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n a significant development for Somaliland's financial sector, the Central Bank of the Republic of Somaliland and the Association of Money Changers have officially reached a landmark agreement,

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## President launches.....



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The President of the Republic of Somaliland, H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi popularly known as Irro officially laid on Thursday the foundation stone for the launching of the mega Wajaale Agricultural Development Project. It is an unprecedented large-scale project being implemented by Pharo Ventures, a branch of the Pharo Foundation, an international development agency with projects in various African countries including Somaliland.

The President expressed his gratitude to everyone who participated or contributed to the implementation of this historic agricultural project at Wajaale plains, describing it as the largest project to be implemented in Tog Wajaale District in 65 years.

The President described the project as nationally important and crucial for the development of the lives and productivity of the Somaliland community as a whole. The President particularly thanked the Pharo Foundation and its senior management, praising the prominent role that this organization is playing in developmental aspects of the Somaliland community,

especially in the areas of education,

water, health, agriculture, etc.

This project is a symbol of a transformative change led by the government of 'Unity and Action', especially in the development of agriculture, water and the environment, as it will be implemented in a modern way with latest technology that enhances domestic production, sustainable water management, and farming methods based on modern knowledge and technology.

The President noted that this project will be a historic step towards food security, social employment and environmental protection for the country; underlining the support that the Pharo Foundation has always stood by Somaliland.

It will entail major dams as a source of water for irrigation and livelihood. In essence, the Pharo Foundation will continue to support Somaliland in its efforts, and especially in this latest project, to:

- \* Develop modern farming methods and use new agricultural technologies;
- \* Ensure water and irrigation throughout the year, to ensure and maintain reliable production;

\* Fattening livestock and fodder production.

\* Prevent desertification, soil erosion and degradation of the Wajaale area;

The Banka Wajaale project is expected to bring many benefits to thousands of families living in Wajaale and its surrounding areas, and will be one of the most effective development projects ever implemented in Tog Wajaale District.

On their part, the Executive Director of the Pharo Foundation, Mr. Tom and the Mason, Pharo Representative in Somaliland, Mr. Mohamed Muse Cilmi, delivered assured that the Tog Wajaale community that Pharo Ventures is truly committed to fulfilling its social responsibilities, especially strengthening the development of agricultural production, building effective dams, animal fodder, creating jobs for the Wajaale community, and improving education and health services for the local community.

The Pharo Foundation /Pharo Ventures officials underscored the fact that the aim of the project is to create a sustainable life based on knowledge, new technology, and environmental protection, so that the people of Wajaale and its surroundings have access to job opportunities, sufficient water, and good services that are beneficial to the life of the community.

This historic occasion was also addressed by the Chairman of the ruling WADDANI party, various Ministers and the traditional leaders of the Wajaale region, all of whom welcomed the Banka Wajaale Agricultural Development Project, thanking the President of the Somaliland for the monumental steps he has taken towards focusing on development projects in the whole country.

### Somaliland and Taiwan Set to.....

next year. This announcement was made during an exclusive interview on Taiwan Plus, where Mahamoud Adam Jama Galaal, Somaliland's Representative to Taiwan, highlighted the strengthening ties between the two nations.

Since establishing representative offices in each other's capitals in 2020, Taiwan and Somaliland have been actively building a unique partnership. This collaboration includes initiatives like the Joint Energy and Mineral Resources Cooperation Working Group, alongside Taiwan's investments in Somaliland's agriculture and technology sectors. These efforts are not only strengthening Somaliland's emerging economy but are also paving the way for mutual growth.

During the Taiwan Plus interview, Galaal emphasized the strategic importance of Somaliland's location, positioning it as a commercial and logistics hub in the Horn of Africa. The development of the Berbera port, along with new infrastructure and a free zone, is set to become the premier commercial logistics hub in the region, potentially accessing a market of 300-400 million Africans. Taiwan, with its advanced economy, is providing crucial knowledge transfer and investment opportunities, actively seeking to replicate its success in Somaliland. A key focus of the interview was the progress in oil exploration.

Galaal confirmed that CPC Taiwan is actively involved in Somaliland's hydrocarbon sector, with drilling operations expected to begin early in 2026. This development marks a significant step forward, building on previous seismic data that suggests potential access to 650 million barrels of oil in the SL10B block, alongside British-Turkish firm Genel Energy. This partnership underscores the economic benefits for both nations, with Taiwan's expertise playing a vital role in Somaliland's ambitious quest to develop its mineral and energy sectors.

The interview also highlighted how Somaliland is leveraging Taiwan's technological and Al expertise not only in oil exploration but also in banking and financing. A recent delegation from the Central Bank of Somaliland explored financing options with Taiwanese expertise, aiming to make substantial progress in these areas. This collaboration exemplifies how nations can work together to achieve common goals, fostering economic growth and stability.

As Taiwan and Somaliland continue to strengthen their alliance, this partnership stands as a beacon of hope for other countries seeking to build strong, mutually beneficial relationships in the global arena. The Taiwan Plus interview not only showcased the progress in oil exploration but also the broader economic and strategic benefits that this partnership brings to both nations.

Interview Excerpts

With only a handful of formal diplomatic allies, Taiwan has

worked diligently to develop unofficial ties with other friendly countries, fostering connections with places fighting for sovereignty, such as Somaliland in the Horn of Africa. Since establishing representative offices in each other's capitals in 2020, Taiwan and Somaliland have strengthened their relations, building a unique partnership. This collaboration includes initiatives like the Joint Energy and Mineral Resources Cooperation Working Group and investments Taiwan's Somaliland's agriculture and technology sectors.

Interviewer: How are these economic collaborations strengthening Somaliland's emerging economy, and what specific benefits do they bring to both nations?

Mahamoud Adam Jama Galaal: The economic relationship between Taiwan and Somaliland is relatively young but shows great promise. We believe that in the medium to long term, both nations will benefit significantly. Somaliland offers a strategic location, positioning itself as a commercial and logistics hub in the Horn of Africa, potentially accessing a market of 300-400 million Africans, including not only Somaliland and Ethiopia but the entire region.

The Berbera port, along with new infrastructure and a adjacent free zone, is set to become the premier commercial logistics hub in the region.

Taiwan, with its advanced economy, provides invaluable knowledge transfer and investment opportunities. We are actively seeking to learn from and replicate Taiwan's success. Our policy is to welcome all investors, but Taiwan receives preferential treatment in trade due to its significant investments, such as CPC Taiwan's involvement in the hydrocarbon sector. We envisage oil drilling commencing early next year, and we continue to engage with Taiwanese firms and entrepreneurs, ensuring mutual economic benefits.

Interviewer: How is Somaliland leveraging these partnerships to position itself as a trade hub? What role does Taiwan's expertise play in developing your mineral and energy sectors?

Mahamoud Adam Jama Galaal: Somaliland is leveraging these partnerships to establish itself as a key trade hub, benefiting from Taiwan's expertise, which is essential for our development. Taiwan, one of the most advanced economies globally in technology and AI, is a crucial partner. We are working closely with Taiwan not only in oil exploration but also in banking and financing, utilizing technology and artificial intelligence. Recently, a delegation from the Central Bank of Somaliland, including the governor and his special advisor, explored financing options with Taiwanese expertise. We believe this collaboration will lead to substantial progress in these areas, fostering positive economic growth for both nations.

### Somaliland Celebrates Historic Breakthrough: First 16-Ton.....

to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the coming days.

The milestone was celebrated today during a high-spirited visit to Berbera's state-of-the-art Al Manar slaughterhouse by Berbera District Mayor Abdikarin Iddin, the Sahel Region Coordinator of the Ministry of Livestock, and Al Manaar Meat Company owner Abdilahi Sheik Abib Mohamed.

A Dream Realized: From Live Exports to Global Meat Leadership For decades, Somaliland has proudly exported millions of live animals to the Gulf. Today, the nation takes a giant leap forward by slaughtering, processing, and exporting high-value meat — keeping wealth, jobs, and pride at home.

Al Manaar owner Abdilahi Sheik Abib Mohamed beamed with gratitude:



— to export our meat, not just our animals. Today, that dream comes true! This is the first direct processed meat export in Somaliland's history, and it starts right here in the Sahel Region."

He continued with heartfelt thanks: "We thank Almighty God for making this possible. Our animals — once shipped live — are now slaughtered with care, health-certified, and ready for the world. This means more value stays in Somaliland, hundreds of new jobs are created, and no shipment will ever be returned. We pray to God this blessing continues!" Government Vision Becomes Reality

The triumph follows a recently signed agreement between the Government of Somaliland and the UAE, opening premium Gulf markets to Somaliland's world-class livestock products.

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The Ministry of Livestock and Berbera District Administration played pivotal roles, ensuring international health standards, halal compliance, and seamless logistics.

Al Manaar's Abdilahi praised the teamwork:

"This is Somaliland at its best — government, business, and community united. Berbera is not just a port; it's now a global meat export hub!"

### Somaliland Receives Robust U.S. Support for.....



United States to recognize Somaliland as an independent nation.

This call was echoed and supported by Somaliland's U.S. envoy, Bashir Goth, who expressed deep appreciation for the leadership and advocacy of both Sen. Cruz and Hirsi Ali.

Sen. Cruz initiated the conversation by reaffirming his previous public appeal to the Trump administration to formally recognize Somaliland's independence, challenging viewers to consider the strategic implications of such a move.

Hirsi Ali responded with enthusiasm, emphasizing Somaliland's significant achievements. She described Somaliland as a cohesive nation with a homogenous population, a common language, and a shared history of resilience and survival. Hirsi Ali praised Somaliland's leaders for shifting the populace's

focus from retribution to building a stable, economically sustainable state, in stark contrast to Somalia's ongoing mishaps and its leadership's lack of clear vision for societal development. She highlighted Somaliland's potential as a strategic ally, citing its natural resources such as oil and minerals, and its alignment with U.S. and

A key point she made was Somaliland's strong democratic framework, which includes regular and fair elections that she suggested might even surpass some U.S. electoral processes. Additionally, she noted Somaliland's independence from U.S. developmental aid, contrasting it with the jihadist challenges plaguing Somalia and Mogadishu. Somaliland should be liberated from the turmoil of Somalia and Mogadishu, which remain plagued by jihadist instability," Ayaan Hirsi Ali Aligning with Hirsi Ali's views, Sen. Cruz stressed that recognizing Somaliland would serve America's national security interests and its "America First" doctrine. He portrayed Somaliland as a crucial ally in the Horn of Africa, capable of standing with the U.S. against regional threats and instability.

Bashir Goth, Somaliland's representative in the U.S., praised the discussion and expressed gratitude via Twitter, thanking Hirsi Ali for her candid and factual insights and Sen. Cruz for his ongoing leadership. His message read, "Thank you @Ayaan for your honest and factual testimony. Somaliland is grateful to you and to @tedcruz for your continued leadership."

This podcast discussion builds upon Hirsi Ali's earlier op-ed in The American Mind from September 2025, which underscored Somaliland's strategic role in combating extremism and enhancing U.S. partnerships in the Horn of Africa region.

Together, the perspectives of Sen. Cruz, Ayaan Hirsi Ali, and Bashir Goth make a strong argument for Somaliland's recognition, emphasizing its democratic successes, strategic significance, and compatibility with American interests.

### Somaliland National Armed Forces.....



senior leadership and commanders of the National Armed Forces of the Republic of Somaliland have taken significant steps to enhance defense capabilities, military skills, and the development of international cooperation in diplomacy and military affairs. These actions are part of the efforts of the JSL government, led by the President of the Republic of Somaliland, H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro, to advance the national forces and ensure the overall security of the country.

This report, prepared by Dawan Newspaper editor Ahmed Mohamed Salebaan, begins: Since the formation of the government, the Somaliland National Armed have Forces consistently implemented strategic plans related to the development of modern training, advancement of technological knowledge, and equipping of the forces. These plans have elevated the skills of the forces, their defense capabilities, and the maintenance of internal stability and protection of national borders.

These events and training programs also demonstrate how the Somaliland government has strengthened military and diplomatic relations with the international community, particularly with friendly nations to Somaliland and those in the region. Emphasis is placed on strategic cooperation concerning security, military training, and border protection.

Additionally, the Somaliland National Armed Forces have shown notable progress in combat skills, readiness, and modern techniques. New special forces units (Special Forces Training Center) have been established, equipped with modern weapons and advanced intelligence techniques. The training of these units is specifically designated at the Adadley School, which has now become a strategic center vital for preparing units and continuously producing new battalions.

These special units are trained in modern skills related to executing planned and rapid operations, warfare strategies, the use of various weapons (including long-range shooting/sniping), intelligence gathering, and planning operations at regional or national levels. This training aligns with the national defense strategy, particularly in areas of counter-terrorism, border security, and enhancing defense self-sufficiency, enabling Somaliland to effectively respond to internal and regional security threats.

The First Commander of the National Armed Forces, Brigadier General Abdirisaq Said Bulale

(Afgudud), along with higher officials conducted a work inspection visit to the Adaadley Training School on October 27, 2025. He encouraged the forces to complete their training relentlessly. reminding them that the key to success lies in genuine determination, perseverance, and continuous effort. He urged them to demonstrate good discipline, unity, and extra effort to emerge as professional military personnel ready for any situation related to the defense and security of the country. Military Relations Between Somaliland and Ethiopia:

The General Commander of the Somaliland National Armed Forces, Brigadier General Nim'an Yusuf Gaxnuug, accompanied by the Director of the Somaliland Intelligence Agency Mr. Jama Mohamoud Egal, held a meeting on October 16, 2025, with the General Commander of the Ethiopian Military Forces. They discussed strengthening relations between the two countries, particularly in maintaining security cooperation along the long shared border between Somaliland and Ethiopia.

International Military Cooperation: The General Command of the National Armed Forces of the Republic of Somaliland, Brigadier General Nim'aan Yusuf Gahnuug, and the Minister of the Ministry of Defense held an important meeting with a delegation from the United Kingdom (UK), led by Captain James Edwards (RN). The meeting discussed cooperation between Somaliland and the UK, particularly in areas of security, military training, and strengthening bilateral relations. The General Commander, Brigadier General Nim'aan Yusuf Gahnuug, and the Minister of the Ministry of Defense, Hon. Mohamed Yusuf Cali, extended extensive thanks to the UK delegation and bid farewell to Captain James, who had completed his term of duty. They praised his positive role in the cooperation and relations between Somaliland and the UK during his

Conclusion:

These interconnected relational events clearly demonstrate the commitment of the Somaliland National Forces to developing modern skills, ongoing training to enhance their knowledge, and strengthening international cooperation. These steps are a crucial part of maintaining national security and borders, advancing military skills, and reinforcing Somaliland's diplomatic relations, while also reflecting the strategic aspirations of the national forces and their honorable role in the country's development.

### Somaliland Central Bank and Money Changers'.....

Israeli interests.







addressing key issues related to currency exchange reform and the regulation of money changers.

The deal, finalized through extensive dialogue and mutual compromise, marks a pivotal step toward stabilizing the country's economy and enhancing the integrity of its financial system.

The agreement focuses on critical aspects of the new regulatory framework, including the licensing of money changers and the management of cash deposits, as outlined in the Central Bank's Exchange Management Directive No. 03/2024.

An official event to mark the occasion was held in Hargeisa, attended by senior CBSL officials, led by Deputy Governor of the Central Bank Hamza Khaire,

alongside leaders of the Association of Money Changers. Both parties hailed the agreement as a major milestone in fostering economic stability and public trust in Somaliland's currency exchange markets.

Speaking at the event, the Deputy Governor of the Central Bank Hamse emphasized that the agreement aims to strengthen the nation's financial infrastructure, promote transparency and fairness among money changers, and create a stable business environment to boost public confidence. "This is a forward-looking step to ensure the resilience of our financial system," he stated. The Chairman of the Association of Money Changers echoed these sentiments, announcing the

immediate implementation of the agreement. He also extended an apology to the Central Bank for recent tensions, confirming that those disputes have been resolved amicably. Additionally, he urged money changers across Somaliland to promptly update their licenses to comply with the new regulations.

This agreement is expected to pave the way for the Central Bank's broader plans to reform currency markets, addressing longstanding challenges and aligning the sector with modern financial standards. As Somaliland continues to navigate its economic development, this collaboration between public institutions and private stakeholders is seen as a promising foundation for future growth.

### Somali Week Festival 2025 Concludes in London.....



Mohamoud Walaaleye

The 2025 Somali Week Festival wrapped up on a high note in London on October 26, drawing nearly 6,000 attendees and highlighting the dynamic arts, literature, and heritage of the Somali diaspora during Black History Month.

Organized by KAYD Somali Arts and Culture, the 10-day event featured over 30 programs across prestigious venues including the Southbank Centre, British Library, and City Hall. With a focus on engaging younger teenagers, the festival attracted more than 100 creator guests and emphasized poetry, film, music, documentaries.

The grand finale, titled "Somali Week Festival Final Beats," honored Somali creative legends and served as a poignant homecoming for the

community. Literary icons Nuruddin Farah, a renowned Somali novelist; Prof. Ahmed I. Samatar; and scholar Said Salah presented an award to performer Hibo Mohamed Guddoon ("Hibo-Nuura"), whose captivating show was hailed as the evening's highlight.

The evening was joined by former Waaberi legends such as Khadija Ceerigabo, Faynuus Sheikh Dahir, Amaara, Sureer alongside the London Somali creatives and visiting artists including such as film makers khadar Eidrus, Ahmed Farah, singers and other dignitaries

such as Abdirahman Nasri, Caasha Luul, Amara Sheikh, Farh Farhiya Kabayare, Ma'allin Said S. Ahmed, Khadija Erigavo, Nimco Yasin, Idil Barkhad Omar, Nimco Mohamed

Ayan Mohamoud Ashur, founding director of KAYD, expressed profound gratitude on social media, stating: "Ilaahey ayey mahad oo dhami u sugnaatay" (All praise belongs to God).

She praised the contributions of team members Ubah, Karima, and academic Cristina, as well as 50 young volunteers described as "superstars" for their tireless efforts. This year's festival marked several milestones, including the UK's largest Somali book fair, screenings of internationally acclaimed films, and the debut screening of short films. Building on its growing legacy, the event amplified diaspora narratives and fostered cultural

Organizers are already eyeing an expanded 2026 edition. As echoes of traditional music, poetry, and shared halwa linger in London's streets, the Somali Week Festival stands as a testament to the community's resilience and evolving identity.

### Berbera Port Operator Fulfills Education......



Mohamoud Walaaleye

Berbera port operator DP World delivers on 2022 promise, deepening local investment beyond trade and logistics Global port operator DP World has inaugurated a new \$250,000 science laboratory at the Sheikh University of Science and Technology, completing a pledge made in 2022 to support higher education in the Republic of Somaliland. The modern facility — equipped for research and practical instruction in petroleum engineering, hydrology, environmental science, and information technology — was formally handed over Monday in a ceremony attended by government officials, educators, and community leaders.

"This project reflects DP World's belief that education drives sustainable growth," said Supachai Wattanaveerachai, CEO of DP World Horn of Africa. "We are confident that this new laboratory will strengthen science education, open opportunities for students, and create longterm impact for the community."

#### Linking Port Growth to Human Capital

The new science lab underscores the Dubai-based company's growing role not only as a logistics powerhouse but also as a driver of social investment in Somaliland — a self-governing democracy that restored its independence from Somalia in 1991 but remains internationally unrecognized.

DP World's partnership with Somaliland began in 2016, when the firm signed a landmark \$442 million, 30-year concession to manage and expand Berbera Port, transforming the oncesleepy coastal town into a strategic trade hub on the Gulf of Aden.

Since then, the company has developed the Berbera Economic Zone, launched road-link projects connecting Berbera to Ethiopia, and announced an edible oil terminal to boost local manufacturing.

Company officials say the Sheikh University laboratory represents a natural extension of that investment — a way to ensure that local talent can match the pace of industrial growth.

"Trade and education are two sides of the same coin," Wattanaveerachai said. "The next generation of Somaliland's engineers, environmental scientists, and IT specialists will be the ones running the infrastructure we're building today."

### "A Catalyst for Innovation"

Local educators welcomed the lab as a long-awaited breakthrough in Somaliland's higher education landscape. "For years, our students in engineering and environmental sciences have learned from textbooks without the tools to conduct meaningful experiments," said Professor Ahmed Mohamed, a dean at Sheikh University. "This laboratory changes that paradigm. It's not just a room with equipment — it's a catalyst for innovation." Faculty members say the lab will enable students to analyze soil, water, and energy resources crucial to Somaliland's development, giving them the tools to

pursue research once possible only abroad.

"We can finally train students to address local challenges — water scarcity, sustainable mining, renewable energy using real instruments, not just theory," Mohamed added.

#### **Broader Development Context**

Analysts say DP World's educational outreach illustrates how corporate investment can strengthen fragile economies that lack broad international

"DP World's commercial interests in Berbera are obvious, but this type of educational investment addresses a fundamental national need," said Fatima Ahmed, a Horn of Africa analyst based in Nairobi. "By building scientific capacity, they are helping Somaliland produce a workforce that can sustain not just the port but the broader economy."

Somaliland's government has repeatedly emphasized that foreign investment, paired with local skill-building, is central to its development strategy. Education, officials argue, is the foundation of that model.

### Students See a Future at Home

For students, the new laboratory represents more than an academic upgrade — it's a signal that their future could be built in Somaliland rather than abroad.

"Before, we watched videos of labs in other countries," said Ayanle Adan, a second-year petroleum engineering student. "Now we have our own. It makes our education real and shows that someone believes in our future here."

The laboratory is part of DP World's broader education portfolio in Somaliland, which includes scholarship programs at Abaarso Secondary School and Barwaqo University, aimed at preparing young Somalilanders for careers in logistics, science, and management.

As the new science center opened its doors this week, local leaders framed the project as proof that foreign investment when tied to education — can yield lasting

"Infrastructure builds economies." said one Somaliland education official at the event. "But education builds nations." Background: DP World's Berbera Footprint

- 2016: DP World signs a 30year concession with Somaliland to manage and expand Berbera Port.
- 2018-2021: Construction of a new 400-meter container terminal, doubling capacity to 500,000 TEUs per year.
- 2022: Launch of the Berbera Economic Zone — a free trade and manufacturing hub linked by highway to Ethiopia.
- **2023–2025:** Rollout community investments schools, including scholarships, and the newly opened Sheikh University Science Lab.

### Ministry of Finance of Somaliland Holds Workshop on Law.....



The Director General of the responsible for preparing and Ministry of Finance and Economic Development of the Republic of Somaliland, Mohamed Hassan constitution, justice, and principles Saleebaan, yesterday opened a of good governance. two-day training workshop in Hargeisa for officials from the legal departments of financial and economic institutions. The training focuses on Procedures for Law Drafting and Legal Interpretation. Organized by the Ministry of and Economic

Finance Development of Somaliland, the workshop was held at the ministry's headquarters and attended by directors of legal departments from various government ministries and agencies involved in financial and economic affairs.

The objective of the training is to enhance the knowledge and skills in law drafting among officials

reviewing legislation, ensuring that government laws comply with the

Speaking at the opening of the workshop, Director General Mohamed Hassan Saleebaan emphasized the importance of having professionals skilled in drafting and interpreting laws, noting that this is a critical pillar for efficient administration and smooth government operations.

"As a ministry, we are committed to strengthening the knowledge and skills of government staff involved in law drafting, to establish a unified, clear, and public-interest-oriented legal system," said the Director General.

During the training, participants focused on:

- The proper methods and processes for drafting government laws,
- The best practices in legal interpretation and principles of statutory interpretation,
- Harmonization of laws with economic national policies,
- The role of government institutions in upholding legal integrity.

In conclusion, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development has, in recent months, taken significant steps to build the capacity and expertise of government staff, particularly in the areas of law drafting, finance, and economic development planning.

### Sagaljet - A Model Company for Business and Social Development.....



Introduction and History of Sagaljet Sagaljet, the first digital publishing company established in the Somali Peninsula, particularly in Somaliland and the Horn of Africa countries, began in 2007 with a small publishing outlet in Hargeisa. Today, it operates branches in Somaliland, Djibouti, and the UAE, transforming the business landscape of Somaliland.

The company provides high-quality advertising, modern publishing, and world-class marketing solutions, such as the "Illuminate the Night" billboards that light up at night. This report focuses on Sagaljet's impact on society, government, the economy, and Somaliland's international reputation.

Business Impact and Somaliland's Image

Sagaljet has introduced significant changes to Somaliland's business sector by increasing modern publishing and marketing services. It has elevated the country's image through its world-class advertising, such as modern billboards, greatly boosting national prestige. The company collaborates with universities, publishing books and banners, supporting education and community culture.

Comparison of Past and Present Image

- 2007: Small-scale publishing, limited jobs, local image.
- 2025: 300+ employees (95% youth), modern advertising, global image.

Social, Governmental, and Economic Impact

Sagaljet has become a development engine for Somaliland society, creating over 300 jobs, especially for university graduates, boosting the economy and peace. The company contributes to the economy by paying business taxes, supporting Somaliland's budget revenue sources.

Somaliland Government: Sagaljet supports the government by publishing official documents and events, enhancing governmental efficiency. International: Its visible presence in Djibouti and the UAE Somaliland's demonstrates regional business strength, despite a lack of recognition. It elevates Somaliland's reputation as a stable, investment-friendly location for domestic and foreign capital. Search "Sagaljet impact Somaliland society" on Google for more reports.

Historical Impact and Future Outlook

Sagaljet has created positive effects since its founding, boosting Somaliland's economy and showcasing stability and innovation. The company Chairman, Abdi Yusuf Aar, serves as an example of good leadership, sharing joys and challenges with employees, strengthening Sagaljet's and Somaliland's reputation.

Future Outlook: The company plans to create 3,000 jobs within 10 years, expanding in the Horn of Africa. Employees will gain advancement opportunities, raising Somaliland society's living standards.

Comparison with Global Companies and Conclusion

Sagaljet is akin to global companies like Ethiopian Airlines (12.8% annual growth) and Kenya Airways (5.8%) in innovation and growth, though differing in industry (publishing vs. airlines). These companies show how partnerships and global expansion boost African business—lessons Sagaljet can learn. Conversely, global firms can learn from Sagaljet on youth job creation in stable democracies like Somaliland.

Conclusion

Sagaljet is not just a publishing company but a symbol of progress that has elevated Somaliland's business, society, and global reputation. Continuing its innovation, it will remain an engine of economic creation and social development.

Sagaljet's Services:

- Billboards and LED screens, book publishing, advertising, and marketing services.
- Clients: Telesom, Dahabshiil, Somtel, Premier Bank, Darasalaam Bank, Amano Insurance, Takaful Insurance, and others.
- Performance: 300,000 projects, 300+ employees, 13 branches, 18 years of innovative experience.

Mission and Vision:

- Mission: Sagaljet is the reliable printing company that guarantees quality products and services to its clients in the Horn of Africa through excellence and innovation
- Vision: Sagaljet aspires to be the leading agent of innovation in printing services that guarantees success for its clients in the Horn of Africa.
- Core Values: Honesty, Quality orientation, Committed, Team-work.

## Cabinet approves Somaliland Fisheries Act



By M.A. Egge

The state has approved the Somaliland fisheries Act which would go down well in the regulation of the sector. The approval was made at the cabinet level during the 39th weekly session of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Somaliland, which was chaired by the President of the Republic of Somaliland, H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro was held today at the Somaliland Presidential Palace.

During the normal deliberations of the state businesses, the points that were on focus and discussed at the meeting were generally as follows: -1. Security

The Minister of Interior and national security gave a general briefing to the cabinet on the security situation in the country, noting that the overall security of the country was completely stable, politically or otherwise, except for the daily minor criminal acts that occur in society. 5ØĐß. Erigavo pacification efforts: The Minister of Transport and Roads Development, Hon. Osman Ibrahim Nur (Afgaab), who was part of the Cabinet Committee sent by the President to the Erigavo Peace Forum, gave an in-depth account of the various stages the process went through, the obstacles encountered and the way it was overcome, the process that the members of the government, the national assembly, the peace committee and the members selected by Sultan Said Sultan Abdisalan.

Minister Osman Afgaab also briefed the Council on the extensive meetings they held with various sectors of the Sanaag region community, underlining the significant contribution of the elders, scholars, cultural leaders, intellectuals, women and youth in general to peace and brotherhood in the community of Erigavo.

The Minister also told the Council that as a committee, they will submit an in-depth report and recommendations regarding the most appropriate method and steps that need to be taken to strengthen peace and unity in the community of Sanaag region.

3. National Investments Conference:

The Minister of the Ministry of Investment and Industrial Development Hon. Said Mohamed Buraale, gave a brief on the holding of the Somaliland National Investment Conference, which is to be held from 02/03 November, 2025 in the capital Hargeisa.

The minister noted the importance and general plan of the

conference, pointing out that this is an important opportunity to showcase the country's resources and investment opportunities available in Somaliland; which are intended to attract domestic and foreign investors.

The Minister also noted that the Conference would focus on economic infrastructure, domestic industries, natural resources such as minerals, livestock, agriculture, fisheries and marketing of business opportunities in Somaliland, in order to fledge the national economy and create more jobs for the youth.

4. Somaliland Technology Expo:
Somaliland Minister of
Communications and Technology,
Hon. Jamaal Mohamed Jama,
briefed the Cabinet on the progress
of the Somaliland Technology Fair,
kicked off recently in the city.

He noted that the fair went on smoothly, and that all stakeholders in the field of technology, including universities, ICT companies in the country, government agencies, entrepreneurs and creative youth participating, who have showcased the progress and innovations in the field of technology in the country.

The Minister said that the youth competition in the field of modern technology innovation is going well, and the winner of the first place will be awarded the Presidential Award by the President of the Republic of Somaliland.

5. Youth and Sports Policy:

The Minister of Youth and Sports Hon. Ahmed-Yasiin Mohamed Farah, gave a general report and overview of the reasons for the creation of that was distributed to them.

The Minister told the Council that the development of the National Youth Policy is an important step that encourages the development of the youth of Somaliland, and also defines the strategy for implementing the policy.

The Minister asked the Council of Ministers to comprehensively peruse over the policy paper, and to add or recommend on whatever they consider important in terms of content and purpose.

5ØÔß. Approving Somaliland Fisheries Act:

The 39th session of the Somaliland Council of Ministers, approved the Somaliland Fishing Law, which is the 7th law approved by the Council of Ministers during the tenure of the 'Unity and Action' government under President Abdirahman Irro.

The Council was composed of 39 members of the Council of Ministers; 37 Members voted in favor of the Act, one against while another was silent.

### Somaliland Government Implements Sanaag Peace Forum Decisions

The Government of the Republic of Somaliland has clearly demonstrated a firm commitment to implementing the agreements reached during the Sanaag regional peace forum and resolving the conflicts arising from political disputes in those areas.

The Somaliland Government officially resolved last week a dispute in the Ceeryaan area between two brotherly clans living there. These decisions, which ended the conflict, were announced by the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs and National Security, and their implementation is crucial to the government's efforts to strengthen stability and general peace in the region.



The decisions announced by the government to end the long-standing conflict in Ceeryaan include:

- 1. Both clans shall pay any outstanding Jifiyo (blood compensation fines) within 3 months, starting today, October 29, 2025, and ending on January 29, 2026.
- Major act (compensation) and Mag weynta (full blood money) shall be paid

within 8 months, from October 29, 2025, to June 29, 2026.

Injuries shall be compensated when the Jifiyo is paid, and the rights of the injured shall be settled along with the major Mag payment.

The government has instructed the Governor of Sanaag Region to closely monitor both clans to ensure compliance with the decision and adherence to the set timeline. The Deputy Minister of Interior stated that they will not relent and will continuously ensure that these decisions are fully implemented as intended.

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### REPUBLIC OF SOMALILAND

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### **BUDGET DEPARTMENT**

### 2025 Citizen's Budget Book

# Macroeconomic Situation - 2



2021 2,395,647,566

2024 1,121,580,000

## Remittance

In recent years remittances have been on a downturn, with remittance flow recovering in 2024 and 2025. The difficulties faced around the globe as inflation, trade tensions and conflict put pressure on the income in the developed and developing world.

## Exchange Rate

Continues to depreciate, which is good for exporting firms, but bad for importing firms. This is espeically relevant to retail firms that allready face stark imported inflation.



2012

6,409 SLSH to 1 USD

2024

9,003 SLSH to 1 USD

### Business

High electricity costs continue to be a burden for businesses. When looking at the overall health of the formal business sector in Somaliland, we can see a decrease in both the issuance of new licenses and the renewal of licenses from 2023 to 2024.

## Climate Change

environmental degradation in Somaliland has worsened. Less valuable land can lead to conflict between pastoralists and farmers. That is why the Government continues to invest in environmental conservation, to make Somaliland more resilient such Arore Ground Holding Project in which numereous livestock

receive folder in dry seasons.

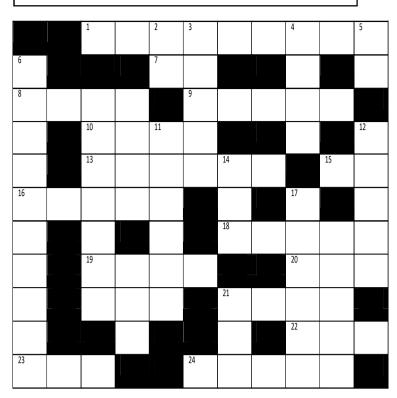
Western side of the presidential palace of Somaliland

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## **THT Puzzle**

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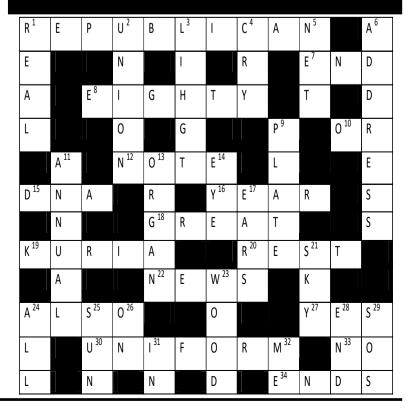
### **Across**

- 1 learner
- 7 get off
- 8 examination
- 11 clarify/study
- 12 attention/upkeep
- 15 warning
- 17 short form of
- doctor
- 18 planets
- 20 folk songs
- 22 Pronoun
- 23 lunches
- 24 Air
- 25 teem down
- 26 last words of the alphabet
- 27 affirmatives
- 28 human knees

### **DOWN**

- 2. DRIVE/MOVE
- 3. Lay to rest/go into
- 4. each one
- 5. therefore
- 6. Kind of fruits
- 9. worrying
- 10. Towering
- 13. Area
- 14. Confidence
- 16. Mamas / mask
- 19. Sneezing
- 21. matches
- 25. Decade

### **Previous Answer**



# The Role of Sagaljet in Modernizing Printing Services in Somaliland and the Horn of Africa



Introduction and History of Sagaljet Sagaljet, the largest digital printing company founded in Somaliland and the Horn of Africa, began in 2007 with a small printing center in Hargeisa. Today, it operates across Somaliland, Djibouti, and the UAE, bringing significant changes to printing services. The company offers a wide range of services, from business cards to modern "Illuminate the Night" billboards,

Present (2025): Digital, UV
printers, safe
environment, high
resolution, professional
training

Time, Cost, and Sagaljet Services In the Past: Manual printing took 2-4 weeks (e.g., for billboards), with high costs due to errors and multiple revisions. This limited the ability of small businesses needing quick



focusing on quality, creativity, and customer satisfaction.

This report highlights Sagaljet's role in modernizing printing, enhancing the beauty of cities, and supporting the economy and job creation for youth.

Transformation of Printing Methods Before Sagaljet (2007): Printing in Somaliland was manual, using toxic paints and chemicals (such as lead-based paints), which caused health issues like respiratory problems and skin diseases.

pre-Sagaljet printing processes were time-consuming, prone to errors, and required limited skills. Sagaljet introduced digital technology, including UV printers and 3D printing, reducing the use of toxic chemicals, ensuring high resolution, and improving workplace conditions (95% of current employees now work in a clean environment). Sagaljet's professional training has equipped 300 employees (95% of whom are under 30) with skills, contributing to a reduction in unemployment. Comparison: Past and Present:

> Past (2005): Manual, toxic chemicals, unhealthy environment, frequent errors, limited skills.

advertising, hindering income growth.

Sagaljet's Transformation:

- Online Service: Customers can order services via the Sagaljet website or WhatsApp, with business cards available within 5 minutes.
- Fast Turnaround: Billboards are prepared in 2-3 days, compared to weeks previously.
- Cost Reduction: Digital printing has lowered costs by 30-40% due to fewer errors and machine efficiency.
- Quick Customer Fulfillment: Sagaljet delivers products within 24 hours in Hargeisa and across regions.

Beauty of Business Sites, Cities, and Conclusion

Beauty of Business Sites: Before Sagaljet, hand-made advertisements were simple and unappealing. Today, Sagaljet's digital billboards and 3D posters have enhanced the attractiveness of shops and offices. The "Illuminate the Night" LED lighting program has made Hargeisa

comparable to modern African cities.

City Aesthetics: Billboards with vibrant colors and modern designs have transformed the landscapes of cities like Hargeisa, Borama, Burao, and Berbera, aligning with international standards seen in Dubai or Nairobi. This has boosted Somaliland's reputation as a developing business hub.

Economic Impact: The aesthetic appeal of advertisements has increased small business 20-30% customers by (Somaliland Chamber of Commerce, 2024), supporting economic growth and job creation. Sagaljet adheres to global standards (RGB color schemes, eco-friendly materials), making it a strong competitor to international companies like HP or Canon.

Conclusion: Sagaljet has modernized printing services in Somaliland and the Horn of Africa by introducing digital technology, reducing time and costs, and enhancing the beauty of cities and business sites. By supporting the economy and job creation for youth, Sagaljet continues to be a pioneer in the Horn of Africa region's printing industry.

Sagaljet Services:

- Event Management, Billboards, LED screens, book printing, advertisements, 3D posters, and other services.
- Clients:
- Telesom, Dahabshiil, Somtel, Premier Bank, Darasalam Bank, Amano Insurance, Takaful Insurance, and othersPerformance:
- 300,000 project services, 300+ employees, 13 branches, 18 years of experience.

Mission and Vision:

- Mission: Sagaljet is the reliable printing company that guarantees quality products and services to its clients in the Horn of Africa through excellence and innovation
- Vision: Sagaljet aspires to be the leading agent of innovation in printing services that guarantees success for its clients in the Horn of Africa.
- Core Values: Honesty, Quality orientation, Commited, Teamwork.

For more information, search "Sagaljet Somaliland" or visit <a href="https://www.sagaljet.net">www.sagaljet.net</a>. Thank you!

## President assures manufacturers on conducive atmosphere to boost local production

By M.A. Egge

The President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro has underscored the fact that domestic industrial manufacturing is the key to a nation's development and that the government will do whatever is necessary to have a conducive atmosphere for boosting local industrial productions.

The Head of State noted the fact as he held an important meeting with the echelon of the country's manufacturers on Thursday at the presidency.

The meeting, which was sought by the industrialists, focused on the pros and cons of the manufacturing sector.

The country's industrialists shared with the President their situation, lack of subsidy and issues on tax exemptions especially in the wake of stiff competition from imported products.

They noted tax exemptions of inputs such as machineries and raw materials as a great challenge for their output.

They requested that the government look into the plight surrounding the country's industrialists.

The President listened carefully to all the issues the manufacturers brought forth while praising their efforts in promoting domestic production and boosting the national economy.

He assured them that the state would seriously look into their grievances and address applicable areas in order to find a lasting solution that encourages investment and development of local industries.

The manufacturers praised the President for the important tasks he has so far carried out during his short term in power, especially in matters of peace and stability in the eastern regions, the nationalization of the civilian forces and the strengthening of Somaliland's relations with the International Community.

The President indicated that the country's industrialists would be facilitated in obtaining free land to build their industries, and the government will make a stronger effort to obtain cheaper fuel, cheaper electricity, and associated legal tax exemptions that the country's manufacturers are entitled to as per the finance/treasury laws.

The President reminded the industrialists that domestic industrial production is the key to the country's development and economic independence, and therefore "it is necessary to create a National Policy and Strategy that encourages local industries, and maintain fair competition between domestic and foreign manufactured goods".

He pointed out that "what is in the good interest of the industrialists is also in the interest of the government of Somaliland".

The meeting ended with mutual understanding and goodwill, as the industrialists welcomed the President's sentiments, and thanked him for his efforts and vision for the development of industries in the Republic of Somaliland.

### Somaliland Hosts Consultative Meeting on Livestock Trade and Export in Hargeisa

Mohamoud Walaaleye

The Minister of Livestock and Rural Development of Somaliland, Omar Shucayb Mohamed, who participated in the Consultative Meeting on Addressing Trade Barriers and Enhancing Livestock Exports, stated that the country's economy heavily relies on live animals, emphasizing that this sector generates the majority of the nation's hard currency earnings.

He said: "When looking at the national economy, 70% of our revenue comes from live animals." The consultative meeting on livestock trade barriers and export development, held yesterday in Hargeisa, focused on the challenges facing livestock trade and export promotion in Somaliland. Experts examined various aspects, including obstacles affecting livestock and their export processes.

Organized by the Ministry of Livestock and Rural Development, the meeting was attended by the Minister of Livestock and Rural Development, the Minister of Trade and Tourism of Somaliland, livestock traders, stakeholders, and other experts.

Speaking at the forum, Minister Omar Shucayb Mohamed described Somaliland's livestock as the backbone of the national economy, but highlighted two major challenges:

- The domestic livestock market system, and
- The traditional livestock management practices, which are no longer beneficial given global climate change impacts.

The Minister urged livestock exporters to prioritize animal care before export, particularly while animals are in quarantine facilities. He called for the provision of highquality, nutrient-rich feed to improve animal weight and overall health. Somaliland is working to introduce nutrient-rich livestock feed to enhance the quality of animals both for export and domestic markets. This will ensure animals meet health standards, improve physical condition, and strengthen the sector-since live animals are the primary source of national revenue.