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President Irro Chairs the Crucial National Meeting on Somaliland Airspace Management

Somaliland will never sit idle while others attempt to control or administer our skies- Airspace sovereignty is a national red line and the very emblem of our independence, he asserts



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The President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro conducted on Saturday a working inspection tour to the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airport Development (MoCA) where he met the Minister and senior officials. He chaired a high-level national airspace coordination meeting and also officially inaugurated new

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Somaliland Government Issues Tough Decisions on Airspace and E-Visa, Sends Urgent Appeal to ICAO and IATA

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Cabinet Committee recently appointed by His Excellency the President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro to address the aviation matters has issued Four-Point Policy on E-Visa and

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Somaliland Community Celebrates Government's Bold Electricity Price Cut



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The Ministry of Energy and Minerals of the Republic of Somaliland announced today a reduction in electricity prices across all cities in the country, a major step to ease the cost-of-living burden on citizens.

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Somaliland Central Bank Governor Reveals \$2.7 Million AGO App Fraud, Warns Against 'Black Dollar' and Gambling Scams



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Abdinasir Ahmed Hersi, Governor of the Central Bank of Somaliland, disclosed that a mobile application named AGA defrauded 130

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Gibraltar Extends a Hand to Somaliland and Emerging Nations — A Model of Micro-State Diplomacy

Mohamoud Walaaleye

In a rare and exclusive interview with The Advocate Post, Gibraltar's Minister for Education, Environment, Climate Change, Sustainability, Heritage, Technical Services and Transport, Prof. John Cortes, signaled an open invitation



to Somaliland and other self-governing nations for collaboration in education, heritage preservation, climate adaptation, and sustainability.

"Even small territories can serve as role models of practical, science-

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Ministry of Finance Launches Disability-Friendly Access Service

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buildings and services added to Egal International Airport. Minister of Civil Aviation and Airport Development, Hon. Fu'ad Ahmed Nuh, briefed the President in detail on the progress of operations at Egal International Airport and the Ministry as a whole, as well as the improvements made to flight services and public facilities at the capital's airport. During the tour, the President inspected the newly upgraded Flight Information Centre (FIC), now equipped with modern systems that enable full upper-airspace management and aircraft guidance for all flights using Somaliland's airspace corridors. The President praised the Minister, Deputy Minister, Director-General and the entire Ministry staff for their tireless efforts to modernize the national aviation system, upgrade airports and raise the quality of flight services. He stressed that civil aviation is the backbone of national connectivity and Somaliland's reputation on the global stage. President Abdirahman Irro declared that his administration accords the highest priority to safeguarding the sovereignty of Somaliland's airspace and building complete technical and administrative capacity so that Somaliland can

formally and independently manage its own skies. National Airspace Coordination Meeting Immediately after the inspection of the airport facilities, the President chaired the Somaliland Airspace Management High-Level Coordination Meeting. The closed-door session addressed critical issues of airspace governance, sovereignty, flight safety, the e-Visa question and the optimal framework for upgrading air-traffic communication and international flight management. The President had appointed a high-level national coordination committee meeting, chaired by the Minister of Civil Aviation and comprising the Ministers of Interior and National Security, the Presidency, Defense, and the President's Legal Adviser, to oversee policy, regulation and strategic advice on upper-airspace matters. Communiqué Issued The meeting concluded with a strong National Declaration on Somaliland Airspace Sovereignty. Key articles include:

1. The Government of the Republic of Somaliland hereby notifies the international community that full sovereignty,

- management and safety oversight of the airspace over its land, territorial waters and air belongs exclusively to Somaliland. Any use of this airspace requires prior authorization solely from the Somaliland Ministry of Civil Aviation, in strict accordance with national laws and international conventions.
2. The Republic of Somaliland categorically rejects and declares null and void the recent "e-Visa" issued by Somalia. That document has no legal effect in Somaliland territory and cannot be used for entry.
 3. Effective 10 November 2025, every aircraft operating in or overflying Somaliland airspace must obtain prior overflight clearance issued exclusively by the Somaliland Ministry of Civil Aviation.
 4. Somaliland appeals to the international community, UN agencies, ICAO, IATA, global aviation authorities and all flight-service partners to recognize the grave danger posed to civil aviation by Somalia's unilateral actions that interfere with Somaliland's sovereign airspace management.

In closing the meeting, President Abdirahman Irro stated unequivocally, "Somaliland will never sit idle while others attempt to control or administer our skies. Airspace sovereignty is a national red line and the very emblem of our independence."

Somaliland Community Celebrates.....



According to the new decision issued by the Minister of Energy and Minerals, Eng. Ahmed Jama Bare,

electricity prices in Somaliland cities will now be 0.59 cents per unit, while the city of Berbera will

enjoy an even lower rate of 0.20 cents per unit. This new policy will take effect on December 1, 2025, and is part of the election campaign promises

Somaliland Government Issues.....



Airspace Sovereignty, Independence and Safety of Airspace.

It noted that: The Government of the Republic of Somaliland reaffirms that it exclusively owns the airspace, land and sea within the borders of the Republic of Somaliland. Permission to use Somaliland airspace can ONLY be obtained from the Ministry of Aviation and Airport Development of Somaliland, in full compliance with national and international aviation laws.

Rejection of Somalia's Illegal e-Visa

The Republic of Somaliland declares that the e-Visa recently introduced by Somalia has no validity whatsoever in Somaliland territory and cannot be used to enter Somaliland.

Somaliland operates its own independent immigration and travel system.

Somaliland's policy is OPEN: Visa on Arrival. Every traveler to Somaliland can obtain their visa immediately upon landing at Hargeisa Egal International Airport or Berbera International Airport.

Regulation of All Flights in Somaliland Airspace

Effective 10 November 2025, every aircraft using Somaliland airspace must hold a valid overflight permit issued by the Somaliland Ministry of Aviation.

Any aircraft without Somaliland permission will be denied transit. Violators will face enforcement measures under both Somaliland and international aviation law.

Urgent Appeal to the International Community

made by the President of the Republic of Somaliland, His Excellency Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro, who pledged to the public that he would reduce energy costs and ensure affordable and reliable electricity services. The Ministry of Energy and Minerals stated that this move is a strategic initiative aimed at:

- Boosting economic growth
- Supporting industries
- Improving the daily lives of citizens

They also affirmed their commitment to ongoing plans to

The Government of Somaliland calls on: International aviation authorities (ICAO, IATA), the United Nations, **Bilateral and multilateral partners** to wake up to the danger caused by Somalia's politicization of civil aviation and airspace management—turning it into a weapon against the Government and people of Somaliland. This threatens the safety of every commercial and passenger flight using Somali/Somaliland airspace. Somaliland demands the following immediate actions:

Restore neutrality in airspace management as required by international law and UN aviation conventions.

Fix the error in IATA's Timatic system that wrongly lists Somaliland airports as "part of Somalia".

Find a lawful solution to the airspace crisis created by Somalia, recognizing the reality that Somaliland is fully sovereign over its land, sea and air.

Establish a transparent mechanism to manage the finances of the Somaliland/Somalia airspace, which were wrongly handed solely to the Federal Government of Somalia.

ICAO must conduct an independent assessment of flight and airport management and create a direct channel for civil aviation authorities to deal with the Republic of Somaliland. End.

Official statement Issued by the Government of the Republic of Somaliland 8 November 2025.

expand access to affordable and sustainable energy.

The people of Somaliland have warmly welcomed the government's electricity price cut. For example, in the capital Hargeisa, where the current rate is 0.79 cents, it will drop to the new rate of 0.59 cents starting December 2025, as set by the government.

This step is part of the Ministry's broader effort to ensure the nation has cheap, reliable, and trustworthy electricity.

Somaliland Central Bank Governor Reveals \$2.7.....



Somaliland citizens of \$2,700,000 over seven months. The scam was orchestrated by a Chinese national who has fled to Kenya. Authorities have arrested one additional Chinese suspect and several Somaliland accomplices. Speaking at a public-awareness meeting attended by the Financial

Crimes Prevention Committee and the Bank’s Sharia Board, Governor Hirsi stated the suspect transferred stolen funds using Somali-registered bank accounts and phone numbers. Intensive collaboration Somaliland Foreign Ministry with Kenya and China process underway, with the

main suspect’s arrest now at an advanced stage.” Over seven months, \$2.7 million was stolen from 130 citizens,” Governor Hirsi confirmed. He warned citizens against entrusting wealth to “lie-down-and-get-rich” schemes, stating anyone involved will face the law. The Governor also cautioned against black-dollar trafficking, declaring it illegal for citizens and foreigners alike. Multiple arrests have already been made. Online gambling platforms, including 1xBet, were condemned as forbidden by the Qur’an and prohibited by national law. “Do not feed your families with haram money,” he said. Offenders will be prosecuted. Governor Hirsi urged youth to pursue halal livelihoods through honest work and business, emphasizing Somaliland’s abundant legitimate opportunities.

Gibraltar Extends a Hand to Somaliland.....

based governance,” said Prof. Cortes, highlighting Gibraltar’s record of inclusive, evidence-driven policy. Prof. John Cortes stands as one of Gibraltar’s most distinguished public figures, a scientist-turned-statesman, whose career spans academia, ecology, and public service. Currently holding six ministerial portfolios Education, Environment, Sustainability, Climate Change, Heritage, Technical Services, and Transport he embodies the rare blend of technocratic expertise and political leadership. An Oxford-trained ecologist, Prof. Cortes has spent decades promoting biodiversity, sustainability, and civic progress in Gibraltar. Before entering politics, he directed the Gibraltar Botanic Gardens, co-founded the Gibraltar Ornithological and Natural History Society, and became an influential voice for environmental advocacy. Since 2011, he has been at the helm of multiple ministries, helping transform Gibraltar’s education system, green infrastructure, and climate policy. In this Exclusive Interview with The Advocate Post, Prof. Cortes speaks with Editor in Chief, Abdul Rafay Afzal about his scientific roots, Gibraltar’s educational vision, environmental diplomacy, heritage preservation, and what small states can teach the world about resilience and sustainable development. In a wide-ranging conversation, Prof. Cortes reflects on his journey from ecology to politics, sharing how science equips governance with a foundation of evidence and ethics. He outlines Gibraltar’s remarkable educational reforms building 10 of 14 schools and ensuring university scholarships for all qualifying students. He discusses his country’s post-Brexit political landscape, the EU–Spain border agreement, and how sustainability and education shape Gibraltar’s future. He also underscores the role of cultural heritage as a bridge

between civilizations, emphasizing cooperation with regions such as Morocco and potential collaboration with Pakistan, Somaliland, Africa and beyond. Finally, he offers a message of purpose to youth worldwide: lead with knowledge, heart, and service to others. Q. You began your career as a scientist and ecologist before entering politics. How did this background shape your vision as Gibraltar’s Minister across such diverse sectors? My background as a scientist profoundly shaped how I view governance. I trained in biology at Royal Holloway, University of London, and completed my doctorate at Oxford in ecology. After returning to Gibraltar, I initially worked in health administration but soon returned to my roots becoming Director of the Gibraltar Botanic Gardens, which I restored from abandonment into a recognized institution. For decades I led environmental advocacy through the Ornithological and Natural History Society, which I co-founded in 1976. Eventually, my frustration with the government’s outdated environmental policies led me to politics. In 2011, I stood for election with the encouragement of family and friends and was elected, later taking charge of the Environment Ministry. A scientist in politics brings something unique: decisions guided by evidence, long-term vision, and responsibility to both people and planet. Q. As Minister for Education, how do you see education preparing young people in small states like Gibraltar to become global citizens? Our education system follows the British model like GCSEs and A-Levels but we’ve invested heavily to adapt it to Gibraltar’s needs. Since 2011, we’ve built or completely refurbished 10 out of 14 schools, with the rest underway. We emphasize project-based learning, inclusivity, and special-needs education. Every

Gibraltarian who secures a university place, typically in the UK, receives full government sponsorship tuition and living expenses. This ensures equality of opportunity and brings back skilled professionals. We’re now expanding vocational training because not all talent is academic. Our investment in education is the foundation of Gibraltar’s progress. Q. Turning to the Horn of Africa, Somalia continues to face instability, while Somaliland has maintained relative peace and democratic governance. As several European countries such as Denmark and France have already engaged Somaliland in education and environmental sectors, do you believe Gibraltar could also engage Somaliland through non-diplomatic cooperation for example, in education, environment, climate adaptation, or heritage projects? That’s an excellent question. While formal foreign relations constitutionally rest with the United Kingdom, Gibraltar is very open to non-diplomatic and technical cooperation. We already collaborate through NGOs and civic partnerships for instance, with Morocco and Senegal and we mobilized aid when Morocco faced the recent earthquake. So yes, if Somaliland or any region in the Horn of Africa approached us with constructive proposals, we would certainly be willing to explore joint work on environmental management, heritage preservation, sustainability, or educational initiatives and more. We may be a small territory, but a big heart, even small states can often serve as role models. Gibraltar’s strength lies in practical, science-based governance and community engagement. These values are universal they can be shared anywhere cooperation is built on mutual respect and benefit and we would contribute and assist however we can. By Abdul Rafay Afzal (Editor in Chief – The Advocate Post)

Somaliland Opposition Chief Urges.....



Mohamoud Walaaleye Somaliland’s main opposition leader calls on the UK, USA, and IC to end futile engagement and embrace interest-based recognition. In a high-level diplomatic push, Mohamoud Hashi Abdi, Chairman of Somaliland’s largest opposition party KAAH, urged Britain, the United States, and the international community to abandon decades of “futile, ideology-driven engagement” and adopt a pragmatic, interest-based pathway to Somaliland’s recognition. Speaking after a “fruitful and candid” Tuesday-morning meeting with Rt Hon Kim Johnson MP, co-chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Somaliland, Mr. Hashi delivered a five-point roadmap that resonated strongly in Westminster corridors. Key Highlights from the Closed-Door Talks The Cost of Isolation “Thirty-four years of international limbo have starved Somaliland of investment, stalled infrastructure, and left our youth vulnerable to migration and extremism,” Mr Hashi said. “This status quo is not neutral—it actively undermines Horn of Africa stability.” A Kosovo-Style ICJ Shortcut The KAAH leader renewed calls for an International Court of Justice advisory opinion, stressing that Somaliland never legally united with Somalia in 1960. “The 2005 African Union fact-finding mission already confirmed our unique case. It’s time global jurists, not politicians, settle the matter.” African Union “No Longer Fit for Purpose” Mr. Hashi argued the AU has failed to implement its own 2005 Ezulwini recommendations. “Continental bodies are paralyzed by Somalia’s veto. Recognition must now come from

capitals that value results over rhetoric.” Post-Brexit Britain Must Lead Challenging the UK to shed the “One Somalia” straitjacket imposed by the 1994 US State Department and reinforced by Hillary Clinton, he declared: “Brexit promised an independent foreign policy. Recognizing Somaliland would be its first strategic dividend in the Red Sea Lane.” Great-Power Race at Berbera’s Doorstep Warning of expanding Chinese, Russian, and Gulf footprints along the Gulf of Aden, Mr. Hashi cautioned, “Somaliland remains proudly Western-leaning, but a weakening global order leaves us no eternal luxury of patience. Mutual interests—counter-piracy, counter-terrorism, critical-mineral supply chains—demand reciprocity today.” A Warm Nod to a Long-Standing Friend Mr. Hashi placed Ms. Johnson “among the historic ranks of Somaliland’s greatest champions—alongside Archibald Hamilton and Ethel Crowther”. He thanked her for consistent, principled advocacy and invited her to lead a cross-party parliamentary delegation to Hargeisa in 2026. “Somaliland is not begging for charity—we are offering partnership. Recognize us not because we are perfect, but because we are profitable—for your security, your supply chains, and your conscience”, underscored Mohamoud Hashi Abdi, KAAH Party Chairman The meeting signals a new, assertive phase in Somaliland’s diplomacy: less pleading, more deal-making. With a stable democracy, a booming port, and zero tolerance for Al-Shabaab, the Somaliland republic is pitching itself as the Horn’s most reliable anchor.

How a Port Town in Africa.....

Report published by DP World Chief:

“When most investors look at frontier markets, they do so from a distance – placing small bets through funds managed by others.

At DP World, as a leading global logistics provider, our strategy tells a very different story: making long-term infrastructure investments over decades, and in ways that transform economies and shift patterns of trade.

In this way, we have connected small businesses in remote areas to global markets, transformed ports with modern infrastructure, and used overland routes to extend the benefits of trade.

It is some of my most interesting work, requiring effective partnerships, consistent teamwork, and deep expertise amid complexity – as well as vision and boldness.

I want to bring it to life by taking you to a fascinating place with a remarkable future: Berbera.

A port town with international potential

Located on the Horn of Africa’s coastline, the Port of Berbera in Somaliland overlooks the Gulf of Aden, positioned as a vital junction for trade.

To the northwest are the Red Sea and the Suez Canal – the gateway to the Mediterranean.

To the east lie the ports of the Middle East, including our Jebel Ali hub in Dubai, and those across Asia, including India’s vast port infrastructure and hubs across the Asia Pacific and China.

While to the south are African ports, set to play a growing role as south-south trade develops, and as the continent grows both exports and imports.

All will play to Somaliland’s strengths: stability with consistent commitment to growth, a young and ambitious population, and economic prospects, including significant minerals potential.

However, what’s most exciting for Berbera is its potential to serve not just Somaliland, but increasingly, Ethiopia – one of Africa’s fastest-growing and largest economies, with a population of 135 million people that vastly exceeds Somaliland’s six million.

Unlocking the landlocked Ethiopia has no coastline and has been reliant on the Port of Djibouti, which handles around 90% of its trade.

This creates a significant opportunity for Berbera. Its overland route to Ethiopia is of similar length, and by offering an alternative with outstanding port efficiency, it can increase speed, resilience and capacity for Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa more broadly – especially as trade grows.

Our own findings indicate that Ethiopia will need access to multiple ports to support its rapid economic growth, with the Berbera Corridor being the obvious additional gateway.

We were therefore delighted in 2016 when the government awarded us

a 30-year concession to operate and upgrade the port, with an automatic 10-year extension if performance conditions are met. Within this agreement, we have committed to investing up to \$442 million to develop the port and create a special economic zone covering 1,200 hectares, with room for further expansion, as well as tax and customs policies to support manufacturing and develop Berbera as a regional hub.

To support local communities, we have also invested in areas including education, healthcare and water infrastructure.

Working with partners

Unsurprisingly, we were not alone in seeing Berbera’s potential, and our role was just one of several concerted investments encouraged by Somaliland’s government.

The Abu Dhabi Fund for Development and UK Aid, the development agencies of the UAE and UK governments, announced grants for redeveloping the road from Ethiopia to Berbera. British International Investment (BII), the UK government’s development finance institution, invested alongside us in the port and special economic zone.

In addition, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) also played a significant role in improving governance in Berbera and the region more broadly.

A port transformed

Today, the town feels very different from when we started work in 2017. There is an optimism in the air and the bustle of trade, which always makes me smile. We have extended the total quay length from 650 meters to over a kilometre and installed cranes that can handle some of the largest vessels.

Annual capacity has risen fivefold to 500,000 containers a year, and while in 2017 it took four days to unload an 800-container ship, it now takes just 10 hours.

Berbera’s thriving economy

The economic benefits have been substantial. We employ around 1,300 permanent staff at Berbera, with 98% local employment, plus another 2,000 to 3,000 in non-permanent roles.

There are people at Berbera who have become so skilled in their field that we send them to locations elsewhere to advise.

Broader benefits are showing in the local economy. The UNDP recently reported that by 2024, Berbera’s local government revenue had soared to \$14m from \$1.5m in 2012, allowing increased spending on schools, healthcare and other services.

Meanwhile, trade developments continue apace. Recently, we announced a new direct shipping route from Berbera to our Jebel Ali port in Dubai, one of the world’s largest and a major international hub. It joins direct services to Mundra Port in India, Jeddah and King Abdullah in Saudi Arabia, and Salalah in Oman.

Principles for frontier markets

Of course, investments on this scale require a range of factors to come together, as well as an understanding of local considerations. We know this from our work in Somaliland, as well as in other African countries.

But I often find it helpful to return to the guiding principles that form the ethos of our business – shaping how we approach strategy and how we invest and contribute to where we operate. Here are three:

But I often find it useful to have some guiding principles. They help us assess opportunities, and guide us as developments unfold. Here are three:

Where others see problems, look for opportunities. It’s remarkable how widely held perceptions blind people to opportunity. Somaliland is a good example. It has a small population and very real poverty. However, it defies outdated stereotypes and is on a positive trajectory in terms of economic growth.

Build ecosystems, not just ports. A port with a special economic zone and overland routes is far more valuable than a port alone – an approach we’ve used successfully in Dubai. Investing in broader infrastructure and using our network to drive trade can be especially effective in frontier markets. In Berbera, we worked with UAE companies to develop a cooking oil packaging plant in the special economic zone and an oil import terminal at the port. Berbera now exports oil to Ethiopia and Somalia, as well as serving the local market, while bulk oil imports have helped lower prices for consumers.

If you build it, they will come. This phrase captures a mindset that underpinned our success in Dubai, and our subsequent growth elsewhere. When making pioneering infrastructure investments, we primarily assess the potential rather than immediate demand and are willing and able to take a genuinely longterm view. This approach enables us to align with national economic priorities, stimulate demand over time, and view short-term disruptions in context. It’s an approach that distinguishes us from other investors and has paid off repeatedly over time.

Primed for a bright future

I have written about Africa’s potential, both to increase exports, including manufactured goods, and to grow imports that contribute to economic development, strengthen trade, and reflect rising prosperity.

Across the continent, we’re investing for the long term – in ports, logistics, and partnerships that extend the benefits of trade. Berbera illustrates all these points, and as its momentum increases, the opportunities will only grow. END.

Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem-Group Chairman & CEO of DP World, Chairman of the Ports, Customs & Free Zone Corporation

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Ministry of Finance Launches.....



its headquarters, making government services easier for persons with limited mobility.

Director-General Mr. Mohamed Hassan Saleban personally welcomed disability-rights campaigner and athlete Mr. Abdirisak Shabeel inside the building today, marking the first time a wheelchair user has entered the Ministry’s main offices without barriers.

Speaking at the brief ceremony, the DG said, “In the past I used to meet Abdirisak outside on the steps. Today, for the first time, he rolled straight into my office. This ramp means every citizen with limited

mobility can now walk—or roll—into any government office and get served quickly and with dignity.”

The new ramp and widened doorway were built in direct response to requests from disability advocates.

Mr. Abdirisak Shabeel praised the Ministry:

“This is a huge step forward. The leadership listened, acted fast, and delivered.

I thank the Minister, the DG, and the entire team for proving that Somaliland builds for everyone.”

The Ministry has pledged to install similar ramps at all regional finance offices within the next 90 days.

Dr. Beileh: Somaliland Meets.....



Mohamoud Walaaleye

Dr. Abdirahman Beileh, Somaliland’s Presidential Economic Advisor, explicitly stated during his keynote speech at the Somaliland Investment Conference that Somaliland fully satisfies all 11 internationally recognized conditions required to attract global investment.

The two-day event, hosted at the Sarovar Premier Hotel in the capital Hargeisa, has drawn 80 investors from 23 countries, including key participants from the Horn of Africa.

The 11 Essential Conditions for Global Investment:

1. Political Stability

“Instability and investment are direct opposites,” Dr. Beyle asserted.

2. Economic Growth

Investors evaluate whether the economy can sustain their products and services.

3. Public Attitude

“The people of Somaliland are born entrepreneurs,” he proudly declared.

4. Government Policies

Protection and security for investments.

5. Infrastructure

Efficient roads, ports, and logistics networks.

6. Workforce
- Skilled, disciplined, and ethical labor.
7. Banking and Finance
- Easy access to capital, favorable loans, and seamless transfers.
8. Government Bureaucracy
- Fast-track licensing and approvals.
9. Local Business Ecosystem
- Availability of lawyers, accountants, and professional services.
10. Quality of Life
- Safety, education, healthcare, and family-friendly living.
11. Tax Incentives (Bonus)
- “If I bring my capital, don’t I deserve tax relief?” he challenged.
- Somaliland: Fully Investment-Ready
- Dr. Beyle emphasized that Somaliland possesses political stability, regular elections, and the rule of law — the bedrock of sustainable economic growth.
- “Somaliland is ready. The doors are wide open for quality investment,” he proclaimed.
- He commended the Ministry of Trade and Investment and highlighted President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro as the ultimate champion of investor-friendly policies.

Somalia's E-Visa Imposition: A Step Backward.....

Somaliland represents yet another unnecessary escalation in an already strained relationship. This move does not promote peace, progress, or regional cooperation undermines them.

For years, Somaliland has stood firm as a beacon of stability, governance, and democratic values in the Horn of Africa. Despite lacking international recognition, Somaliland's achievements in maintaining peace, conducting free elections, and fostering development have earned it growing respect from the international community.

It is no coincidence that this E-Visa decree comes at a time when Somaliland's diplomatic outreach to the United States, Europe, and the UAE has gained new momentum. Rather than responding with engagement or constructive dialogue, Mogadishu has chosen to weaponize airspace and travel regulations, a tactic that only highlights the fragility of its institutions and its fear of Somaliland's success story.

A Misguided and Counterproductive Decision

The imposition of E-Visas on people traveling to Somaliland by Somalia is not about security or policy modernization; it is a political reaction rooted in insecurity. This decision does nothing to improve the lives of ordinary Somalis on either side of the border. Instead, it hinders travel, trade, and family connections, hurting Somaliland diaspora businesses and ordinary citizens who depend on the free movement of goods and people.



Moreover, this action represents a clear violation of Somaliland's sovereign right to administer and control its own airspace, a right it has exercised responsibly for decades. Until the legal separation between Somaliland and Somalia is formally and legally resolved through international mechanisms, Somalia has no legitimate authority to unilaterally impose aviation or visa restrictions on Somaliland. Such actions only deepen mistrust and further complicate efforts toward peaceful coexistence.

As President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro rightly stated, *"Somaliland is not an enemy of Somalia nor we hate Somali people, nor does it seek conflict with its brothers."* Somaliland's vision is one of peaceful coexistence, economic development, and deeper engagement with the global community. The future belongs not to those who build walls, but to those who build bridges.

A Call for Strategic Thinking

Rather than escalating tensions through bureaucratic obstacles,

Somalia's leadership should embrace a new strategic mindset, one grounded in regional cooperation and shared prosperity. The Horn of Africa faces immense challenges: climate change, unemployment, insecurity, and migration. These issues demand coordination, not confrontation.

Somaliland, for its part, must continue to strengthen internal cohesion, institutional development, and national unity. Our greatest asset lies in our stability and our ability to solve disputes through dialogue and democratic processes.

At the same time, I fully support the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Air Transport of Somaliland in pursuing legal and diplomatic channels to challenge this unjustified E-Visa policy. Somaliland's response should remain principled, lawful, and rooted in international norms.

Moving Forward

Somaliland's success has never depended on recognition from Mogadishu, it has come from the hard work, resilience, and vision of its people. Let us not be distracted by provocations or short-sighted policies. Instead, let us continue investing in education, infrastructure, technology, and governance, because that is where our true strength lies.

The world is watching. And the message Somaliland must send is clear: we seek peace, progress, and partnership not provocation

By Engineer Ahmed Abdi Abdlahi Chairman, Waddani Party of Minnesota-USA

President urges public collaboration with the police as he graces the 32nd Anniversary occasion of Founding of the Somaliland Police Force



By M.A. Egge

The President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro has urged the members of the public to work in collaboration with the police force to foster relations and bolster security stability in the nation. He made the sentiments as he led the nation by gracing the occasion of the 32nd anniversary celebration of the founding of the Somaliland Police Force, an annual event held at the main hall of the Police Force in Hargeisa.

In his remarks he offered gratitude, encouragement, and exhortation, greatly praising the Somaliland Police Force for the heavy work they perform for the nation and for the historic role the police have in preserving peace, security, stability, and public order in the country.

The President congratulated the Commander of the Somaliland Police Force on the tangible progress the service has made during the short period of the current administration.

He stated that the police department is the "foundation of the peace upon which we sit, sleep, and

awaken", stressing that "the police are the backbone of statehood and a symbol of the nation's resilience and unity".

The President said that his government is committed to strengthening and modernizing the sector so that it can meet the continuously changing security and social needs, and be fully capable of fulfilling its national duties of upholding the law, maintaining peace, and protecting citizens' property.

Others who addressed the occasion included the Commander of the Somaliland Police Force, Brig Gen Abdirahman Abdillahi Hassan, the Minister of Interior and National Security, Hon. Abdalle Mohamed Arab; and the Head of Police Operations Ibrahim Haji Abdi — all of whom briefed on various key achievements the police force has realized during the short tenure of the Unity and Action administration. They likewise highly praised the Police for their hard work, commended the bravery, integrity, and efforts that they have shown in security services for the country and maintaining peace.

Finally, the President urged the Somaliland Police Force to continue their professionalism, honesty, and patriotism in serving their nation for the past 32 years, and called on the peace-loving people of the Republic of Somaliland to stand by and cooperate with their Police Force.

Somaliland welcomes global investors wholeheartedly, states President Abdirahman Irro at Somaliland Investment Conference launching

The country has abundant opportunities and conducive environment, he says



By M.A. Egge

The government of the nation of Somaliland is so much focussed on stability and investments such that the country may develop for the good of people.

In the same breath the country invites wholeheartedly and with open arms multinationals to invest in Somaliland since there are abundant opportunities and conducive atmosphere to fledge.

The above sentiments were expressed by the President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi, popularly known as Irro, on Sunday as he launched the Somaliland Investment Conference, which was held at the Sarovar Premier Hotel in the capital Hargeisa that is slated to last for two days hence brought together 80 investors from 23

countries, including those from the Horn of Africa.

The Head of State sincerely thanked the investors and multinational delegates who are participating in the conference and welcomed global investors to take the golden opportunities available.

The Somaliland Investment Conference has been convened by the Ministry of Investment and Industrial Development in collaboration with the Ministry of the Presidency.

The President spoke in depth about the vast investment opportunities available in the Republic of Somaliland, especially in the areas of economic infrastructure, livestock, fisheries, agriculture, energy, minerals and modern technology.

He noted that the country has everything that encourages

investments staring from the potential and abundance of areas of investiture to conducive atmosphere such as political and peaceful stability and comprehensive trappings of all duly governance structures.

The security and its stability, democratic government system, stable political calmness, laws and regulations that facilitate investment and private business activities, skilled labour and knowledgeable workforce, and a vibrant social community that is harmonious and quite welcoming.

The President underpinned the fact that his administration has all along prioritized creation of transparent, conducive and open investment environment that encourages Public-Private Partnership, while promoting development and job creation for the Somaliland people.

The President hailed the DP World by expressing his special gratitude to them for being the first major multinational group to dare invest, a decade ago, in the

Berbera International Port and the Berbera Economic Free Zone; a move that has brought investment opportunities in Somaliland to the attention of the world.

He noted that the Somaliland Investment Conference is a platform that demonstrates the confidence of the world in the economic and political future of Somaliland.

The Somaliland Investment Conference is historic and opens the doors to cooperation and economic integration in the region and the world, as Somaliland has presented a clear vision and strategic plan to develop the country's economy and the lives of the people of Somaliland.

Since being sworn into office, the ten-month old administration of President Abdirahman Irro has focussed on stabilizing the political and security situation within the nation and prioritized investments in his half a dozen foreign trips that he has so far engaged in from Kenya, the UAE to Qatar.

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2025 Citizen's Budget Book

Macroeconomic
Outlook

GDP

In terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Somaliland's real GDP has generally been on an upward trend since 2012. However, it has declined over the past two years due to heightened inflation rates. Despite this, nominal GDP has continued to increase. Projections indicate that real GDP will recover, reaching USD 2.5 billion by 2026.

Despite the numerous challenges, Somaliland's economy is demonstrating signs of recovery and growth, supported by the commitment of the new Government to reform and stability. The livestock export sector is operating smoothly, reinforcing an essential pillar of the national economy and government revenue. At the same time, Somaliland's relationships with international partners continue to strengthen, paving the way for increased development cooperation, trade, and investment.

Revenue - Country Level

What is Revenue

Revenue refers to all the resources available to a Government for providing goods and services. It depends on every citizens daily actions. It is collected through taxes, sales of goods and services, fees, fines, property income, and transfers such as donor grants or aid.

Revenue is collected through:



Taxes on International Trade and Transactions: Import and Export Duties and cross border earning.



Good and Service Tax: Citizens buying goods or services.



Property Income: From Rental of Governments assets.



Income Tax: Citizens earning income.



Tax on International Trade and Transactions-imports, exports and other duties



Sales of Goods and Services: Revenue from public hospitals, schools, water, electricity, etc.



Fines and Penalties: Charges for breaking laws or regulations.

Why do we collect Revenue

Revenue is collected to fund the services and infrastructure that support a functioning society. Revenue allows the Government to ensure that citizens can live a good life and that no-one is left behind and everyone is cared for. The Government provides:

Key
Infrastrucutre



Education



Health



Security

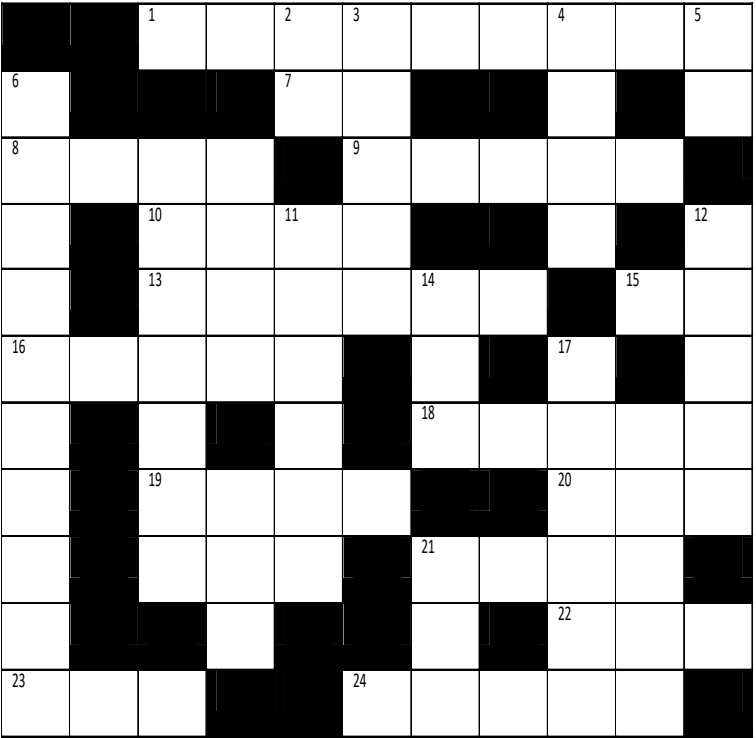


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Across

- 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

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Comprehensive plan to entrench strategic national peace policy in the offing

By M.A. Egge

The nation is geared towards entrenching national strategic peace policy and integrating it, by linking efforts on peace projects, in order to attain a permanently harmonious setting in the nation. This has been revealed during this week's meeting of the cabinet members in their 40th session. Also, disclosed is the fact that the recruitment of public servants is henceforth to be led by the Civil Service authority. The meeting was chaired by the President of the Republic of Somaliland, H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro, who was flanked by his deputy the VP H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi, was held on Wednesday at the Somaliland Presidential Palace. The agenda this week entailed the following 11 points:

1. Civil Service Employment and census

The Chairman of the Civil Service Commission Mr. Abdiaziz Hirsi Warsame briefed the Cabinet on the reform, administration and management of the Civil Service, detailing the process of verifying, securing and correcting the personal data of the civil service employees as per the HRMIS system. The Chairman said that the said system has been fully tested, and the first phase of establishing, developing and implementing the Personnel Verification and Assurance System has been successfully completed.



He informed the cabinet members to prepare the personnel under their management to be at the designated place and time for verification of their personal data and ensure their security. He likewise informed the Cabinet members of the Presidential Decree on the essence of the Civil Service Recruitment System, which will henceforth be led by the Civil Service Authority, in accordance with the Civil Service Law and related regulatory laws.

2. Interior and Security:

The Minister of Interior and Security, Hon. Abdalle Mohamed Arab, informed the members of cabinet that security of the nation was generally secure in all the regions of the country, and that there was no unrest or instability of any kind in the six regions of the country, both politically and socially.

3. Finance and Economy:

The Minister of State for Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Ismail Mawlid Abdilaahi, informed the House that, following the efforts made by the Ministry, revenue collection activities for January-October are proceeding as planned, with all the revenue projected for the 10 months having been collected as envisioned. The Minister emphasized that the Ministry of Finance is responsible for the collection of national revenue, as stipulated in the General Revenue and Taxes Law (Law No. 72/2016) and the Financial Management Law (Law No. 75/2016), hence that it is necessary that the revenues established by the law and collected by Government Agencies be directly deposited into the State Treasury; and that other revenues that are not

legally established should be subject to legal verification. He further noted that the Ministry has conducted studies and surveys to obtain data on the country's economy, as part of the Ministry's efforts to boost the national economy.

4. Launching of DMSS at the Presidency.

The Minister of the Presidency Hon. Khadar Hussein Abdi, announced the launch of the Digital Media System Service (DMSS) in the Ministry of the Presidency, stating that the system was a modern process for unifying and improving the data, news and daily events that are necessary for the smooth flow of information sharing and communication among all government institutions. The Minister of the Presidency, Hon. Khadar Hussein Abdi, observed that based on the impact of digital media on social life, it was thus necessary to coordinate, plan, analyze, and regularly share information among government agencies achieving a purpose of having a government with one aim and one voice.

5. Animal husbandry and drought impact:

This was reported by the Minister of Livestock and Rural Development, Hon. Dr. Omar Shuayb Mohamed. The Minister told the Council that the recurring droughts have greatly affected the health, population and production capacity of the country's livestock, especially in the eastern and Hawd periphery regions of Somaliland. The Minister underlined that livestock are the backbone of the country's economy, but unfortunately climate change and droughts have had a negative impact on the lives of livestock. Their weight and reproduction rates have decreased, while malnutrition-related diseases have increased. However, the Minister said that it is necessary for the Ministry and its collaborating agencies to implement a National Plan and applicable programs to address the increasing difficulties faced by livestock.

and associated agreements signed, and the economic opportunities opened up for the nation, which will boost investment, job creation and economic growth in our country. The Minister told the Council that the Somaliland Investment Conference has proven our country's readiness for real investment and international cooperation, as the government of Unity and Action has demonstrated its commitment to Economic Development and Investment Facilitation.

8. Fisheries Development:

The Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Hon. Ali Jama Farah, briefed the Council of Ministers on the general situation of Somaliland's fisheries, especially the ice-making facilities in coastal towns. The Minister noted that they have activated several ice generation and refrigeration centers in the Sanaag and Awdal regions. The Minister also gave a brief on a delegation from the Ministry of Fisheries of Yemen that visited Somaliland, and the cooperation measures agreed upon by the two countries. He said that bilateral discussions were led by the Deputy Minister of the Ministry, Hon. Sharmarke Abdi Musa.

9. Planning: Peace projects and National Peace Policy

The Minister of the Ministry of Planning and National Development, Hon. Kaltuun Sh. Hassan Abdi, while giving the Council a comprehensive report on the most appropriate way to nationally link the efforts of Peace Projects and the National Policy on Peace issues. The Minister highlighted the importance for the nation to have a system that unifies peace-making plans, development and the government's overall Agenda for the National Peace Policy and the unity of the Somaliland nation. The Minister emphasized the goals of linking Peace Projects and the National Peace Policy of Somaliland being:

1. To prevent conflicts and violence.
2. To strengthen public trust and cooperation between the State and the people.
3. To create a system of justice that is equal for everyone.
4. To build institutions capable of resolving conflicts.
5. To promote education and peace awareness.
6. To strengthen peaceful relations with neighbouring countries and the international community.

10. IDPs situation:

The Minister of the Ministry of Resettlement and Humanitarian Affairs Hon. Suleiman Duale briefed the Cabinet on the difficult situation of the displaced people in the country, noting that the drought has greatly affected their lives, especially their access to water, food and adequate shelter. The Minister said that the Ministry is making efforts to the best of its ability, including emergency assistance, to reduce the burden on the displaced community, but there is a need for a national consultation on this issue.

11. National drought brief:

This was reported by the Minister of Religion and Endowments, Sheikh Abdullahi-Baashe Daahir Jama who is a member of the National Drought Emergency Committee. He told the cabinet meeting that the drought situation is worsening, especially in the eastern regions of the country where there is a severe water shortage. The Minister said that the Drought Emergency Committee is planning to provide relief and assistance to the Somaliland community affected by the drought.

President Abdirahman Irro emphasizes the sovereignty of the nation of Somaliland as he meets Turkish CG

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The President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro has emphasized the sovereignty of the nation of Somaliland as he hosted on Monday at the Presidential Palace the Consul General of the Republic of Turkey accredited to Somaliland, H.E. Ozan Pekin, accompanied by his Deputy, Mr. Anil Koray Kocaman. The meeting which has brought newly vigorized impetus in the relations between the two countries concluded in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and renewed optimism, marking a positive step toward deeper partnership and strengthened relations. During the meeting, both sides engaged in discussions on key areas of mutual interest, with particular focus on strengthening and expanding diplomatic relations, trade and investment cooperation, and development initiatives implemented by the Republic of Turkey in Somaliland. The President emphasized that Somaliland bears no objection to the assistance Turkey extends to the Somali people in general, but underscored that Somaliland merits fair and just treatment from Turkey as a peaceful, democratic, and independent nation fully committed to constructive engagement with the international community.

For his part, the Turkish Consul General expressed his gratitude to the President for the warm hospitality and conveyed cordial greetings from the President of the Republic of Turkey, His Excellency Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hakan Fidan. Mr. Pekin, who assumed his duties in September 2025, commended the President and the Government of Somaliland for their successful peace-building efforts in the Eastern Regions of the country, the fruitful conclusion of the Erigavo Peace Conference, and the successful convening of the Somaliland Investment Conference.

He lauded these achievements as clear indicators of the political maturity and visionary leadership demonstrated by the Republic of Somaliland. He further pledged to work actively toward enhancing bilateral cooperation and increasing the scope and effectiveness of Turkey's development assistance to Somaliland—acknowledging that such support has previously been limited in proportion to Somaliland's pivotal role in the Horn of Africa region. The meeting concluded in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and renewed optimism, marking a positive step toward deeper partnership and strengthened relations between the two nations.

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