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Ethiopia, the US, and the UAE Top Somaliland's Diplomatic Priorities as President Abdullahi Confirms Open Channels

President Abdullahi Says Somaliland Has Open Channels with Trump Administration on Recognition



Mohamoud Walaaleye

Republic of Somaliland President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi (Irro) says his nation is maintaining open diplomatic channels with the United States and Ethiopia in a bid to secure further international recognition. He spoke about these priorities during an interview with television network i24NEWS in Jerusalem on

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Taiwan and Somaliland Ink Landmark Deposit Insurance Agreement: Central Bank Partners with CDIC

Mohamoud Walaaleye

In a groundbreaking move set to bolster financial stability and public confidence, the Central Bank of the Republic of Somaliland has officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Taiwan's Central



Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC). The agreement, hailed as a major milestone in Somaliland's journey toward a modern and resilient banking system, promises to introduce world-class deposit

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Somaliland Defense Ministry Rejects Reuters, Al Arabiya Reports Attributed to Minister Mohamed



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The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Somaliland has firmly dismissed as "false, baseless, and misleading" reports circulating in sections of the international media that attributed comments on Somaliland-Israel

cooperation to Defence Minister H.E. Mohamed Yusuf Ali. In a strongly worded statement issued on Tuesday, the Ministry categorically denied that Minister Mohamed Yusuf Ali had granted any

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WADDANI Forges a New Ideological Path: From Clan Votes to Vision-Driven Democracy in Somaliland



Mohamoud Walaaleye

In a bold push to elevate Somaliland's political landscape, the WADDANI Party has launched a landmark initiative to define a clear political ideology. The goal is to shift the nation's democracy from clan-based

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Government to establish National Blood Bank buildings premise



By M.A. Egge

The government has revealed that it would establish a premise whose buildings would shelter the National blood Bank. This revelation was made by the Health Minister Hon. Hussein Bashi

Hirsi during the 65th Session of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Somaliland, under the chairmanship of Vice President H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi, held at the Presidential Palace in Hargeisa. It is noteworthy to mention that from

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"I Carry the Gratitude of Six Million Somalilanders": President's Historic Message in Israel



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In a moment charged with symbolism, gratitude, and diplomatic ambition, the President of the Republic of Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdilahi Irro stood before Israeli leaders and dignitaries to mark what he described as a historic turning point in his nation's modern history: the first official state visit by a President of Somaliland to another country.

Addressing President Isaac Herzog, government officials, business leaders, and distinguished guests, the Somaliland leader framed the occasion not merely as a diplomatic event but as the beginning of a relationship built on mutual recognition, respect, and courage. From the outset, the speech carried a tone of appreciation. The President praised the warmth of the reception accorded to his delegation, emphasizing that the welcome reflected more than diplomatic protocol. In his words, it represented a sincere gesture of friendship between two peoples seeking a meaningful partnership for the future.

The significance of the visit was repeatedly underscored. For Somaliland, a nation that has spent decades seeking broader international engagement, the invitation itself was portrayed as a milestone. The President noted that Israel's decision to host Somaliland at the highest level would become a memorable chapter in his country's diplomatic history. Perhaps the most striking message came when the President reflected on Somaliland's long quest for international engagement. For more than three decades, he said, Somaliland had asked the world for one simple thing: to be seen. "Only one country decided to see us," he declared, presenting Israel's outreach as an act of political vision and diplomatic courage.

The speech also highlighted what Somaliland views as the gradual evolution of ties between the two nations. Referencing previous engagement and dialogue, the President described recent developments as important markers in a growing relationship that could extend beyond diplomacy into business, investment, and broader cooperation.

Speaking not only as a head of state but as a representative of his people, the President said he carried the gratitude of six million Somalilanders. He stressed that his presence in Jerusalem was not a personal achievement but the expression of a collective sentiment from citizens in Hargeisa and across Somaliland. His remarks were particularly warm toward Israeli officials who had engaged with Somaliland despite political sensitivities. He singled out the foreign minister for praise, describing his visit to Hargeisa as an act of determination carried out "despite all odds." The President also extended thanks to government ministers, business leaders, security officials, and all those who had contributed to strengthening bilateral ties.

Beyond its diplomatic significance, the speech conveyed a broader lesson about international relations: that recognition often begins not with formal agreements but with the willingness to listen, engage, and acknowledge another people's aspirations. In closing, the President returned to the theme that had run throughout his address—gratitude. Standing before his hosts, he offered a simple but powerful message on behalf of Somaliland: "Today, I am not alone. I represent six million people who are thankful to the people and government of Israel."

With those words, a visit presented as ceremonial became something more profound: a declaration that diplomacy is ultimately built on the human desire to be recognized, respected, and heard. **Read the Full Verbatim Speech Below:**

Mr. President, Your Excellency President Isaac Herzog, Distinguished guest, Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the government and people of the Republic of Somaliland, it is a profound honor for me to stand before you today at this state visit and to address you in person during what is truly a historic visit. I wish at the outset to express my sincere appreciation for the exceptionally warm welcome, the dignity of the reception, and the spirit of friendship that has defined every moment of this visit.

The ceremony and the hospitality extended to our delegation reflects not only protocol, but a genuine gesture of respect between two peoples who seek to build a meaningful and forward-looking relationship. The visit carries special significance. It is the first visit by President of the Republic of Somaliland to another country, and we are deeply appreciative that the State of Israel has chosen to receive us with such an honor on this historic occasion. By doing so, Israel has taken part in a moment that will be remembered in a diplomatic history of our nation, and we do not take that gesture lightly.

We also recall with gratitude the early and continued engagement between our two countries. In Somaliland's long journey since the restoration of its sovereignty following independence from Britain, we have valued those who have shown openness, courage and foresight in engaging with us. We further note this appreciation the significance of Israeli engagement on 26 December 2025, which stands as an important marker in the evolving relationship between our two nations. Today, I stand here to bring the greetings, the thanks, the appreciation of six million Somaliland Muslims in Hargeisa and elsewhere. Today, I want to thank the government of Israel, the president, the prime minister, the foreign minister, who is a brave man, who came to our Hargeisa despite all odds. Somaliland has been talking, has been reaching to the world leaders for the last 35 years. They were asking only one question. to see us. Only one country decided to see us, and he organized Somaliland, and that's the government of Israel and its people. Today, I am not alone. As I said, I represent six million people who are thankful to the people and government of Israel. I say thank you. I want to thank my friend, the foreign minister, the former director of Mossad, the industry, the business people, government officials and ministers, and everyone who is on the table. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

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interview, made any statement, or provided any comment to Reuters, Al Arabiya English, or any other media organization regarding relations or cooperation between Somaliland and Israel. "The Minister has not spoken to Reuters, Al Arabiya English, or any other media outlet on this matter," the Ministry stated, rejecting all reports claiming otherwise as fabricated and inaccurate.

The Ministry accused those responsible for spreading the reports of disseminating misinformation and disinformation aimed at distorting Somaliland's official position and misleading both local and international audiences. Officials warned media organizations and journalists against publishing unverified claims

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protection mechanisms and Aligning Somaliland's banking



deepen bilateral financial cooperation.

The signing ceremony, held today in Hargeisa, brought together high-level officials from both institutions and distinguished diplomatic guests. Among those in attendance were Ambassador Mahmoud Adam Jama Galaal, Somaliland's Representative to Taiwan, and Ambassador Allen Chenhwa Lou, Taiwan's Representative to Somaliland. The event opened with a powerful address by CDIC Chairman Dr. Tien-Mu Huang, followed by a virtual welcome from the Governor of the Central Bank of Somaliland, Abdinasir Ahmed Hersi, who joined from Israel. Due to his absence, Governor Hersi was represented on the ground by Deputy Governor and Acting Governor Hamza Abdirahman Khaire, who formally witnessed the signing alongside Chairman Huang. Speakers at the ceremony delivered strong messages of optimism and commitment. They underscored the MOU's critical role in: Strengthening deposit insurance and protection for ordinary bank customers Building institutional capacity and technical expertise Enhancing overall financial system stability

regulations with international standards

Ambassador Mahmoud Adam Jama Galaal and Ambassador Allen Chenhwa Lou both highlighted the deep strategic importance of this partnership between Somaliland and Taiwan, describing it as a bridge toward greater economic development and mutual prosperity. A New Chapter for Somaliland's Financial Future This historic agreement opens a fresh chapter of strategic collaboration between the two institutions. Officials expressed confidence that the partnership will significantly reinforce public trust in the banking sector, safeguard depositors' funds, attract both local and foreign investment, and accelerate the creation of a secure, modern, and sustainable financial ecosystem in Somaliland. The MOU is widely viewed as a timely and transformative step that will help Somaliland's banking system withstand future challenges while supporting broader economic growth ambitions. This milestone not only strengthens Somaliland-Taiwan ties but also signals to the international community Somaliland's serious commitment to building robust, transparent, and globally compliant financial institutions.

and urged the public to rely exclusively on official government commitment to transparency, accountability, and factual

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WADDANI Forges a New Ideological

loyalties toward idea-driven competition and substantive governance.

The Republic of Somaliland has already turned many once-distant dreams into reality: securing peace, reconciling society, restoring statehood, building democratic institutions, holding one-person-one-vote elections, and advancing toward broader international recognition. Now, the party is setting its sights on the next frontier — establishing a distinctive political ideology that will serve as the hallmark by which citizens choose their leaders.

“Today these achievements stand firm, and tomorrow the party will fully embrace a new direction rooted in our socio-economic realities, our cherished values, and our noble Islamic faith,” the party leader declared in a statement following an academic discussion forum held with diverse segments of Somaliland society.

WADDANI positions itself as the architect of Peace and Prosperity. The party pledges to entrust citizens



with responsibility over their lives, businesses, families, and values, while guaranteeing social justice. The Party Chairman emphasized that for too long, Somaliland’s political parties have faced criticism for lacking meaningful differences. “As WADDANI, we are carving a new path where competition will be based on ideas and vision — where people vote for substance, not just identity,” he stated.

“Every day is a step forward. Today it is only a beginning, but tomorrow it will be fully realized.”

Quoting Nelson Mandela, the message captured the spirit of the moment: “It is always impossible until it is done.”

This move signals WADDANI’s ambition to mature Somaliland’s multiparty system into one defined by ideological clarity — blending Somalilander nationalism, Islamic democratic principles, social democratic policies, and respect for cultural and religious heritage. The initiative is being positioned as a pivotal evolution in the young nation’s democratic journey.

Government to establish National.....

the 14-18th of June blood donations visit of the World Bank’s Somaliland



were made in the country, especially at the national hospital of HGH.

The minister also updated the cabinet on the National Blood Donation Campaign aimed at strengthening the country’s blood reserves and meeting emergency healthcare needs, provided a detailed update on the country’s health sector, particularly efforts to combat Dengue Fever and Chikungunya.

While noting a decline in reported cases, the minister stressed the need for continued vigilance and preventive measures. He said the ministry has intensified public awareness campaigns and continues to promote community action to prevent mosquito-borne diseases.

Highlighted during the cabinet session was the strong cooperation between the ministry and the World Bank, highlighting the progress of various World Bank-funded projects. The Minister of Finance and Economic Development Hon. Abdillahi Hassan Aden likewise briefed the Cabinet on the recent

representative, Mr. Hideki Matsunaga, who commended the government’s performance and cooperation and toured Berbera Port and the Berbera Free Zone to assess ongoing economic infrastructure developments.

He further outlined the economic impact of tensions in the Middle East and disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, which have led to higher fuel prices, increased maritime transport and insurance costs, inflation, and growing pressure on household incomes.

As for the security situation in the country, the Minister of Interior and National Security Hon. Abdalle Mohamed Arab informed the Cabinet that Somaliland’s overall security and stability remain intact, with no reports of unrest or security threats.

He said national security institutions remain on full alert and have strengthened measures to safeguard peace and stability. The minister also urged citizens to play an active role in maintaining national security during what he

described as a new phase in the country’s development.

A major area focused on during the weekly meeting saw the fisheries sector showing positive growth in recent months, with increases in fish production and sales across major urban markets.

Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Hon. Ali Jama Farah (Buured) attributed the growing fish consumption partly to rising meat prices and the effects of drought on livestock production, which have encouraged consumers to seek alternative protein sources.

However, the minister noted that overall fish production remains below potential and called for increased output to meet domestic demand and expand exports to regional markets.

He added that the ministry is working to facilitate access to internationally recognized health certification for fish products to boost exports and open new regional and global markets.

In his closing address, H.E. Vice President Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi emphasized the importance of preserving national unity and social cohesion.

He called for increased public awareness on safeguarding national security and stability, particularly during what he described as a sensitive period for Somaliland. The Vice President urged citizens to remain vigilant and cooperate closely with authorities to protect national interests and prevent any actions that could undermine the country’s peace, unity, and development.

Vice President Attends.....

By M.A. Egge

Somaliland Vice President H.E. Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi, on Thursday attended the Somaliland Children’s Conference II, whose function coincide with the commemoration of the African Child Day.

The highly organized event saw the launching of the Somaliland Children Parliament.

The conference focused on advancing children’s rights, improving access to education and healthcare, and strengthening children’s participation in social and national affairs.

The event, held at the Ambassador Hotel in Hargeisa, brought together cabinet ministers, government officials, and organizations working on child welfare and development. A key highlight of the conference was the launch of the Somaliland Children’s Parliament, a platform established to provide children with an opportunity to express their views, aspirations, and ideas on issues affecting their future.

Participants also reviewed progress on commitments made by Somaliland President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi (Iro) during the previous year’s inaugural Children’s Conference.

Addressing the gathering, Vice

President Mohamed Ali Aw Abdi emphasized that children are the foundation of the nation’s future and reaffirmed the government’s commitment to protecting their rights, improving educational and healthcare services, and creating opportunities that nurture their talents and creativity.

The VP welcomed the establishment of the Somaliland Children’s Parliament, describing it as a significant initiative that would receive strong government support and special attention.

He further noted that the government places high priority on child welfare and will continue strengthening efforts to improve education and healthcare services to ensure Somaliland’s children grow up in a supportive environment conducive to their development.

The Acting President also pledged that the government remains committed to fulfilling the promises made to Somaliland’s children, noting that commitments from the previous conference had been implemented and that the administration stands ready to support and deliver on the recommendations emerging from the current conference.

Somaliland Unleashes Fury.....

Mohamoud Walaaleye

In a blistering diplomatic smackdown, the Government of the Republic of Somaliland has categorically rejected what it calls a “hostile and misleading” statement from the collapsing Somalian government in Mogadishu, tearing into decades of outdated claims and outright distortions.

Somaliland’s powerful response leaves no room for ambiguity: the nation is done playing games with Mogadishu’s hollow rhetoric.

“The statement from Mogadishu is another attempt to distort history, deny reality, and mislead the international community,” the government declared through a press release, reminding the world that Somaliland gained independence on 26 June 1960 and fully restored its sovereignty on 18 May 1991 after the brutal collapse of the failed union.

The statement slams the Somalian regime as utterly powerless: “Somaliland is not, and has never been, administered from Mogadishu since restoring its sovereignty.”

It celebrates the recent historic state visit by the Republic of Somaliland’s President, His Excellency Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi, as undeniable proof of the country’s rising global stature that no desperate outburst from Mogadishu can erase.

For over thirty years, Somaliland has stood tall as a peaceful, democratic powerhouse — running its own institutions, security forces, elections, and international

partnerships — while the Somali government flounders.

The rebuttal pulls no punches: “These realities cannot be erased by rhetoric, intimidation, or outdated political claims”.

Somaliland’s government directly torches Mogadishu’s legal arguments, asserting that its sovereign diplomatic moves — including engagement with Israel and other partners — are rooted in self-determination, democratic legitimacy, and raw national interest.

“The failed Somalian Government has neither the authority nor the mandate to determine Somaliland’s foreign relations,” it states coldly.

In a clear warning shot, Somaliland vows it will “neither seek permission from Mogadishu nor allow threats, propaganda, or diplomatic pressure” to dictate its future. The message is defiant and uncompromising: any provocation will be met with full national mobilization to defend its hard-won independence, territorial integrity, and dignity.

While pledging continued commitment to peace and responsible diplomacy, Somaliland’s government makes one thing crystal clear — its people’s freely expressed will for sovereignty is non-negotiable, and no amount of bluster from a failing neighbor will change that reality.

The ball is now firmly in Mogadishu’s court, but Somaliland has already drawn a very sharp line in the sand.

Smotrich: Israel Will Remove Barriers to Unlock.....

Mohamoud Walaaleye

In a landmark diplomatic moment, Israel's Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich posted a warm and forward-looking statement on X (formerly Twitter) over the week, hailing the arrival of the Republic of Somaliland's President H.E Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi for a historic visit.

"Welcome to Israel, President of Somaliland Abdirahman Mohamed Abdilahi!

The historic visit to Jerusalem symbolizes the strong partnership between our two countries, especially at this time.

Alongside the President, I also met with the Governor of the Central Bank and other ministers from the country. The Ministry of Finance, which I head, will work to remove barriers and promote cooperation that will realize the full potential of trade and investments between the two nations."

The minister's message underscores a deepening strategic and economic alliance between Israel and Somaliland, a nation in the Horn of Africa seeking international recognition. The visit



comes at a sensitive global juncture, highlighting mutual interests in security, economic development, and regional stability. Israeli officials view the engagement as a significant step toward expanded bilateral ties, with the Finance Ministry under Smotrich committed to dismantling regulatory hurdles and unlocking new avenues for trade, investment, and financial collaboration.

This high-level reception in Jerusalem signals Israel's growing outreach to strategic partners in Africa and the Red Sea region. Further details on signed agreements and future cooperation are expected in the coming days.

Somaliland Deploys 25 Water Experts.....



A high-level delegation of 25 senior officials and technical experts from Somaliland's Ministry of Water Development has arrived in Israel for an intensive, specially tailored training program on Sustainable Urban Water Management. The delegation is undergoing hands-on capacity-building sessions designed to sharpen

expertise in modern water resource governance, smart city water infrastructure, advanced technologies, and long-term solutions to the growing water challenges facing Somaliland's rapidly expanding towns and cities. Officials described the program as a strategic investment in transforming the nation's water sector through world-class

knowledge transfer. In a statement, the ministry of Water Development expressed deep appreciation to the Government of Israel and its partner institutions for hosting the valuable training, highlighting the strong and growing bilateral cooperation between Somaliland and Israel in technical fields critical to national development.

From Aspiration to Recognition: Somaliland Marks a Defining Moment on the World Stage

Republic of Somaliland's President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Iirro announced what he described as a historic milestone for Somaliland, stating that Israel has become the first country in 35 years to officially recognize the Republic of Somaliland as an independent and sovereign state.

In a statement released today, President Iirro expressed his "deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation" to Benjamin Netanyahu, the Government of Israel, and the Israeli people for what he called a "courageous and historic decision" affirming Somaliland's nationhood, independence, and right to self-determination

"This courageous and historic decision stands as a testament to the resilience, political maturity, and unwavering aspirations of the people of Somaliland," President Iirro said.

The President highlighted Somaliland's achievements over the past three decades, emphasizing its commitment to peace, democratic governance, stability, and the democratic will of its citizens. According to the announcement, Somaliland and Israel have also signed a Strategic Joint Declaration of Cooperation, establishing the foundation for a long-term partnership between the two nations.

The agreement is expected to deepen collaboration in key sectors, including agriculture, water management, security, technology, investment, economic development, and infrastructure. President Iirro stated that the partnership would be built on mutual respect, security, innovation, and a shared commitment to improving the prosperity and well-being of both peoples.

"We firmly believe that Somaliland and Israel will build a deep and enduring partnership founded on mutual respect, security, innovation, development, and a shared commitment to advancing the

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Why the Arab World Keeps Missing the Real Story About Somaliland -Amb Bashe Omar

Over the years, I have read countless Somaliland's aspirations somehow



articles and commentaries about Somaliland in the Arab world. One thing has always struck me. Too often, Somaliland itself is not the subject.

Instead, discussions revolve around the interests of others. Israel. Ethiopia, the UAE. the United States, Egypt etc. Somaliland becomes the backdrop rather than the story. That is unfortunate, because the Somaliland question did not begin with any of these countries, and it will not end with them either. For many observers, Somaliland comes into focus only when it appears in a wider debate about the Red Sea or regional rivalries.

Yet Somaliland is not a foreign project. It is a political reality shaped by its own history and by the choices of its own people. Perhaps that is why so much commentary misses what has actually happened over the past three decades.

Since restoring its sovereignty in 1991, Somaliland has had limited engagement with much of the Arab world. Many preferred to view it through Mogadishu rather than engage directly with Hargeisa. The expectation, whether stated openly or not, seemed to be that time would eventually resolve the issue. It did not. Thirty-four years later, Somaliland remains. More than that, it is more stable, more institutionalised and more deeply rooted in the consciousness of its people than at any point in its modern history. It rebuilt its institutions, maintained peace, held multiple elections and achieved democratic transfers of power, largely without the international attention and resources devoted elsewhere.

An entire generation has grown up knowing only Somaliland's institutions and political reality. For many young Somalilanders, the debate is no longer about separation. It is simply about the country they have always known. Those who expected time and isolation to weaken Somaliland's aspirations underestimated how deeply they had taken root. National aspirations rarely disappear simply because they are ignored.

Another misconception is that

run contrary to Arab interests. The people of Somaliland have been connected to the Arabian Peninsula for centuries through trade, religion, culture and family ties. Somalilanders have lived, studied and worked across the Arab world for generations. Likewise, Arab traders and businesses have long been part of Somaliland's economic life. A stable Horn of Africa and a secure Red Sea serve Arab interests no less than African ones. Somaliland itself must also accept some responsibility. For too long, it did not do enough to explain its history and experience to Arab audiences. As a result, many people across the region know little about Somaliland or the circumstances that shaped its political journey. But the issue was not always a lack of information.

More often, discussions were shaped by assumptions inherited from another era. Somaliland was viewed through the lens of preserving an established regional order rather than through its own history and experience. That gap was frequently filled by narratives driven more by regional competition than by fact. Which perhaps explains why discussions about Israel, Ethiopia and foreign powers so often come before discussions about Somaliland itself.

Thirty-four years ago, few would have predicted that Somaliland would emerge as one of the most stable political systems in the Horn of Africa. Yet that is precisely what happened. The more interesting question today is not why other countries engage with Somaliland. It is why, after more than three decades of peace and effective self-government, so many still prefer to understand it through the calculations of outside powers rather than through the aspirations of Somalilanders themselves. If the Arab world wishes to understand Somaliland, it should begin not with Israel, Ethiopia or any other external actor. It should begin with Somaliland itself. Bashe Awil Omar is a diplomat and politician. He served as the Somaliland Representative to the UAE (from 2015-2018) and Kenya (from 2018-2021)

President Irro Receives Friends of Zion Award in Jerusalem; Dr. Mike Evans Calls on Trump to Recognize Somaliland



The President of the Republic of Somaliland, H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi, received the Friends of Zion Award on Tuesday evening at a ceremony held at the Friends of Zion Heritage Center in Jerusalem. The award was presented by Dr. Mike Evans, founder of the center, in recognition of Somaliland's recent opening of an embassy in Jerusalem and its ties with Israel.

The ceremony drew diplomats, business leaders and religious figures from Israel and abroad. President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi said during the event: "It is a great honor for me to receive the Friends of Zion Award. I am deeply moved and grateful for this recognition. This award symbolizes

the growing friendship between Somaliland and Israel. We are committed to further deepening ties between our peoples and building a future based on cooperation, mutual respect and friendship. I thank Dr. Mike Evans and Friends of Zion for this distinguished honor." Dr. Mike Evans, founder of Friends of Zion, said: "At a time when Israel faces complex security and diplomatic challenges, friendship carries special significance. President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi has demonstrated leadership and vision in advancing relations with Israel and strengthening the bonds between our peoples. The decision to open an embassy in Jerusalem sends a

clear message of friendship and cooperation."

Evans added that he intended to raise the issue of U.S. recognition of Somaliland with U.S. President Donald Trump. He also referenced his presence in Mogadishu in October 1993 during the downing of a U.S. Black Hawk helicopter.

The Friends of Zion Award was established by the late Israeli President Shimon Peres, who also served as international chairman of Friends of Zion. It has been presented over the years to roughly 26 world leaders who have supported relations with Israel, including U.S. President Donald Trump, former President George W. Bush and former Vice President Mike Pence.

The Friends of Zion Heritage Center was established in 2015 in Jerusalem by Dr. Mike Evans. It hosts events and conferences focused on support for Israel and opposition to antisemitism and the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement.

Somaliland Auditor General Delivers Fiery Rebuke to Mogadishu Threats: "Our Victory Was Won by Blood and Sweat – No One Can Take It Away!"



In a bold and uncompromising statement, Somaliland's Auditor General, Honorable Muse Yusuf Idigaa, has hit back hard at recent threatening remarks from the Mogadishu administration, declaring that Somaliland's hard-earned achievements are not up for negotiation or begging.

Speaking with unmistakable resolve, Idigaa emphasized that Somaliland's progress stems from decades of sacrifice, resilience, and the unwavering will of its people — not from favors granted by any external power.

"Everyone can do whatever they are

capable of doing. That is not something we are begging from anyone," he declared. "It is a victory that we ourselves have achieved. They could not see their own interest in it, but as Somalilanders, wherever we see our own interest, by the will of Allah, we will support it. As for the one issuing threats, whatever he does is up to him."

The Auditor General further reminded listeners of Somaliland's painful but triumphant history, drawing directly from his personal experience in the liberation struggle.

"I am only adding a reminder: I was among the men who fought when the Siyad Barre regime was being

overthrown. I was among those who were wounded," he said. "We know what that government was like — we buried Siyad Barre's regime in the dust. Today, there is no person, whether in isolation or otherwise, who can do anything or cause any harm to Somaliland."

Idigaa stressed that the people of Somaliland stand united behind any path that serves their national interest, and no external pressure or intimidation will derail their quest for self-determination and statehood.

The remarks come amid heightened tensions between Somaliland and the Federal Government of Somalia, with Mogadishu repeatedly issuing warnings against Somaliland's diplomatic and developmental strides on the international stage.

Republic of Somaliland, which reclaimed its independence in 1991 after a brutal civil war, has since built a stable, democratic, and peaceful nation — achievements its leaders insist were paid for in blood and will not be surrendered.

Somaliland and Israel Forge Bold Economic Alliance as Landmark Talks Signal a New Era of Partnership



On the second day of his historic visit to Israel, Somaliland President H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Irro held high-level discussions with Israel's Minister of Finance, Hon. Bezalel Smotrich, in a landmark moment that underscores the deepening bilateral ties between the two nations.

The productive meeting, attended by the Governor of the Bank of Somaliland Hon. Abdinasir as a key member of the presidential delegation, centered on ambitious plans to expand economic and financial cooperation between the two nations.

According to a statement from the Central Bank of Somaliland, the leaders explored concrete avenues to promote investment and trade, improve Somaliland's access to international financial markets, and foster collaboration across critical sectors including agriculture, water management, energy, and modern technology.

Both sides delved into innovative mechanisms and financial guarantees designed to back large-

scale development projects, with the shared goal of driving sustainable economic growth and long-term prosperity.

"This engagement marks a new chapter in the growing partnership between Somaliland and Israel," the statement noted, highlighting mutual interests in economic development, innovation, security, and social progress.

The meeting builds on Somaliland's strategic outreach to strengthen its global standing through pragmatic diplomacy and economic partnerships. Observers see the visit as a significant step toward unlocking new opportunities for investment and technological advancement in the Horn of Africa's nation.

President Irro's ongoing visit continues to draw international attention, positioning Somaliland as an emerging player eager to engage with forward-thinking nations on the world stage. Further details on potential agreements are expected in the coming days as discussions advance.

From Aspiration to Recognition: Somaliland Marks a Defining Moment on the World Stage

prosperity and well-being of our engagement with the international community.



peoples," he said. The recognition marks a significant milestone in Somaliland's decades-long quest for international recognition and is expected to have far-reaching implications for its diplomatic and economic

Calling the development a historic victory, President Irro declared that the achievement would leave an enduring mark on Somaliland's history and open a new chapter of partnership,

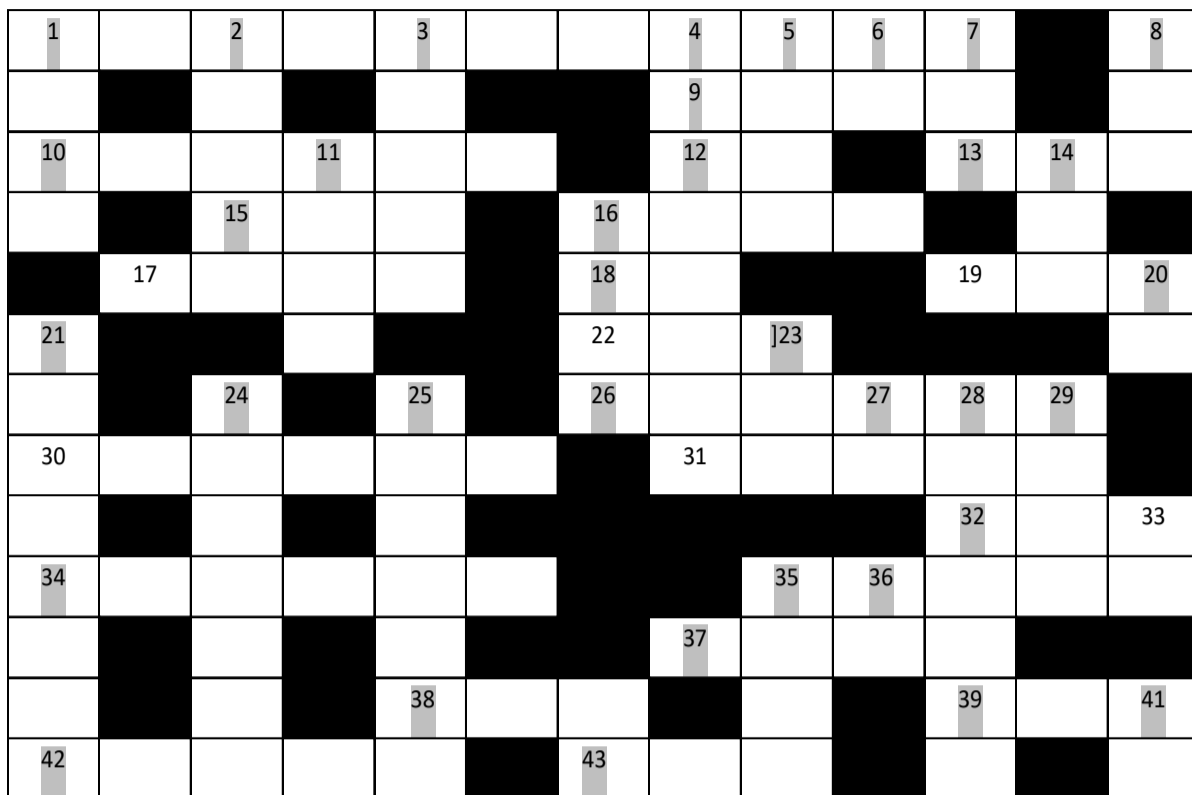
opportunity, and international cooperation.

The statement concluded with a message of national pride and triumph:

"Somaliland prevailed"

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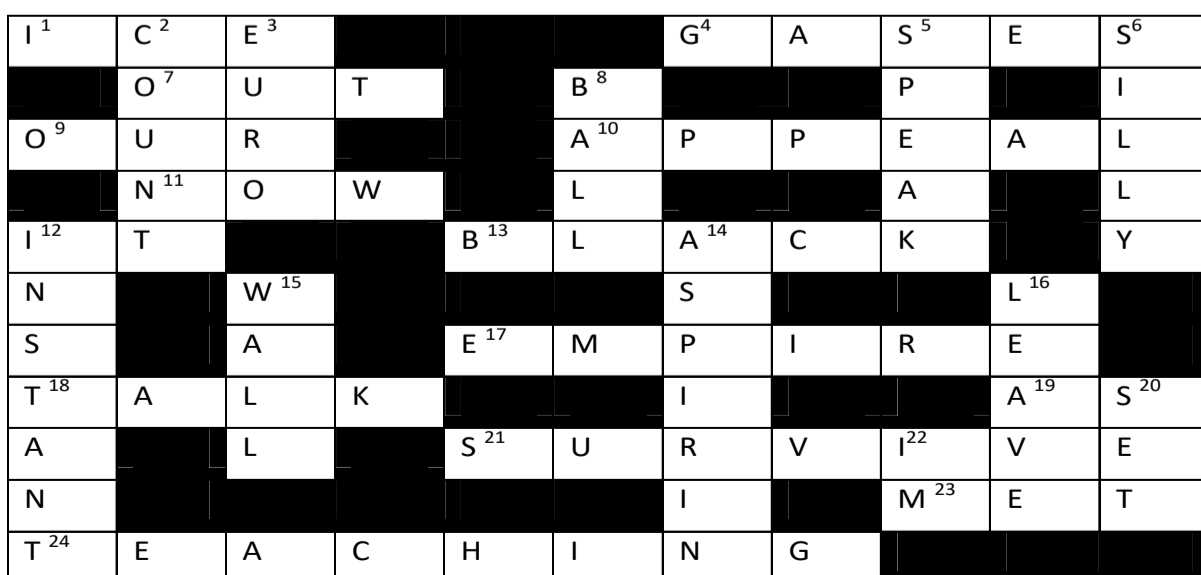
ACROSS

- 1. Impressive or breathtaking
- 9. Similar to or same with
- 10. Orange tree
- 11. On the way to
- 13. Puppy (kind of animal)
- 15. ocean
- 16. way of thinking
- 18. be real
- 19. Sick
- 22. round (lap up)
- 26. principles
- 30. control power socket
- 31. One of the computer devices and printer name
- 32. gentleman
- 34. constant
- 35. Glad
- 37. unconsciousness
- 38. Boys/ men
- 39. brand new
- 42. prepared
- 43. clever insect makes Honey

DOWN

- 1. SUPERSTORE
- 2. DELETE
- 3. BIG CAT
- 4. GREATEST
- 5. PUMA/ FAMILY CAT
- 6. ONE OF THE GUNS' NAME
- 7. ONE OF THE COLORS
- 8. JOKE
- 16. MASCULINE
- 20. LG
- 21. CATASTROPHE
- 23. BRAKE HORSEPOWER
- 24. ONE OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRY'S NAME
- 25. SCHOOL/ COLLEGE
- 29. SNAPSHOT
- 35. HOUSE/ HOME-GROUND
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Previous Answer



President Abdirahman Irro Visits Israeli Heart Center, Somaliland Children Receive Life-Saving Surgeries

By M.A. Egge The President of the Republic of Somaliland successfully undergoing specialized cardiac surgeries, while



Somaliland H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi (Irro), and his delegation visited the Save a Child's Heart (SACH), a leading humanitarian medical center in Israel, where several Somaliland children recently underwent successful heart surgeries. Save a Child's Heart (SACH) is an internationally recognized Israeli humanitarian organization that provides advanced heart treatment and life-saving surgeries for children suffering from serious heart disease, regardless of nationality, religion or background. During the visit, the Head of State met eight Somaliland children currently recapitulating and receiving treatment after

also visiting other Somaliland children previously treated at the same center. The President expressed deep appreciation to the doctors and management of the hospital for their humanitarian work, especially for helping save the lives of Somaliland children who need advanced specialized medical care that are unavailable locally. He also met with the children's parents and offered prayers for their full recovery. The visit highlights growing humanitarian and healthcare cooperation between Somaliland and Israel, with both sides expanding partnership in advanced medical services and life-saving healthcare support.

SL-SAG applauds Somaliland President's landmark visit to Israel

The Somaliland Strategic Advisory Group (SL-SAG) welcomes the historic official visit of the President of the Republic of Somaliland, H.E. President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi (Irro) to the State of Israel. This landmark visit ushers in a new era in Somaliland's diplomatic relations, symbolizing the intensifying relationship between two democracies that both champion peace, security, innovation, and shared progress. The red-carpet treatment President Irro received upon his arrival in Israel, including meetings with Israeli decision-makers, solidifies a milestone in normalizing state-to-state relationships after Israel's unprecedented acknowledgment of Somaliland's sovereignty. This visit presents a chance to further explore new avenues of collaboration in a wide range of areas, such as trade, agriculture, water technologies, healthcare, education, cybersecurity and regional security. SL-SAG is pleased to see this visit serving as yet another strong endorsement of Somaliland's long-standing campaign for global recognition as a sovereign nation, based on the pillars of democracy, peace, stability, and self-determination. As Somaliland broadens its



engagement with the world, SL-SAG encourages the nation's leadership to convert this momentous occasion into tangible benefits for the people of Somaliland, primarily through investments, economic development and stronger alliances across the globe. SL-SAG congratulates President Irro and the delegation of Somaliland for taking such a significant step for the national interests of their country. About SL-SAG The Somaliland Strategic Advisory Group (SL-SAG) is an advocate led by the diaspora. We work to advance Somaliland's sovereignty, democratic growth, strategic alliances and international recognition.

Ethiopia, the US, and the UAE.....

June 18, 2026. Irro's official visit follows Israel's formal decision to

context of bilateral relations, noting that Israel recognized Somaliland on June 26, 1960, when the nation

Somaliland as a breakaway region, stating that his nation achieved sovereignty before Somalia formed



recognize Somaliland late last year. When asked about communication channels with US President Donald Trump regarding diplomatic recognition, President Abdullahi stated, "we have open channels." He also confirmed that regional nations, specifically Ethiopia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and Kenya, remain top priorities for Hargeisa's foreign policy.

"They are, and we have open channels for them as well," Abdullahi said.

The diplomatic push occurs as Somaliland establishes its presence in Israel. During the interview, Abdullahi addressed the historical

gained independence from British colonial rule.

Israel recognized Somaliland for a second time on December 26, 2025, following a written request sent by President to 193 nations in May that year. According to Abdullahi, Israel acted as the sole respondent to the request, basing its foreign policy decisions on regional realities.

Somaliland is executing its strategy by opening an embassy in Jerusalem and offering access to the Berbera Port, which serves as a trade gateway for the Horn of Africa, including Ethiopia.

Abdullahi rejected descriptions of

its government in 1960.

As part of the diplomatic relationship between the two nations, Ethiopia and Somaliland previously signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on January 1, 2024, to establish framework agreements for maritime access and political recognition.

However, mounting regional diplomatic pressure from the African Union and subsequent Turkish-mediated talks between Ethiopia and Somalia under the Ankara Declaration halted its implementation, leaving Ethiopia to reassess other strategic options for access to the Red Sea.

Netanyahu: Real Partnership Means Turning Societies into Engines of Prosperity – Farms, Hospitals, Businesses, and Jobs for Both Peoples

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared with pride Monday that Israel is the first nation on Earth to officially recognize Somaliland, as he hosted President Dr. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi for a landmark summit in Jerusalem.

The leaders began with a private one-on-one meeting before expanding to delegations from both sides. They concluded the encounter by signing a joint declaration to deepen cooperation and delivered powerful statements outlining a bold new partnership.

In one of the most memorable lines of the day, Prime Minister Netanyahu declared:

"Israel and Somaliland are located at opposite ends of the Red Sea, yet we are united in the belief that freedom, democracy, and opportunity are stronger than extremism, terror, and chaos."

Netanyahu hailed the meeting as "a historic moment" — the first official

visit by a Somaliland president to Israel since the country became the first in the world to formally recognize Somaliland."

This reflects a deep spiritual connection between our peoples," Netanyahu said. "The Jewish people understand what it means to have ancient history, a distinct identity, and an unbreakable national spirit — yet still fight for recognition. Today, Israel is helping to correct a historic injustice."

The Israeli leader outlined ambitious plans for collaboration in water management, agriculture, technology, security, healthcare, and economic development. He praised Somaliland's decision to open an embassy in Jerusalem, calling it a powerful act of reciprocal recognition."

Welcome to Israel. Welcome to Jerusalem, our capital," Netanyahu told the delegation. "May we go from strength to strength."

He added that the partnership goes far beyond diplomacy:

"It is about building farms, hospitals, businesses, technologies, and jobs. It is about turning societies into prosperous ones for both our peoples. The enemies of peace build tunnels, missiles, and terror armies. We will build something stronger — partnerships, innovation, a future of hope and security."

The meeting marks a significant diplomatic breakthrough for Somaliland, a nation in the Horn of Africa, as Israel's pioneering move positions it as a trailblazer, with Netanyahu predicting that other nations will soon follow.

Both sides expressed optimism that this new friendship, anchored in shared democratic values and a rejection of extremism, will usher in a new era of stability and prosperity across the Red Sea region.

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