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Somaliland President and U.S. Special Operations Command Deepen Strategic Security Partnership in High-Level Hargeisa Meeting

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Major General Claude K. Tudor Jr. reaffirmed that the United States and Somaliland share vital security interests across land and maritime domains

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Somaliland Launches Nationwide Livestock Tracking System to Strengthen Animal Health and Exports

"We will cooperate with all legitimate livestock sector stakeholders and will not interfere with lawful livestock-related services," Hon. Omar added



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Republic of Somaliland's Ministry of Livestock and Rural Development Hon. Omar Shu'ayb has unveiled a

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Sen. Ted Cruz Urges Separate U.S. Travel Advisory for Somaliland, Calls Current Guidance 'Inaccurate and Counterproductive'

Mohamoud Walaaleye

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz has called on the U.S. Department of State to issue a separate travel advisory for Somaliland, arguing that the current policy treating Somaliland the same as Somalia fails to reflect the



territory's security, governance, and democratic record.

In a letter addressed to U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Cruz, who serves as Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations

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Taxpayer-Funded Borama-Baki Road Reaches Major Milestone as Somaliland Launches Second Asphalt Phase



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Somaliland has officially commenced the second phase of asphalt paving on the strategic Borama-Baki Road,

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Somaliland Launches Nationwide Digital Collateral Registry to Protect Banks from Fraud and Strengthen Lending Security



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The Governor of the Central Bank of the Republic of Somaliland, Abdinasir Ahmed Hirsi, has announced that the country's newly

introduced online collateral registration system will significantly strengthen the protection of banks' legal rights by preventing fraudulent practices

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Somaliland President and U.S.....



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The President of the Republic of Somaliland, **H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi Irro**, held high-level strategic talks on Saturday with **Major General Claude K. Tudor Jr.**, Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command Africa (SOCAFRICA), in a meeting focused on expanding bilateral security cooperation and reinforcing stability across the Horn of Africa.

The meeting, attended by senior officials from both sides, underscored the growing security relationship between Somaliland and the United States, with discussions centered on safeguarding the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, and the Bab el-Mandeb Strait—one of the world's most critical maritime corridors.

President Irro welcomed Major General Tudor and his delegation to Somaliland, describing the visit as an important step toward strengthening cooperation on shared strategic and security interests.

Joining the President were the Minister of Foreign Affairs, senior officials from the Presidency, the Commanders of the Somaliland National Army and Police, and the President's Adviser on Foreign Affairs.

During the discussions, President Irro emphasized Somaliland's strategic geographic importance, noting that the country possesses more than **850 kilometers of coastline** along vital international shipping routes linking the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.

He stated that safeguarding Somaliland's coastline contributes directly to regional and global maritime security, arguing that the country's role in protecting these waters makes it an indispensable security partner in the Horn of Africa.

The President further stressed that Somaliland should be directly engaged by international partners seeking cooperation on maritime security, saying that any nation interested in securing the region's sea lanes should work directly with

the Republic of Somaliland.

Highlighting Somaliland's internal stability, President Irro reaffirmed that the country has maintained peace, functioning state institutions, and a democratic political system for more than **35 years**, making it a reliable partner for international security cooperation.

He also reiterated Somaliland's readiness to establish sustained cooperation with the United States military and security agencies to combat terrorism, piracy, organized crime, and other transnational threats affecting the region.

Major General Claude K. Tudor Jr. welcomed the opportunity to strengthen relations, stating that the United States and Somaliland share significant security interests on both land and at sea.

He noted that maintaining stability in the Horn of Africa and protecting international maritime routes remain strategic priorities for both sides.

The SOCAFRICA commander further affirmed Washington's willingness to expand collaboration with Somaliland on issues of mutual strategic importance, including enhanced coordination, intelligence sharing, professional exchanges, and broader security cooperation in the future.

The meeting concluded with both delegations expressing a shared commitment to deepen cooperation and strengthen their partnership in addressing regional security challenges and advancing common strategic interests.

Somaliland Launches.....



comprehensive livestock tracking system designed to monitor the movement and status of animals across the country, marking a significant step toward improving livestock management, disease control, and the quality of one of Somaliland's most important economic sectors.

Minister Shu'ayb announced that the ministry has established a centralized monitoring system capable of tracking livestock throughout their lifecycle and movement. The initiative aims to enhance oversight of animal health, strengthen veterinary services, and support the country's livestock trade.

According to the minister, the ministry now maintains detailed records of animals that are slaughtered, exported, diagnosed with illnesses, and as well as those treated by veterinarians. The system also monitors livestock movements from grazing areas and farms to livestock markets, where animals are bought and sold.

"The ministry has a system that tracks every animal—from those slaughtered today, those being exported, and those that fall ill and receive treatment, to every other aspect of livestock movement,

including transactions at livestock markets," Hon. Shu'ayb said.

The minister pointed out that the new system is intended to improve transparency and efficiency within the livestock sector while supporting efforts to maintain high animal health standards for both domestic consumption and export markets.

Hon. Shu'ayb also reaffirmed the ministry's commitment to working collaboratively with all stakeholders involved in livestock development, including private businesses and service providers. He stressed that the government has no intention of interfering with individuals or organizations that are legally engaged in livestock-related activities.

"We are ready to cooperate with everyone contributing to the livestock sector, and we will not interfere with anyone who is legally providing services related to livestock," he added.

Livestock remains the backbone of Somaliland's economy, with exports accounting for a significant share of national income. Officials say the new tracking system is expected to improve traceability, strengthen disease surveillance, and reinforce confidence among international trading partners.

Taxpayer-Funded Borama–Baki.....

marking a significant milestone in one of the country's major infrastructure projects, with authorities emphasizing that the road is being financed entirely through domestic tax revenues rather than foreign aid.

Speaking during the launch, the Chairman of the Somaliland Roads Development Agency (RDA), Mohamed Farah Abdi, said the project has advanced to the paving stage after more than a year of intensive engineering work to construct the road's foundation across some of the most difficult terrain along the route.

He explained that engineers spent over a year building the road base while overcoming mountainous sections and constructing drainage systems through valleys to ensure the highway meets long-term durability standards.

"Today, we officially began the second phase of asphalt paving on the Borama–Baki Road. For more than a year, we have been working on constructing the road foundation and building through the mountains and valleys to create a strong road that will serve the public for many years," Mohamed Farah Abdi said.

The RDA chief noted that the



highway is being built to high engineering standards, designed to withstand seasonal flooding and other environmental challenges that have historically affected transport infrastructure in the region.

In his remarks, Mohamed Farah Abdi also stressed that the Borama–Baki Road is being funded solely through taxes collected from Somaliland citizens by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, dismissing claims that the project relies on donor support or foreign financing.

"This road is not being built with money from abroad or donor funding. It is being financed through taxes collected from the people by the Ministry of Finance. That is something every Somaliland citizen should be proud of," he said.

The Borama–Baki Road is expected to improve connectivity across the Awdal region, facilitate trade and transportation, and strengthen economic links between communities once completed.

Authorities say the project reflects

Somaliland's growing commitment to financing key national infrastructure through its own domestic resources.

Sen. Ted Cruz Urges Separate U.S. Travel Advisory.....



Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, urged the State Department to establish a region-specific Travel Advisory distinguishing Somaliland from Somalia.

Cruz criticized the Department's existing Level 4 "Do Not Travel" advisory for Somalia, which currently includes Somaliland. He argued that the advisory inaccurately portrays conditions in Somaliland by citing threats such as crime, kidnapping, terrorism, civil unrest, piracy, landmines, systematic mistreatment of women and other individuals, abuse in rehabilitation centers, and passport confiscation by family members.

"That assessment does not reflect the reality on the ground in Somaliland," Cruz wrote.

The senator highlighted

Somaliland's record of self-governance, noting that it has functioned as a stable, democratic entity for nearly three decades.

"Since 2003, it has held multiple peaceful, competitive elections and democratic transfers of power," Cruz said, adding that Somaliland has become "a reliable security and diplomatic partner for the United States that advances American interests in the Horn of Africa and beyond."

Cruz argued that maintaining a single travel advisory for all of Somalia undermines U.S. strategic interests and provides misleading information to American travelers.

"The current advisory is inaccurate and counterproductive to U.S. national security interests. Americans deserve travel guidance that reflects the conditions on the ground, rather than a one-size-fits-all assessment that fails to distinguish Somaliland's peaceful governance and security environment from conditions elsewhere in Somalia," the letter

states.

He urged Secretary Rubio to direct the Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security to conduct a tiered assessment of Somalia and create a separate advisory specifically for Somaliland.

According to Cruz, issuing a distinct travel advisory would provide more accurate guidance to U.S. citizens while strengthening engagement with what he described as "one of our most dependable partners in the Horn of Africa."

The latest appeal builds on Cruz's longstanding support for closer U.S.-Somaliland relations. In August 2025, the Texas senator sent a separate letter to President Donald Trump urging his administration to formally recognize the Republic of Somaliland as an independent state.

The letter marks another high-profile expression of support for Somaliland in the U.S. Congress as discussions continue over Washington's engagement in the strategically important Horn of Africa.

Somaliland Launches Nationwide.....



involving pledged assets. Speaking during the inauguration of Bank Collateral Registration Offices at the Regional Courts of Appeal across Somaliland, the Governor said the digital registry will allow financial institutions and relevant authorities to instantly verify whether a property has already been pledged as collateral and identify the lending bank. According to Governor Abdinasir, the system addresses a long-standing loophole that has exposed banks to financial and legal risks. He explained that some borrowers have previously claimed that title deeds for properties pledged to banks had been lost before approaching local government authorities to obtain replacement ownership documents. Such actions, he said, have often resulted in disputes over property ownership and threatened the legal security of banks' collateral. "Sometimes, a property that has been pledged to a bank is taken to the local government, where the

owner claims the title deed has been lost and requests a replacement. The online registration system we are introducing will prevent this by making it easy to verify whether a property has been pledged as collateral and identify the bank to which it is pledged," Governor Abdinasir Ahmed Hirsi said. The Governor noted that the new digital registry will improve transparency within Somaliland's financial sector, reduce opportunities for fraud, and enhance confidence in the banking system by safeguarding lenders' security interests. The launch of the Bank Collateral Registration Offices marks a major milestone in Somaliland's ongoing financial sector reforms, with the Central Bank seeking to modernize collateral management, strengthen the legal framework for secured lending, and create a safer environment for credit and investment across the country.

Somaliland Reviews Water and.....



Mohamoud Walaaleye The 19th Hargeisa International Book Fair (HIBF) concluded on Thursday evening after six days of literary, cultural, and intellectual activities, with organizers describing this year's festival as a historic milestone reflecting Somaliland's growing presence on the global stage. The annual event, held at the Hargeisa Cultural Centre, ended with a vibrant closing ceremony attended by the Mayor of Hargeisa, dignitaries, international guests, artists, and hundreds of members of the public. Musical performances by the Dayax Band and traditional cultural groups brought the festival to a lively close. Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Jama Muse Jama, Founder of the Hargeisa Cultural Centre and Chairman of the Redsea Cultural Foundation, said the book fair has served for nearly two decades as a bridge linking Somaliland with the wider world. "The Hargeisa International Book Fair has been our window to the world for 19 years, enabling us to connect internationally and share

language and promoting literature, creativity, culture, and the arts. He proposed that the event should evolve into Somaliland's national book fair, citing its important role in advancing the country's cultural development. The mayor also renewed calls for the establishment of a National Theatre, saying such an institution would further strengthen Somaliland's cultural and artistic sectors. During his address, Wiiwaa highlighted the commitment of Hargeisa Municipality staff, who were simultaneously responding to heavy rains that had affected several districts of the capital. In a rare moment during the ceremony, he contacted municipal emergency teams live over radio communications from the stage, allowing attendees to hear updates on ongoing response efforts. Officials reported that while several vehicles had sustained minor damage due to the rains, emergency crews remained deployed across the city. The live demonstration drew warm applause from the audience in recognition of the municipality's emergency response. Six Days of Knowledge and Culture Over the course of six days, the 19th Hargeisa International Book Fair hosted a wide range of activities, including academic panel discussions, research presentations, book launches, poetry readings, theatrical performances, visual art exhibitions, and cultural showcases. The festival once again brought together writers, academics, artists, publishers, and visitors from Somaliland and around the world, reinforcing its reputation as one of Africa's leading literary and cultural gatherings.

MP Abdikarim Mee'aad Launches.....

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Residents of the Republic of Somaliland's Sanaag region celebrated a major boost to essential public services as two key development projects, a Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Center and a new borehole, were officially inaugurated in the communities of Weylo-sidke and Habow. The projects, implemented by MP Abdikarim Mee'aad, are designed to improve access to quality healthcare for mothers and children while ensuring a reliable supply of clean and safe drinking water for local communities. The newly established Maternal and Child Health Center is expected to strengthen healthcare delivery by providing critical maternal and pediatric services

closer to residents, reducing the need for families to travel long distances for medical care. Meanwhile, the new borehole will help ease persistent water shortages and improve sanitation and public health in the area. Community members welcomed the initiatives with enthusiasm, describing them as a significant milestone in addressing long-standing development challenges. They said the projects would enhance the quality of life, support healthier families, and contribute to the region's broader social and economic development. The inauguration marks another investment in community infrastructure aimed at expanding access to essential services and improving living conditions across Sanaag region.

WADDANI Chairman Hosts U.S. and.....



Mohamoud Walaaleye Chairman of Somaliland's ruling WADDANI Party, Hon. Hirsi Ali Haji Hassan, on Tuesday welcomed a delegation from the United States and the Czech Republic visiting Somaliland to attend the Hargeisa International Book Fair, using the meeting to showcase Somaliland's democratic achievements and strengthen international engagement. The delegation, led by Max L. Webb, met with the WADDANI chairman at his office in Hargeisa, where discussions focused on Somaliland's political development, democratic governance, and prospects for deeper international cooperation. According to Hon. Hersi, the visitors shared valuable insights from their experiences and engagements

across Somaliland, reflecting on their interactions with the country's people, institutions, and ongoing development efforts. During the meeting, Hersi presented a comprehensive overview of Somaliland's history, highlighting its democratic journey, commitment to peacebuilding, and progress in governance and development. He also outlined Somaliland's continued campaign for international re-recognition, emphasizing the country's record of stability and democratic governance in the Horn of Africa. The WADDANI chairman expressed his appreciation for the delegation's interest in Somaliland and stressed the importance of strengthening people-to-people diplomacy as a means of fostering mutual understanding and expanding international relations. The visit formed part of the delegation's participation in the Hargeisa International Book Fair, one of the Horn of Africa's region leading cultural events, which annually attracts writers, academics, diplomats, and international visitors to Somaliland for discussions on literature, culture, governance, and global affairs.

Somaliland Government.....

Batuun, has reaffirmed the government's commitment to resolving the situation in the Sool region through peaceful dialogue and reconciliation. Speaking to the media in Hargeisa, Minister Batuun said the government remains determined to pursue a peaceful approach, emphasizing that lasting stability can only be achieved through dialogue, mutual understanding, and consensus. "The government's approach to resolving the issues in the Sool region is rooted in peace and conflict resolution," the minister said. "A sustainable solution can only come through dialogue,

agreement, and the preservation of peace." He also urged citizens to remain vigilant against individuals spreading inflammatory rhetoric and false information, warning that such actions could undermine efforts to maintain peace and stability. "The public should not listen to those who incite conflict or spread misinformation within our communities," Batuun added. The minister's remarks underscore the Somaliland government's stated policy of seeking a peaceful and negotiated resolution to the challenges facing the Sool region while encouraging public support for reconciliation efforts.

Cabinet Approves National Livestock Feed Policy



By M.A. Egge

The council of the cabinet unanimously approved the country's National Livestock Feed Policy following extensive discussions on its importance for strengthening livestock production, ensuring sustainable feed availability, and enhancing the resilience of pastoral communities against drought and climate change.

The decision took effect at their 70th weekly session that was as usual chaired by the Head of State H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Iirro.

His deputy, the VP H.E. Mohamed Ali aw Abdi, was at hand flanking him.

The policy establishes a national framework for the production, storage, quality improvement, and management of livestock feed while encouraging investment, research, and collaboration between government institutions, the private sector, and local communities. Officials described the policy as a major step toward safeguarding Somaliland's livestock sector, the backbone of the national economy. The cabinet session deliberated on a range of key national issues, including agriculture, security, the economy, digital transformation, sports, constitutional affairs, and foreign policy.

National Security

Minister of Interior and National Security Hon. Abdalle Mohamed Arab informed the Cabinet that Somaliland remains peaceful and secure, with stability prevailing across all regions.

He also announced that the Ministries of Interior, and Energy and Minerals, have jointly developed a framework to strengthen security and social cohesion in natural resource areas, particularly sites where gold and other minerals are being explored and extracted.

Economic Update

Minister of Finance and Economic Development Hon. Abdillahi Hassan Adan briefed the cabinet on the country's economic outlook, highlighting the impact of ongoing

conflicts in the Middle East on national revenues, rising fuel prices, and the cost of living.

He also updated ministers on preparations for the 2027 National Budget, stating that priorities include increasing domestic revenue, strengthening public financial management, maintaining economic stability, and aligning the budget with Somaliland's national development priorities.

Digital Transformation

Minister of Communications and Technology Dr. Abdisalan Hussein Awale presented plans to accelerate Somaliland's transition to a modern digital economy.

He emphasized that digitalization would improve government service delivery, promote digital economic growth, and modernize public administration, urging the Cabinet to recognize it as a strategic national priority.

National games

Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports Yusuf Nuh Yusuf (Tadase) reported that preparations have been completed for the upcoming Somaliland Regional Football Championship, which aims to promote youth talent, national unity,

and social integration.

He also announced that Somaliland will host an International Marathon on 14 August 2026, with participants expected from numerous countries.

Constitutional Affairs

Minister of Parliamentary Relations and Constitutional Affairs Hon. Ahmed Aw Dahir H. Hassan briefed the Cabinet on efforts to strengthen constitutional institutions, improve legislative processes, revise unfinished national laws, promote civic awareness, and enhance public participation in Somaliland's democratic system.

Foreign Affairs

Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Hon. Abdirahman Dahir Adan updated the Cabinet on progress in Somaliland's foreign policy, diplomatic engagement, and international recognition efforts.

He stressed that achieving Somaliland's diplomatic objectives requires a unified national effort by both the government and the public, adding that growing opposition to Somaliland's statehood makes national unity and the protection of the country's interests more important than ever.

Somaliland Ministry of Investment officially launched its Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Conference in Hargeisa, bringing together senior government officials, representatives of development institutions, and leaders from the private sector to strengthen collaboration aimed at boosting investment and driving sustainable economic growth.

Organized by the Ministry of Investment Promotion, the conference serves as a key platform for dialogue between the government and the business community, with participants exploring practical ways to enhance public-private cooperation and unlock new investment opportunities.

The gathering attracted high-level government representatives, officials from various public institutions, and executives from private companies, reflecting a shared commitment to fostering a stronger partnership that supports national development.

Discussions throughout the conference focused on reinforcing cooperation between the public and private sectors, encouraging domestic and foreign investment, stimulating economic development, and creating new avenues for joint ventures and strategic partnerships. Officials emphasized that effective collaboration between government institutions and the private sector is essential for improving the investment climate, expanding business opportunities, and promoting inclusive economic growth across Somaliland.

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Dr. Jama noted that the festival has consistently fulfilled its mission of promoting reading, writing, literature, arts, history, cultural preservation, and intellectual exchange while strengthening collaboration among young people, scholars, and artists.

Reflecting on the significance of this year's edition, he emphasized what he described as a new reality for Somaliland.

"This year's edition differs from all previous ones. Today we stand in a recognized Somaliland, and the messages we send to the world are those of a recognized nation," he said.

He expressed gratitude to the public for supporting the festival and extended special thanks to Eswatini, this year's guest country of honour, along with the Cultural Centre's staff and the many young volunteers who helped organize the

six-day event.

Mayor Calls for National Theatre

Hargeisa Mayor Eng. Abdirizak Wiiwaa praised the Hargeisa International Book Fair for its vital contribution to preserving the Somali language and promoting literature, creativity, culture, and the arts.

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The conference is expected to produce recommendations aimed at strengthening the PPP framework, encouraging private sector participation in national development projects, and enhancing Somaliland's attractiveness as an investment destination.

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Taiwan ICDF Expands Healthcare Capacity with Training for Over 300 Somaliland Medics



Goth M. Goth
The Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund (Taiwan ICDF) has reached a significant milestone in its healthcare capacity-building program in Somaliland, with over 300 doctors and nurses having successfully completed advanced emergency medical training since the initiative was launched in December 2024. Implemented in partnership with Somaliland's health sector authorities, the program has delivered 13 Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) workshops and 11 Pre-hospital Emergency Care (PEC) workshops, equipping frontline healthcare professionals with critical life-saving competencies. Each three-day workshop combined intensive theoretical instruction with hands-on practical sessions. Participants were drawn from all six regions of Somaliland and represented more than 27 healthcare institutions—underscoring the program's

nationwide reach and the collective commitment to strengthening emergency healthcare services across the country. According to the program organizers, all participants successfully graduated after maintaining perfect attendance, recording no instances of tardiness, and achieving scores above 60 percent in their post-training assessments. This achievement highlights Taiwan ICDF's substantial contribution to strengthening Somaliland's healthcare system by cultivating a highly skilled emergency medical workforce capable of delivering quality, life-saving care throughout the country. The organizers extended their sincere appreciation to the program's 16 master trainers and administrative team for their dedication and professionalism. They also commended all participating doctors and nurses for their unwavering commitment to advancing healthcare standards in Somaliland.

Hargeisa Mayor receives diverse Kenyan delegation

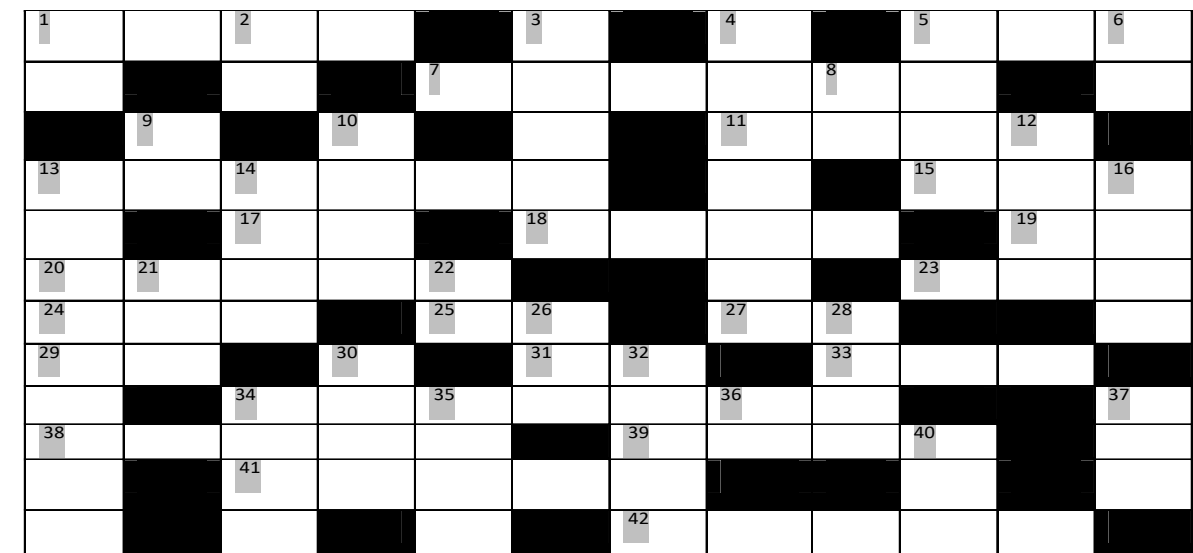


By M.A. Egge
The Mayor of Hargeisa Eng. Abdirisak Mohamed Farah (Wiiwaa), received over the week a large delegation from Kenya, which included parliamentarians, academics and senior officials, at his parlour. The meeting focused on strengthening relations and cooperation between the two sides, with particular focus on the development of local governments, the exchange of experiences in urban management, the development of social services and how to create a sustainable partnership that is beneficial to both

parties. The Mayor thanked the delegation for their visit, stating that the Hargeisa Municipality welcomes any cooperation that can lead to development, enhancement of social services and the exchange of experiences in urban management. For their part, the members of the Kenyan delegation praised the progress made by the Hargeisa city, expressing their commitment to strengthening relations, cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and experiences, in order to achieve progress and fruitful cooperation between the two sides.

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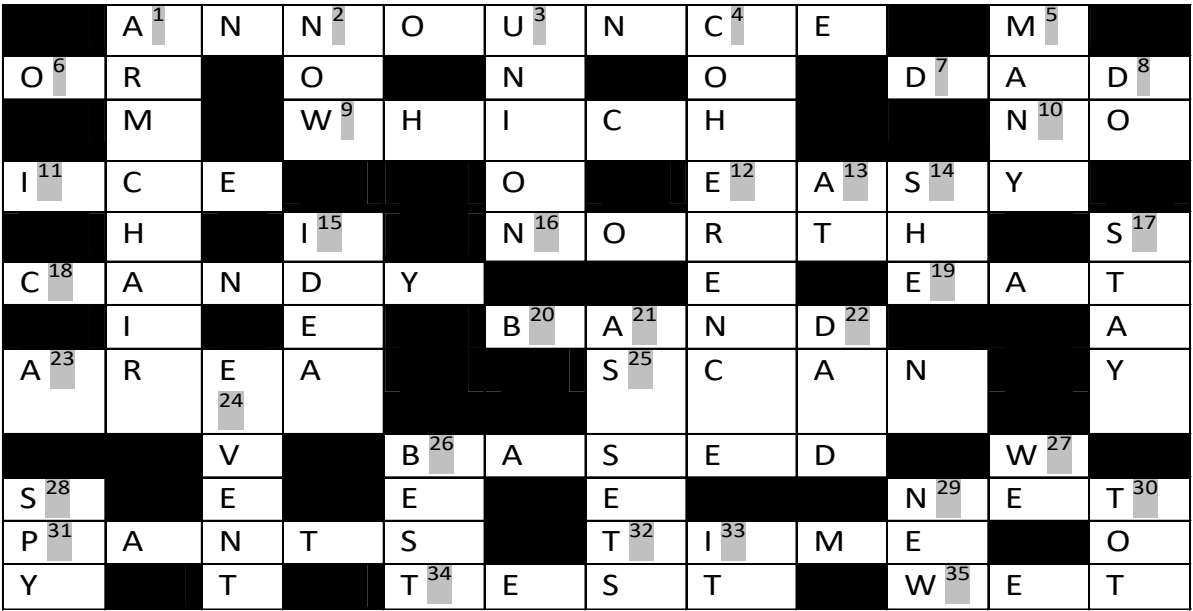
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Education and Religious Affair ministries ponder on unifying curricula



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The Minister of Education, and his religious and Endowment counterpart met over the week at the education ministry headquarters and discussed on ways and means of synchronizing and unifying the religious curriculum taught at both the mainstream madarasas and purely religious institutions. Of note, the crucial issues pondered were: -

1. Unifying the curriculum of Madaras and Religious Schools.
2. Unifying the qualifications offered

by Madaras and Religious Schools. 3. Strengthening cooperation and ongoing collaboration between the two Ministries.

Both ministries agreed to study the issues at hand in depth, and technically, and to establish a cooperation mechanism to address them.

It would consist of a technical committee to work on preparing a unified plan, to ensure the coordination of the curriculum, qualifications and joint activities of the two ministries.

Somaliland Opens Landmark Public-Private Partnership Conference to Accelerate Investment and Economic Growth



Somaliland Ministry of Investment officially launched its Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Conference in Hargeisa, bringing together senior government officials, representatives of development institutions, and leaders from the private sector to strengthen collaboration aimed at boosting investment and driving sustainable economic growth.

Organized by the Ministry of Investment Promotion, the conference serves as a key platform for dialogue between the government and the business community, with participants exploring practical ways to enhance public-private cooperation and unlock new investment opportunities.

The gathering attracted high-level government representatives, officials from various public institutions, and executives from private companies, reflecting a shared commitment to fostering a

stronger partnership that supports national development.

Discussions throughout the conference focused on reinforcing cooperation between the public and private sectors, encouraging domestic and foreign investment, stimulating economic development, and creating new avenues for joint ventures and strategic partnerships. Officials emphasized that effective collaboration between government institutions and the private sector is essential for improving the investment climate, expanding business opportunities, and promoting inclusive economic growth across Somaliland.

The conference is expected to produce recommendations aimed at strengthening the PPP framework, encouraging private sector participation in national development projects, and enhancing Somaliland's attractiveness as an investment destination.

The Future of Global Governance: Lessons from the Horn of Africa — President Irro's Op-Ed

By H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi, the President of the Republic of Somaliland.

"The Future Of Global Governance: Lessons From The Horn Of Africa," written by H.E. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi, the President of Somaliland, argues that the future credibility of the international order will depend not only on preserving established rules and institutions, but also on their ability to recognize political realities and successful governance as they evolve. Drawing on Somaliland's experience since 1991, the article presents the Horn of Africa as a testing ground for peacebuilding, democratic institution-building, local ownership and regional stability. It argues that legitimacy is ultimately earned through accountable governance, public consent and the rule of law rather than conferred solely through formal international recognition.

The article calls for Europe and its partners to move beyond traditional donor-recipient relationships toward strategic partnerships centered on investment, institutional capacity, trade, security and mutual benefit. It further contends that greater engagement with Somaliland—and serious consideration of its international recognition—could reinforce the principles of democratic accountability, peaceful political competition and responsible statecraft that the rules-based international order seeks to uphold.

More broadly, the article advocates a more adaptable and representative global governance system capable of recognizing constructive political development wherever it emerges.

The complete article is as follows:

There is a tendency to believe that the future of global governance will be shaped exclusively in the world's great capitals or within the chambers of its established institutions. Yet history often teaches a different lesson. Some of the most important insights into the nature of political order emerge not from states that inherited stability, but from societies that have had to build it for themselves.

Across the Horn of Africa, where strategic competition, demographic change and economic opportunity increasingly converge, the challenges confronting the international community are neither theoretical nor distant. They are immediate and practical. How does peace endure after conflict? How are institutions built where none previously existed? How can democratic legitimacy take root in difficult circumstances? And what should the international community

do when political reality evolves more rapidly than the frameworks designed to recognize it?

For more than three decades, Somaliland has sought to answer these questions not through rhetoric but through experience. It has maintained peace where conflict once prevailed, developed democratic institutions through successive elections, strengthened the rule of law, and contributed to regional stability in one of the world's most strategically significant regions. It has done so largely through local initiative, political compromise and public consent rather than external administration or prolonged international intervention.

The lessons from that experience extend beyond Somaliland itself. They speak to a broader challenge confronting the international system: how to preserve a rules-based international order while ensuring that it remains sufficiently adaptable to recognize and encourage responsible governance wherever it emerges. As Europe and its partners consider the future of global governance, the Horn of Africa offers not merely a theatre of strategic competition, but a laboratory of political resilience whose experience deserves closer attention.

Governance Begins With Legitimacy

Much contemporary debate about international order focuses on institutions, treaties and diplomatic architecture. These remain indispensable. Yet they are ultimately instruments rather than foundations. The true foundation of any durable political order is legitimacy: the confidence of citizens that public institutions exist to serve the common good, resolve disputes peacefully and provide security under the rule of law. Legitimacy cannot simply be conferred from outside. It is earned through consistent governance, accountability and the patient construction of public trust. The most enduring political institutions are those that grow from local ownership and reflect the aspirations of the societies they serve. This principle is neither uniquely African nor uniquely European. It is universal.

Somaliland's experience illustrates this reality. Emerging from the devastation of civil war in 1991, communities, elders, civic leaders and political representatives embarked upon a process of reconciliation that was rooted in dialogue rather than coercion. Institutions were not imported wholesale from abroad; they

evolved through consultation and adaptation. Traditional mechanisms of consensus complemented constitutional development, while democratic elections progressively strengthened public confidence in representative government.

This experience challenges a common assumption in international affairs: that legitimacy flows primarily from formal recognition. Recognition undoubtedly matters. It facilitates international engagement, investment and cooperation. Yet recognition alone cannot create effective governance. Nor should the absence of recognition obscure the presence of functioning democratic institutions, peaceful political competition and responsible public administration. If global governance is to remain credible, it must increasingly evaluate political realities not only through inherited legal frameworks but also through demonstrable performance.

Stability as a Strategic Asset

In the twenty-first century, stability has become one of the world's most valuable strategic resources. It cannot be taken for granted. Across multiple regions, governments confront transnational terrorism, organized crime, cyber threats, irregular migration, environmental pressures and economic uncertainty. The capacity of states to withstand these challenges increasingly determines regional and international security.

For Europe, these developments are not remote. The security of maritime trade routes, the resilience of supply chains and the management of migration all depend upon stable partnerships beyond the continent's borders. Nowhere is this more evident than in the Horn of Africa, whose geography places it at the intersection of Africa, the Middle East and the wider Indo-Pacific.

Too often, however, the region has been viewed primarily through the language of crisis. Conflict, humanitarian emergencies and geopolitical rivalry have dominated international attention. These challenges are real and deserve sustained engagement. Yet they do not tell the whole story. The Horn is also a region of innovation, entrepreneurship, democratic aspiration and growing economic integration. It is home to societies investing in infrastructure, expanding regional trade and strengthening institutions capable of supporting long-term development. The international community should therefore broaden its understanding of stability. Stability is

not simply the absence of conflict; it is the presence of capable institutions, accountable governance and public confidence in constitutional processes. These qualities cannot be manufactured quickly in response to crisis. They require patient investment over many years. When societies demonstrate that commitment, international partnerships should reinforce and encourage those efforts.

The Rules-Based Order Must Continue to Evolve

Europe has consistently championed the importance of a rules-based international order. This commitment has served the international community well by promoting peaceful dispute resolution, sovereign equality and respect for international law. At a time of increasing geopolitical competition, these principles remain indispensable.

Yet the strength of any rules-based system depends upon its capacity for renewal. Institutions that cannot adapt to changing political realities risk losing both effectiveness and legitimacy. History demonstrates that international governance has never been static. The institutions created after 1945 have themselves evolved repeatedly in response to decolonization, economic globalization and technological transformation.

Today's international landscape presents new questions. How should international institutions engage with societies that demonstrate effective governance despite unusual political circumstances? How should democratic resilience be encouraged in regions facing persistent instability? And how can multilateral organizations remain sufficiently flexible to reward responsible behavior while preserving the stability of the wider international system?

These questions deserve thoughtful consideration rather than ideological responses. Adaptation should never mean abandoning established principles. Rather, it requires applying those principles with consistency while recognizing that political realities continue to evolve. An international order perceived as capable of acknowledging successful governance wherever it emerges will ultimately command greater confidence than one viewed as constrained solely by precedent.

For Somaliland, this is not simply a matter of national interest. It reflects a broader conviction that international institutions derive their authority from both continuity and



responsiveness. They must preserve order while remaining open to political developments that strengthen peace, democracy and regional cooperation.

The Horn of Africa and Europe's Shared Future

The strategic importance of the Horn of Africa has never been greater. The Bab el-Mandeb Strait links the Mediterranean with the Indian Ocean through one of the world's busiest maritime corridors. A significant proportion of global commerce passes through these waters, connecting European markets with Asia, the Gulf and Eastern Africa. The security of this corridor affects energy supplies, commercial shipping and international trade far beyond the region itself.

At the same time, the Horn has become an arena in which multiple global powers pursue economic and strategic interests. Investment in ports, logistics, telecommunications and transport infrastructure is reshaping patterns of regional connectivity. Gulf States, European partners, African institutions and Asian economies increasingly recognize the region as central to future commercial networks rather than peripheral to them.

Europe therefore has compelling reasons to engage the Horn through a long-term strategic perspective. Such engagement should extend beyond crisis management towards partnerships based upon shared interests and mutual respect. Maritime security, infrastructure development, renewable energy, digital connectivity, higher education and institutional capacity all present opportunities for constructive cooperation.

Partnerships of this nature are most successful when they are founded upon reciprocity rather than dependency. African countries increasingly seek relationships that recognize their agency, expertise and capacity for leadership. They wish to contribute to shaping international agendas, not merely respond to them. Europe, with its longstanding commitment to multilateral cooperation and democratic governance, is well placed to cultivate such partnerships.

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