a robust PIM policy. It will include the design and integration of strategic planning, budgeting, appraisal, and project management systems, as well as unifying Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) within the broader public investment framework. This assignment also seeks to address capacity building, system strengthening, and risk management through structured tools, templates, and IT-based platforms.

2. Objectives of the Assignment

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The primary objective of this assignment is to support the Government in designing and implementing a comprehensive and integrated Public Investment Management Policy Framework that:

- Enhances the appraisal, selection, and prioritization of public investment projects.
- Integrates strategic planning, budgeting, and project implementation processes.
- Establishes a standardized model for project and portfolio management.
- Aligns PIM and PPP processes under a unified framework.
- Develops digital and manual systems to monitor and evaluate the performance of investment projects.

3. Scope of Work and Key Activities

The Consultant will undertake the following activities:

A. Designing the Project Appraisal and Selection System

- Develop standardized project proposal templates.
- Design feasibility study report formats.
- Establish a clear methodology for project appraisal, incorporating risk analysis (fiduciary, environmental, social).
- Define transparent criteria for project selection and prioritization.
- Prepare manuals and guidelines for project identification, preparation, and appraisal.

B. Integrating Strategic Planning, Project, and Budgeting Cycles

- Align public investment planning processes with national strategic plans and fiscal frameworks.
- Establish protocols to link project cycles with budget formulation and execution.
- Develop cash flow projection mechanisms based on consolidated project plans.

C. Integrating PIM and PPP within a Unified Framework

- Develop a conceptual and operational framework that incorporates PPPs into the broader public investment process.
- Create tools to assess and compare traditional and PPP projects on a value-for-money basis.
- Establish guidance for project preparation and procurement applicable to both PIM and PPP.

D. Strengthening Procurement, Project, and Portfolio Management

- Establish a standardized project management model for government investment projects.
- Design and implement tools and formats for project identification and screening.
- Support the development of a Project Management Information System (PMIS) and Disaster Risk Information Platform.
- Use the Integrated System for Investment Project and Portfolio Management (ISIPPM) to monitor project performance (cost, schedule, benefits) and risks.

E. Strengthening Project Appraisal and Selection Processes

- Develop guidelines setting out minimum requirements at each stage of the project lifecycle.
- Provide appraisal methodologies that incorporate technical, economic, social, and environmental evaluations.
- Support training and capacity development initiatives for government stakeholders.

4. Expected Deliverables

The Consultant shall deliver the following outputs:

1. Inception Report with a detailed work plan and methodology.
2. A comprehensive PIM Policy and Operational Framework.
3. Standardized templates:
  - Project proposal format
  - Feasibility study report
  - Cash flow projections
1. Guidelines and manuals for:
  - Project identification, preparation, appraisal, monitoring, and evaluation
  - Project selection criteria and methodology
  - Risk management and appraisal techniques
1. Integrated framework for PIM and PPP projects.
2. Functional specifications for Project Management Information System (PMIS) and Disaster Risk Information Platform.
3. Training materials and delivery of capacity-building workshops.
4. Final report summarizing key findings, recommendations, and roadmap for implementation.
- A. Selection Criteria

Selection shall be based on qualification and experience of the candidate and followed by an interview. The consultant is expected to have relevant skills and qualifications for the position, with particular focus on the following:

Education:

- Master's degree or higher in Public Policy, Economics, Public Administration, Finance, Engineering, or a related field.

Experience:

- At least 10 years of relevant professional experience in portfolio investment management, public financial management, or infrastructure planning.
- Proven experience in designing and implementing PIM frameworks, project appraisal methodologies, and budget integration.
- Experience with Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) and their alignment with public investment processes.
- Demonstrated experience in developing policy guidelines, manuals, and IT-based monitoring systems.
- Prior work with foreign investment, management of investment portfolio, international development finance institutions, Foreign Impact investments or development partners.

Skills:

- Strong analytical and strategic planning skills.
- Familiarity with investment appraisal techniques and public sector budgeting.
- Ability to design templates and technical tools for public investment.
- Excellent writing, presentation, and communication skills.

Proficient in English; working knowledge of [insert local language, if applicable] is an advantage.

A. DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT: The Organization Development Technical Assistant shall be contracted for an initial 6 months. Additionally, the duty station shall be at the Ministry of Finance, Hargeisa, Somaliland

B. The Ministry of Finance now invites eligible Individual Consultants to indicate their interest in providing these services. Interested Individual Consultants must submit their Curriculum Vitae (CV) and cover letter indicating that they are qualified and has relevant experience to perform the services. The interested individual consultant must provide the following information (namely detailed CV, academic and professional qualifications, copies of academic certificates, and description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions Somalia/Sub-Saharan Africa etc.)

Interested consultants may obtain further information at the address below during office hours Monday to Friday from 9:00AM to 5:00PM. The detailed TOR will be forwarded to the applicant upon request in person or by e-mail to the address below.

C. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, establishment of the short-list and the selection procedure shall be in accordance with the African Development Bank's Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations dated October 2015 which is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org> and is open to all qualified Consultants. The individual consultant will be selected based on relevant experience, qualifications, and capability to carry out the assignment.

D. Mode of submission of Applications and deadline:

Expressions of interest (EOI) and CV must be delivered (in person or by e-mail) in a written form to the address below by **05<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 2:00 pm (Hargeisa Time)** – marked clearly as – “**Public Investment Management Policy TA**” under Institutional Support for Economic Governance Project (ISEGP).

Ministry of Finance, Hargeisa, Somaliland.

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