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Health Minister, Burjeel Holdings Discuss Fast-Tracking Major Referral Hospital in Burao

Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Referral Hospital is among the key projects aimed at upgrading Somaliland's healthcare infrastructure



By M.A. Egge

The Minister of Health Hon. Hussein Bashir Hirsi, has held high-level talks with senior executives of Burjeel Holdings to accelerate the development of the Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Referral Hospital in Burao, a major healthcare project expected to

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Government Condemns Targeting of Foreign Nationals in Borama, Vows Legal Action



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The Government has strongly condemned an incident targeting foreign nationals residing in Borama, describing it as an organized goonish attempt to undermine the country's stability and international reputation.

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Parliament Concludes Public Consultations on Women's Representation and Electoral Law Reforms



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The House of Representatives of the Republic of Somaliland has concluded the second day of public consultations on women's representation in local councils and proposed amendments to the General

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Somaliland Launches 'Heegan 2026' Military Drills Involving Tanks and Drones

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Somaliland's army has launched a military exercise involving live-fire training, tanks, artillery and drones to strengthen combat readiness and coordination between its units, the military said.

Army commander Brigadier General Nim'an Yusuf Gahnug

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expand access to specialized medical services in the country's eastern regions. The meeting took place in Abu Dhabi during the minister's official working visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), with discussions focusing on speeding up construction, enhancing the quality of planned medical services, and ensuring the hospital meets international healthcare standards. The proposed facility is expected to become a modern referral centre offering a range of specialized medical services to residents of Burao, the Togdeer region, and surrounding areas. The minister was accompanied by Idil Ismail Musa, Director of the Planning and Policy Department at the Ministry of Health Development.

Burjeel Holdings was represented by senior executives, including Safeer Ahmad, Group Chief Operating Officer; Hamad Al Hosni, Chief Executive Officer for International Partnerships; Dr. Mujtaba Ali Khan, CEO of Burjeel Medical City; Eng. Sobhith, Head of International Projects; and Eng. Jwana, Senior Director of International Healthcare Operations. The talks centred on advancing the hospital's construction and preparing for the delivery of high-quality healthcare services across multiple medical specialties. The discussions also addressed the importance of ensuring that the facility's capacity and services are aligned with the healthcare needs of Somaliland's population.

Minister Hirsi emphasized the need to align the hospital's development with national healthcare priorities, highlighting the importance of close cooperation between the ministry and Burjeel Holdings in delivering the project. The partnership is expected to contribute to the expansion of specialized healthcare services and strengthen the capacity of Somaliland's healthcare system. The Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Referral Hospital is among the key projects aimed at upgrading Somaliland's healthcare infrastructure. Once completed and operational, it is expected to improve access to specialized treatment for communities in Burao, across the Togdeer region, and in neighbouring areas, potentially reducing the need for patients to travel elsewhere to obtain certain medical services. The ministry's discussions with Burjeel Holdings underscore the importance of continued coordination between the government and its partners to advance the project and establish a modern healthcare facility capable of addressing the region's growing medical needs.

Government Condemns Targeting.....

Minister of Information, Culture and National Guidance, whose office also carries the official government spokespersonship portfolio, Hon. Barkhad Jama Batuun made the remarks during a press conference at his office on Saturday, warning that anyone found responsible for the misdemeanors would face legal consequences. The minister stressed that the authority to regulate the entry, residency and departure of foreign nationals rests exclusively with the government, hence emphasized that no individual or group of individuals has the right to take the law into their own hands. "As a government, we consider the act targeting foreign nationals to be an organized incident aimed at undermining the reputation and



stability of the Republic of Somaliland," Batuun said. He further underpinned the fact that the government would launch an investigation to identify those involved and ensure that appropriate legal measures are taken against anyone found to have participated in the incident.

Hon. Batuun described the incident as an attempt to damage Somaliland's national standing and reputation, reaffirming the government's commitment to upholding the rule of law, protecting foreign nationals and maintaining public order and stability.

Parliament Concludes Public Consultations.....

Elections Law, Law No. 91/2023, with media representatives contributing their perspectives and recommendations. The consultation meeting, held at the House of Representatives headquarters in Hargeisa, was officially closed by the First Deputy Speaker and Acting Speaker of the House, Hon. Saeed Mire Farah (Giire). Organized by the House Committee on Internal Affairs, Security and Defense, alongside the Gender Advisory Office, the meeting brought together representatives from various sectors of

Somaliland's media, providing them with an opportunity to share their views, recommendations and proposals on the issues under consideration. Discussions focused on the importance of ensuring women's representation in local councils, the challenges women face in participating in leadership and decision-making processes, and the proposed amendments to the General Elections Law. Participants also discussed the media's responsibility in promoting public awareness, disseminating accurate information and strengthening public understanding



of electoral processes and women's representation in elected institutions. The consultations form part of the parliamentary engagement process aimed at gathering public and stakeholder input on women's political participation and the proposed changes to Somaliland's electoral legal framework.

Somaliland Launches.....



inaugurated the exercise, named "Heegan 2026", in Benderwanaag on Oct. 28, according to a statement published on the national army's social media account. The drills will continue over the coming weeks, bringing together different army units for joint training involving armoured vehicles and other military equipment, the statement said. The army said the exercise aims to improve operational readiness, training standards and cooperation between units, while assessing their ability to conduct combined operations. "Heegan 2026's main objective is to improve readiness, training standards, coordination and cooperation between the different components of the national army," the statement said. The military command said it intended to hold the exercise annually to strengthen soldiers' skills and adapt training to changes in modern warfare tactics and techniques. Speaking at the launch, B/G Gahnug stressed the importance of

regular training, operational coordination and maintaining readiness to defend the country, protect its sovereignty and ensure national security, according to the statement. The army also issued a public safety notice to residents of Benderwanaag and surrounding areas, warning that gunfire, artillery noise and military movements would occur during the exercise. It urged residents, particularly pastoralists, to keep themselves and their livestock away from designated firing ranges and training areas, follow instructions from military personnel and observe warning signs and security boundaries. "People and livestock must not enter the exercise areas while training is under way," the command said. The military said it would conduct community awareness activities, install warning signs and implement safety measures to protect civilians, livestock and property during the drills. (HornDiplomat News Desk)

WADDANI Chairman Praises Gabiley.....



Mohamoud Walaaleye WADDANI Party Chairman Hirsi Ali Haji Hassan has praised the people of Gabiley Region for their longstanding commitment to Somaliland's sovereignty, honesty and fulfilment of promises, as he inaugurated the party's newly renovated regional headquarters. Speaking at Thursday's inauguration ceremony, Chairman Hersi commended Gabiley residents for their contribution to safeguarding Somaliland's nationhood and supporting the development of its state institutions. "The people of Gabiley have always stood firm in defending Somaliland's nationhood, and I thank you for your continued commitment to building the government," he said. Emphasizing the region's reputation for integrity and loyalty, he added: "The people of Gabiley are known for their honesty and commitment to fulfilling promises. Defending Somaliland's nationhood is also a hallmark for which they are recognized." The inauguration followed extensive renovation and modernization works at the WADDANI regional headquarters,

aimed at improving its facilities, appearance and operational capacity. The ceremony brought together senior national and regional officials, government ministers, the party's deputy chairmen, representatives of the Gabiley regional and district administrations, members of parliament, WADDANI leaders, traditional elders, women and large numbers of residents. The gathering underscored the importance of political party offices as centres for political organization, community engagement and coordination between party leadership and supporters. The upgraded headquarters is expected to provide a more functional working environment for WADDANI officials and members, enabling them to carry out party activities and responsibilities more effectively. The event concluded in a celebratory atmosphere, with attendees welcoming the improvements and commending the party's investment in strengthening its regional organizational structures. Chairman Hirsi's remarks placed particular emphasis on Gabiley's contribution to Somaliland's state-building efforts, highlighting the importance of public unity, political commitment and collective responsibility in safeguarding the country's sovereignty.

Somaliland Accelerates Mandatory Vehicle



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The Government of the Republic of Somaliland has stepped up preparations for the introduction of mandatory vehicle insurance, scheduled to take effect on 1 January 2027, as authorities intensify efforts to establish a regulated, transparent and reliable national insurance market.

The High-Level Policy Committee of the National Insurance Authority of Somaliland held its regular meeting to review the immediate action plan for implementing compulsory vehicle insurance and discuss the draft Somaliland National Insurance Policy.

The meeting, chaired by Finance and Economic Development Minister Abdillahi Hassan Adan, followed commitments made at the Insurance Market Development Conference held in Hargeisa on 12–13 October 2026.

The minister stressed that successful implementation would require sustained efforts, clear planning and institutional accountability. He described insurance as a critical instrument for protecting property and reducing the financial consequences of unexpected losses for individuals, families, businesses and the wider economy. He added that developing the insurance sector supports the economic growth agenda of President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdillahi Iiro.

National Insurance Authority Chairman Ahmed Hirsi Duale said building a trustworthy insurance market must begin with strengthening the institution responsible for regulating it. He

highlighted plans to improve the Authority's organizational structure, clarify departmental responsibilities, modernize operational procedures and enhance employees' professional capabilities.

Duale also pointed to the international significance of the recent insurance conference, which attracted delegations from 12 countries, saying it had raised international awareness of Somaliland's emerging insurance market and opened opportunities for investment, cooperation and professional knowledge exchange. He said the Authority remained committed to developing a transparent and credible insurance sector operating in accordance with Islamic principles and Somaliland's laws.

Eight priority areas identified

The committee identified eight priority areas requiring accelerated action ahead of the mandatory insurance rollout. These include finalizing the National Insurance Policy and regulatory frameworks governing the sector, strengthening coordination among government ministries and other stakeholders, and establishing clear enforcement procedures to ensure compliance with statutory insurance requirements.

The committee also prioritized developing a dedicated implementation plan for government vehicle insurance, including clearly defined responsibilities for the institutions concerned.

Other priorities include expanding professional training and certification programmes for

insurance personnel, strengthening regulatory oversight and ensuring that insurance companies meet their legal and regulatory obligations.

Consumer protection was also highlighted as a central component of the reform programme. The Authority plans to establish mechanisms for safeguarding policyholders' rights, receiving complaints and facilitating the resolution of insurance-related disputes.

In addition, the committee agreed to accelerate the decentralization of the Authority's services to all regions of Somaliland to make insurance services more accessible and facilitate nationwide implementation.

Public awareness campaign to accompany rollout

Alongside the institutional and regulatory preparations, the committee stressed the importance of a comprehensive public education and awareness campaign to help citizens understand the purpose, benefits and requirements of insurance.

The campaign will be guided by the Somaliland National Insurance Awareness, Education and Consumer Trust Framework 2026–2030, recently developed by the Authority.

The framework is intended to improve public understanding, provide accessible and reliable information, and build confidence in insurance services and the mechanisms established to protect consumers.

As preparations move into the implementation phase, the committee has also revised its meeting schedule to strengthen monitoring of priority activities and speed up decisions needed to meet the January 2027 deadline.

The intensified preparations mark a significant step towards establishing mandatory vehicle insurance and developing a stronger national insurance industry, with the authorities seeking to ensure that the new system is introduced through coordinated planning, effective regulation and measurable institutional progress.

Somaliland Unveils.....



Berbera Port and Trade Corridor Positioned as Key Drivers of Economic Growth

A report published by Horn Lens has stated that the Republic of Somaliland presented 14 investment opportunities and projects worth a combined total of more than \$1.2 billion at an investment conference held in London, United Kingdom, on 14 October 2026.

The report said the total value of the investment opportunities presented exceeded \$1.2 billion, highlighting Somaliland's efforts to attract international investors and expand its economic partnerships.

Held alongside the AFSIC – Investing in Africa forum, the conference focused on Somaliland's economic opportunities, infrastructure development, trade expansion and efforts to attract foreign investment.

According to information presented at the event, the Investment Dealbook featured 14 projects spanning several key sectors of the economy.

The report identified the Port of Berbera and the Berbera Corridor as central components of Somaliland's economic development ambitions, particularly in expanding trade, improving transport infrastructure and strengthening connections with regional markets.

Somaliland's strategic geographical position along the Gulf of Aden was also highlighted as an important economic advantage, offering opportunities in cargo transit, port services, warehousing, logistics and maritime trade.

The development of the port and its connecting infrastructure was described as a significant area of potential growth, capable of generating additional commercial opportunities and strengthening Somaliland's role in regional trade

networks.

The investment opportunities presented covered a range of sectors, including energy, mining, agriculture, livestock, fisheries, maritime logistics, manufacturing and technology. Investment in these sectors could help diversify the economy, strengthen local businesses and create new employment opportunities.

According to the conference report, Lord Stuart Polak also addressed Somaliland's economic prospects, infrastructure development and the commercial potential of its people. Participation in an international investment forum provides Somaliland with an opportunity to engage with investors, companies and other stakeholders interested in African markets. It also offers a platform to promote the country's economic potential and establish partnerships that could support long-term development.

One of the key challenges for Somaliland will be translating the investment opportunities presented into operational projects. This will require clear implementation plans, accountability mechanisms and measurable outcomes to ensure that proposed investments contribute to economic growth and job creation.

The London investment conference and the 14 opportunities showcased underline Somaliland's efforts to broaden its international commercial relationships and attract investment across multiple sectors of its economy.

The next important step will be turning these proposals into funded and operational projects backed by practical implementation strategies, accountability and tangible results for Somaliland's economy.

Somaliland Communities Urged to Stand Together.....

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Civil society organizations and political representatives in Borama have called to order the regional residents for the up-holding and safeguarding of peaceful stability, justice and the protection of innocent civilians, urging authorities and community leaders to prevent ethnic hostility and ensure the safety of Oromo residents following tensions involving communities in the region.

In a statement, the representatives stressed that no innocent civilian should be made to suffer for a conflict they neither initiated nor participated in, warning that

disputes between communities or across borders must never be used to justify ethnic hostility, collective punishment or violence.

They emphasized that Oromo residents living in Somaliland deserve safety, dignity and equal protection under the law, irrespective of their ethnicity or background.

The statement highlighted the longstanding historical relationship between Somaliland's populations and the Oromo communities, particularly in Borama and the wider region, where generations have maintained close ties through trade, movement, neighbourhood

relations and peaceful coexistence.

It said these longstanding bonds of mutual respect, trust and brotherhood should not be undermined by conflict, division or hostility, describing the relationship between the two communities as an important foundation for regional peace and stability.

The civil society and political representatives called on the relevant authorities, traditional and community leaders, and other stakeholders to prioritize civilian protection, uphold human dignity, ensure justice and strengthen dialogue and reconciliation.



They also urged all parties to exercise wisdom and restraint, stressing that preventing violence and preserving peaceful relations require collective responsibility and decisive action.

"No conflict should divide neighbours. No difference should justify violence," the statement said, reaffirming that protecting innocent

lives and preserving generations of peaceful coexistence must remain a shared commitment.

The appeal comes amid growing calls for calm, justice and restraint, with the protection of all civilians regardless of their ethnic background remaining essential to maintaining peace and social cohesion in Borama and across Somaliland.

Somaliland's Rising Strategic Role and Rival Alliances Reshape Horn of Africa, CPI Report Says



By: [Hanah Olson, Horndiplomat Global Reporter](#)

Nairobi — Somaliland's growing diplomatic significance is becoming a central feature of a wider regional realignment, as competition over recognition, maritime security and trade corridors intersects with conflicts across the Horn of Africa, according to an October report by the Civitas Policy Institute.

The report, *Regional Conflict Analysis and Geopolitical Dynamics: Red Sea and Middle East Conflict Spillover*, identifies Israel's recognition of Somaliland as a catalyst for shifting alliances. It places that development within a broader landscape shaped by Ethiopia-Eritrea tensions, Sudan's war, Somalia's political disputes and expanding foreign military involvement.

For Somaliland, the institute's assessment highlights both an opportunity to strengthen international engagement and the challenge of navigating rivalries involving neighbouring governments and external powers. CPI argues that Somaliland's political resilience, democratic experience and strategic location have strengthened its regional importance. Berbera's port infrastructure and access to the Gulf of Aden give Somaliland a commercial and security role extending beyond its diplomatic recognition campaign.

The report presents Israel's recognition of Somaliland as a counterbalance within the region's shifting power dynamics, strengthening Somaliland's diplomatic position amid competing alliances involving Somalia, Türkiye and other external actors.

Its analysis suggests that Somaliland's international engagement is increasingly being considered alongside questions of shipping security, economic connectivity and regional stability. However, greater attention does not automatically produce lasting gains. The practical test for Somaliland is whether diplomatic advances translate into investment, expanded trade and stronger institutions while preserving its ability to make independent

decisions.

Berbera illustrates that relationship between economic opportunity and geopolitical exposure. Its development can strengthen regional connectivity, particularly through trade with Ethiopia, but its commercial potential also depends on predictable agreements and stable relations.

The report argues that competition between transport corridors can undermine regional integration when governments regard neighbouring infrastructure primarily as a strategic threat.

For Somaliland, that suggests a need to connect its growing diplomatic profile with a clear economic proposition: reliable access, competitive services and partnerships that deliver benefits to businesses and communities.

CPI also supports inclusive maritime governance, arguing that arrangements excluding important regional stakeholders are unlikely to provide a durable foundation for security. That assessment is relevant to Somaliland's demand for participation in discussions affecting its coastline and commercial interests.

Ethiopia occupies another central position in the report. Its pursuit of sea access intersects with deteriorating relations with Eritrea and broader competition involving Egypt and other regional actors.

CPI warns that escalating rhetoric between Ethiopia and Eritrea could develop into direct confrontation, while tensions surrounding Tigray further complicate the security environment.

The implications would extend beyond the two countries. Renewed conflict could disrupt trade, deepen humanitarian needs and draw neighbouring governments into competing alignments.

The institute advocates negotiated sea-access arrangements that support economic integration. Its assessment suggests that treating connectivity principally as a military contest would narrow the space for agreements capable of benefiting both coastal and landlocked economies.

Egypt's dispute with Ethiopia over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance

Dam adds another dimension. CPI places disagreements over Nile water use alongside competition over Red Sea security, showing how separate disputes can influence the same diplomatic relationships.

The resulting risk is that partnerships formed around one issue become instruments of pressure over another. Maritime cooperation, water diplomacy and regional security then become harder to address on their individual merits.

Sudan's war presents a more immediate humanitarian and institutional crisis. The report identifies the conflict as a major source of regional instability and an arena in which external competition complicates efforts to end the fighting.

Prolonged conflict weakens the country's institutions while increasing displacement and pressure on neighbouring states. CPI calls for coordinated diplomacy to secure a ceasefire and protect humanitarian access.

Its broader assessment indicates that regional governments cannot insulate themselves from Sudan's collapse simply by avoiding direct involvement. The humanitarian and economic consequences extend across borders.

In South Sudan, the institute highlights political fragility and risks surrounding planned elections. An electoral process without sufficient political agreement or credible safeguards could deepen existing divisions, according to its assessment.

Taken together, the crises in Sudan and South Sudan illustrate the limits of a regional system in which several countries face serious internal pressures simultaneously. Governments already managing domestic instability have less capacity to absorb shocks originating next door.

Somalia's challenges combine militant violence with political disagreement. CPI argues that disputes involving federal leaders, opposition figures and federal member states risk weakening the cooperation required to confront Al-Shabaab and Islamic State militants.

The report also highlights funding and logistical pressures affecting the African Union mission.

Its analysis points to a persistent problem: security assistance depends on a functioning political framework to produce sustainable results. Disagreement over elections and constitutional arrangements can undermine the coordination on which military gains rely.

Somalia's opposition to Somaliland's recognition adds a regional diplomatic dimension to these domestic difficulties. CPI

presents the dispute as increasingly connected to external partnerships and competition over influence around the Red Sea.

Djibouti's position reflects a different combination of opportunity and exposure. Its ports and proximity to the Bab el-Mandeb corridor give it commercial importance, while instability in Yemen threatens shipping and can increase humanitarian pressures.

The report also identifies strained relations involving Djibouti, Eritrea and Somaliland as obstacles to cooperation.

For regional trade, the implication is that infrastructure investment alone cannot overcome political fragmentation. Ports and corridors require dependable cross-border relationships to realise their economic potential.

Across the region, CPI questions the growing reliance on competing bilateral defence arrangements.

"Each new bilateral defence pact tends to invite a countervailing arrangement from a rival external patron," the report says.

That dynamic can leave governments more heavily armed without making the region collectively more secure. Partnerships intended to deter threats may encourage rival governments to seek additional military backing, reinforcing a cycle of suspicion.

Yemen and the wider Middle East connect these national challenges

to international shipping and energy markets.

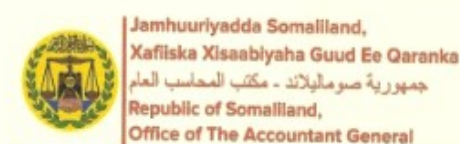
CPI describes maritime disruption as a channel through which distant fighting affects the Horn and East Africa. Higher freight costs, insurance premiums and delivery delays can place pressure on fuel supplies, food prices and household budgets.

The report also examines governance concerns beyond the Horn, including electoral credibility and civic freedoms in Uganda and Tanzania, political risks surrounding Kenya's 2027 elections, and conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

These findings reinforce its argument that external rivalry is only part of the problem. Weak institutions, political exclusion and unresolved domestic conflicts create vulnerabilities that foreign actors can exploit.

CPI recommends stronger regional coordination, inclusive maritime security arrangements, credible elections and sustained support for independent media and civil society. For Somaliland, the challenge is to turn growing strategic relevance into durable diplomatic and economic gains. For the wider region, it is to prevent overlapping disputes from becoming a single, increasingly militarised contest in which commercial opportunity is repeatedly undermined by political insecurity.

Accountant General Rejects Media Allegations Over 2025 Government Financial Audit



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Mohamoud Walaaleye

The Office of the Accountant General of the Republic of Somaliland has rejected media allegations that government payment vouchers were issued without legally required supporting documents, insisting that the official audit report on the 2025 fiscal year contains no findings substantiating the claims.

In a press statement issued in Hargeisa on Monday, the Office said it submitted the Government's financial statements for the 2025 fiscal year to the Auditor General on 28 April 2026, in accordance with its legal obligations, to enable the national audit authority to review the

accounts and issue an audit opinion.

According to the Accountant General's interpretation of the Auditor General's official report, the Government's consolidated financial statements covering the period from 1 January to 31 December 2025 contained no errors, ambiguities or irregularities and were prepared in accordance with the applicable financial laws, regulations and procedures.

The Office said the Auditor General's official report did not contain any statement confirming

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Accountant General Rejects Media.....

allegations circulated by some media outlets that the Accountant General had released payment vouchers without the supporting documentation legally required for government expenditure. The statement clarified that the audit documentation comprised two distinct components: the consolidated financial statements prepared by the Accountant General

and a separate report assessing the performance of government institutions, prepared by the Auditor General. The Office reiterated its commitment to protecting public assets and government funds, maintaining accurate financial records, complying with financial legislation, and strengthening transparency and accountability in public financial management.

It also urged media organisations and members of the public to rely on verified official information and relevant legal documents when reporting on the management of government finances. The Office added that it was prepared to share information and supporting documents related to the matter with institutions and parties legally entitled to access them.

A Call for Peace in Moyale- A Adare

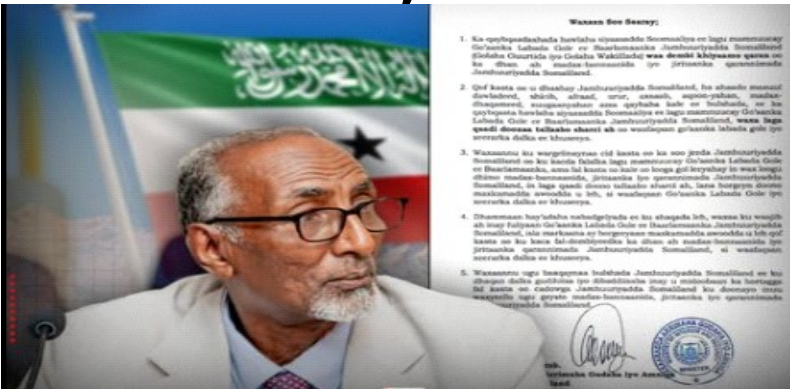
Politicians must avoid making political statements that could inflame tensions between the Oromo and Somali communities in Moyale, Ethiopia. At this critical moment, responsible leadership requires wisdom, restraint, and a genuine commitment to peace—not rhetoric that risks turning these neighboring communities against one another. Sadly, the communities caught in this conflict are reportedly from the Dir clan family, sharing the same Ethio-Somali ethnic identity. It is heartbreaking to see people with shared roots caught in violence. The Oromo and Somali communities deserve peace, justice, security, and the truth. Political leaders, including Kenyan Members of Parliament and officials from the Federal Government of Somalia, must verify the facts before making public statements that could escalate tensions or spread misleading narratives. We must not allow political interests or external interference to create hostility between Oromo and Somali civilians who deserve to live together in peace and dignity. Any



allegations of wrongdoing must be investigated impartially, and those responsible must be held accountable based on credible evidence—not on ethnic identity or collective blame. Moyale needs peace, not provocation; dialogue, not division; and truth, not political manipulation. Oromo and Somali communities must not become victims of irresponsible political rhetoric.

Leaders should work toward de-escalation, mutual understanding, and peaceful coexistence rather than making statements that could spread conflict into other regions. Let peace prevail in Moyale. Let the Oromo and Somali communities stand against division, and let responsible leadership protect the lives and dignity of all civilians. Ahmed Adare \Forum of Dir Unity Somaliland Representative

Somaliland Declares Participation in Somalia’s Political Activities an Act of Treason, Warns of Legal Action



Mohamoud Walaaleye The Ministry of Interior and Security of the Republic of Somaliland has warned that Somalilanders who participate in Somalia's political activities which is against an ultimatum of a standing prohibition by a parliamentary decision; will face legal action, describing such involvement as treason against Somaliland’s independence and sovereignty. In a ministerial decree issued the Minister Hon. Abdalle Mohamed Arab, it called on government officials, traditional leaders, political

parties, academics, organizations and members of the public to comply with the ultimatum jointly adopted by Somaliland’s two parliamentary chambers. The decree, titled Implementation of the Decision Prohibiting Participation in Somalia’s Political Activities, cites Articles 22(i) and 29 of Law No. 71/2025, which amends and supplements the law governing the structure of the government and independent institutions. It also refers to a joint decision issued by the House of Elders and

the House of Representatives on 11 October 2003, under reference number JSL/GB/01/10/2003, which prohibited participation in Somalia’s political activities. Government warns against actions undermining Somaliland’s sovereignty The ministry said acts threatening Somaliland’s independence and statehood were being pursued by the Federal Government of Somalia and other governments opposed to Somaliland’s independence. It further alleged that some traditional leaders originating from Somaliland were being used in such efforts. The decree stressed that protecting public security, national stability and Somaliland’s sovereignty required vigilance against activities considered harmful to the country’s independence and continued existence. Under the directive, any person originating from Somaliland who

Finance Minister Inspects Berbera Customs and Tax Offices to Strengthen Revenue Collection and Accountability

Mohamoud Walaaleye Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Abdilahi Hassan Aadan, has conducted an official inspection of key tax and customs offices in Berbera to assess operational efficiency, strengthen accountability and improve government revenue collection. The Minister was accompanied by the Ministry’s Director General, Mohamed Suleiman Hassan, during visits to several regional offices responsible for customs administration, inland revenue collection and financial accounting. The delegation visited the Customs Centre at the Port of Berbera, the Port Customs Inspection Branch, the Sahil Regional Inland Revenue Office and the General Accounts Office, where they received briefings from regional Ministry officials on the status of operations. The inspection was intended to provide the Ministry’s leadership with a direct assessment of service delivery, administrative performance and the challenges facing the offices. It also sought to identify areas requiring further attention to ensure that financial operations are conducted efficiently and in accordance with the

Ministry’s regulations and policies. During the visits, officials presented reports on their respective operations, enabling the delegation to gain a clearer understanding of existing challenges and areas where improvements and accelerated implementation of planned activities may be needed. The inspection forms part of the Ministry’s wider efforts to strengthen transparency in public financial management, improve the effectiveness of tax collection and enhance services for citizens and the business community. Berbera, home to Somaliland’s principal seaport, plays an important role in the country’s trade and customs administration. The effective management of customs operations and associated revenue services is therefore central to the government’s efforts to improve financial administration and ensure efficient public revenue collection. The visit also highlighted the Ministry’s commitment to closer supervision of its regional offices, stronger coordination among officials and the implementation of departmental responsibilities in line with established plans and policies.

participates in the prohibited political activities could face legal proceedings in accordance with the parliamentary decision and applicable domestic laws. The decree explicitly extends its warning to government officials, ordinary citizens, political parties, organizations, academics, traditional leaders, poets and other members of society. Security agencies ordered to enforce ultimatum The ministry directed all relevant security institutions to enforce the parliamentary decision and bring individuals suspected of committing criminal acts against Somaliland’s independence and sovereignty before the competent courts. It also warned that individuals engaging in other acts deemed to

undermine Somaliland’s independence, statehood and sovereignty could face legal action. The decree calls on Somalilanders at home and abroad to unite in preventing activities that the government considers threats to the country’s sovereignty and national existence. The ministerial directive was signed by Abdalle Mohamed Arab, Minister of Interior and Security of the Republic of Somaliland. The decree invokes the 2003 parliamentary decision and existing domestic legislation as the basis for enforcement. The precise application of the directive and any resulting legal proceedings will depend on the relevant laws and the decisions of the competent courts.

THT Puzzle

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Somaliland Joins Ethiopian Navy’s Red Sea Workshop



Somaliland is among the participants in a four-day regional maritime security workshop hosted by the Ethiopian Navy in Addis Ababa, bringing together naval and maritime representatives from Yemen, Oman, Djibouti and Puntland to strengthen cooperation across the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden and western Indian Ocean. The workshop, which opened on October 26 and runs until October 29, focuses on maritime search and rescue, regional security challenges and improving coordination among maritime authorities, according to the Ethiopian National Defense Force. Ethiopian Navy Commander Vice Admiral Kindu Gezu attended the opening ceremony as guest of honour and delivered remarks highlighting the strategic importance of maritime cooperation and coordinated responses to emerging security challenges. The Ethiopian military said the gathering brought together naval commanders and maritime representatives from across the region to exchange experiences, strengthen professional relationships and improve cooperation in addressing maritime emergencies. The event, officially titled the Regional Search and Rescue (SAR) Workshop, is being held under the Crisis Response Project for the Red Sea and Western

Indian Ocean. The event materials display the logos of the Djibouti Code of Conduct, EU CRIMARIO, Expertise France and the European Union. The workshop provides a platform for participating maritime authorities to discuss search-and-rescue coordination, information sharing and operational responses to incidents affecting shipping and maritime safety. Somaliland’s participation comes amid growing regional attention to maritime security in the Gulf of Aden, where commercial shipping routes connect the Indian Ocean with the Red Sea and the Suez Canal. Somaliland has an 850-kilometre coastline along the Gulf of Aden, one of the longest in the Horn of Africa. Its strategic Port of Berbera has undergone significant infrastructure development and serves as a major maritime trade gateway connecting Ethiopia and the wider Horn of Africa to international markets. The European Union-backed CRIMARIO programme supports maritime domain awareness, information sharing and cooperation among maritime authorities in the Indian Ocean region. The Addis Ababa gathering comes as Ethiopia continues efforts to develop its naval capabilities and strengthen maritime partnerships with countries across the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

Somaliland Bans Tickets Issued Through Somalia's Billing System, Orders Travel Agents to Meet Licensing Rules

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Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Development has banned the acceptance of airline tickets issued through Somalia's Billing and Settlement Plan (BSP) for departures from Hargeisa Egal International Airport and Berbera International Airport, introducing new requirements for airline ticketing and travel-agent licensing. Under a ministerial regulatory directive issued on 25 October, the restriction takes immediate effect and applies to all affected tickets, regardless of when they were

issued, including previously purchased return tickets. The ministry said tickets for departures from Somaliland's airports must now be issued through authorized airline channels, including official airline websites, mobile applications, airline ticket offices, airport ticket counters and travel agents licensed by Somaliland's Department of Civil Aviation Regulation and Air Transport. Travel Agents Face 31 October Deadline
The directive requires the department to provide affected

airlines with a list of travel agents identified as potentially non-compliant. Airlines must notify the relevant agents and require them to regularize their licensing status, where applicable, by 31 October 2026. From 1 November 2026, airlines may maintain ticketing and distribution arrangements only with travel agents who meet Somaliland's applicable licensing and authorization requirements. The measure establishes a regulatory framework governing ticket sales and travel-agent

operations for passengers departing from the two international airports. Airlines Ordered to Protect Passengers
The ministry has instructed airlines to review their ticketing systems, distribution agreements and existing bookings, establish procedures to verify tickets, and inform affected passengers about the new requirements. Airlines must also coordinate with the department and relevant airport authorities to minimize disruption and ensure an orderly transition.

The department will oversee implementation within its regulatory authority, while airlines, their representatives, travel agents and distribution partners are required to cooperate with the competent authorities and comply with the directive's deadlines. The directive takes effect upon issuance, subject to applicable legal and administrative formalities. The announcement was issued by the Office of the Minister of Civil Aviation and Airports Development of the Republic of Somaliland on 25 October 2026.

Hargeisa Mayor Arrives in the Netherlands for Global Summit on Urban Development and Water Management



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A delegation led by Hargeisa Mayor Eng. Abdirizak Mohamed is in the Netherlands to participate in an international summit focused on

urban development and water resource management. The visit is expected to provide an opportunity for Hargeisa's

municipal leadership to exchange expertise, explore development

opportunities and strengthen international cooperation in areas critical to the capital's sustainable growth. Speaking upon arrival in Netherlands, Mayor Abdirizak Mohamed said the delegation would hold meetings with various leaders and officials during its stay, with the aim of establishing partnerships that could support the city's development priorities. "During our stay in the Netherlands, we will hold meetings with various leaders and officials whose cooperation is essential for strengthening ties, exchanging expertise, and establishing partnerships that drive sustainable development for the benefit of the

residents of Hargeisa Capital," the mayor said. The summit's focus on urban development and water resource management comes as cities face growing demands for improved infrastructure, efficient public services and sustainable water supplies. For Hargeisa, international cooperation and the exchange of practical experience could offer opportunities to strengthen municipal planning, improve water management and support long-term development. The delegation's visit underscores the Hargeisa administration's efforts to build international partnerships and explore approaches that can contribute to a more sustainable and resilient capital.

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In today's interconnected world, crime knows no borders. From

cyber fraud and money laundering to human trafficking and organized crime, threats can spread across

continents in seconds. No country can tackle these challenges alone. For Somaliland and the wider Horn of Africa, strategically located along the Gulf of Aden and near one of the world's busiest maritime routes, regional security is closely linked to global stability. Cross-border trafficking, illicit financial flows, and emerging cyber threats remind us that effective international police cooperation is essential. Taiwan and Somaliland share a commitment to peace, democracy, and the rule of law. Despite our different circumstances, both understand the importance of meaningful international participation and the value of contributing to global security. Taiwan has demonstrated its capabilities in combating transnational crime. In 2026, cooperation between Taiwanese

and American law enforcement authorities helped uncover a major international fraud and money-laundering operation involving the Prince Holding Group. Taiwan's investigative achievements earned international recognition through the 2026 Best Egmont Case Award. Yet Taiwan remains excluded from the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) for political reasons. Without direct access to INTERPOL's I-24/7 global police communications system, Taiwan faces unnecessary obstacles to timely intelligence sharing and coordinated investigations. Such gaps weaken our collective ability to respond to increasingly sophisticated criminal networks. Article 2 of the INTERPOL Constitution calls for the widest possible mutual assistance among

criminal police authorities. This principle should transcend political considerations. Therefore, Taiwan is seeking meaningful participation as an observer in INTERPOL meetings, mechanisms, and activities, allowing Taiwan's police authorities to share expertise, exchange intelligence, and contribute to international security. From Taipei to Hargeisa, from the Indo-Pacific to the Horn of Africa, our safety is interconnected. By strengthening cooperation and ensuring that capable partners are not left behind, we can build a safer and more resilient world. For a safer world, chip in with Taiwan!

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