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## PRESIDENT FARMAJO MEETS WITH MINISTRY OF CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW



The president met with constitutional review stakeholders to have an understanding of the current state of the review process, he met with the ministry of constitutional affairs, parliamentary committee constitutional review and the independent committee on constitutional affairs. The three institutions gave a briefing on the current status of the review process and the president was updated on the progress made so far.

The minister for constitutional affairs detailed out the work done in the last two years which he said was only possible through the cooperation between the three institutions and he also explained the current tasks that are ongoing.

The minister also talked about his strategic plan to complete the review process and his plan for motivating his team to complete in the shortest time possible.

The three institutions agreed that the current pace was good and the process is set to be completed as projected. He stated the technical work was over and the drafting is complete, all that is remaining is the consultative forums that will create consensus for sensitive issues.

President Farmajo who was chairing the meeting listened to all the reports from the ministry and the two committees', after they completed their reports the president praised them for their hard work and the progress they made. President Farmajo said completing the review process was top priority for his government and he is putting all the resource they need at their disposal in order to complete smoothly.

The president said the current political stability in the country has contributed a lot to the constitutional review process without which the work of the institutions involved with the constitution would have difficult if not impossible.

The president stressed that the current political stability in the capital is impressive and it needs to reach all the states in Somalia. With political stability in all the federal states the constitution review process will be even more easier.

The president said having a complete constitution that represents everyone is the dream of all Somalis all over the world, so every citizen who is in a position to contribute in its perfection shouldn't withhold and let's unite all our efforts in producing a final constitution.

The president said he recognizes the efforts of the ministry of constitutional affairs and the two committees have put in and the harsh environments they sometimes have to work in.

In attendance at the meeting was the deputy prime minister of the federal government of Somalia Mr. Mahdi Mohamed Gulleed, minister for constitutional ministry Mr. Salah Jama and the chair of the parliamentary committee on constitutional review Hon Abdi Hasan Awaale Qeybdiid and the chair of the independent committee for the constitutional review Mr. Mohamed Dahir Afrah.

## PRESS RELEASE: Renunciation of US Citizenship by H.E President Farmajo



This is to officially announce that the President of The Federal Republic of Somalia, H.E Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, has relinquished his United States citizenship.

This follows the completion of the required legal and immigration processes that had been initiated after the president's election.

The Provisional Constitution of the Federal Republic of Somalia allows for dual citizenship. The President however voluntarily filed for the renunciation.

President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed Farmajo has lived, received education and worked in the United States.

He was appointed the Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Somalia in 2010.

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## MINISTER OF INFORMATION APPEARS BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE



The ministry of information met with the senate committee for information, culture and humanitarian affairs to present the media law that was recently approved by the parliament and also to detail out the current ongoing activities at the ministry of information.

The meeting was held at the senate premises and it lasted for several hours, the officials vigorously discussed issues of great importance.

The chair of the senate committee, senator Ahmed Moalim Omar addressed the media at the end of the discussions where he said the discussions were on the milestones the ministry of information has set for its self and the likelihood of it being implemented.

They also discussed the challenges the ministry is currently facing and the possible ways to overcome.

The minister of information Mr. Mohamed Abdi Mareeye also addressed the media and he said his ministry has set clear cut milestones and all the employees have signed a performance contract.

The information minister said his ministry and the senate committee for communication has a close working relation and now they will work even more closely to see the passing of the media law at the senate house and to convince all senators that the media law is in the best interest of the nation in order to achieve independent and free press.

The ministry of information has been conducting activities that promote the capacity of the ministry and specially the media through training and proper management.

## QATAR TO INITIATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN HIRSHABELLE STATE OF SOMALIA



The president of Hirshabelle state of Somalia Dr. Mohamed Abdi Waare received a Qatari delegation led by the ambassador of Qatar to Somalia Hassan Bin Hamsa Asad Hashim.

The two officials discussed how best to implement development projects in Hirshabelle state by prioritizing tasks ahead. Among the projects Qatar intends to start in the coming days include The construction of Mogadishu-Jowhar High way which will be a major boost to transport between Hirshabelle state and the capital Mogadishu.

This will help farmers from Jowhar and the surrounding farm areas to transport their produce in good time and benefit maximum without loss through delay.

The deputy Agricultural minister of Hirshabelle state Mr. Mohamed Bashir Qassim said the delegation visited the former Isnai sugar factory and plans are underway of reopening the plant.

The deputy minister said they also visited the rice farms and the warehouse that used to store farm produce, he said his administration will take advantage of the current opportunity that is being offered by the brotherly nation of Qatar to develop or renovate all major infrastructures.

Alongside the president Mohamed Abdi Waare during the reception of Qatari ambassador were Vice present of Hirshabelle state Ali Guudlawe Hussein, Speaker of the parliament of Hirshabelle state Sheikh Osman Barre and section of Hirshabelle cabinet.



## SOMALI FINANCE MINISTER MEETS WORLD BANK AND IMF OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON



The minister of finance from the Federal government of Somalia Mr. Abdirahman Duale Beyle is in Washington on an official trip to hold meetings with World bank and IMF top officials whom he has been working with closely to attain total dept. relieve for

Somalia. Mr. Beyle held series of meeting with world leaders including IMF, world bank, Italy officials, British Officials and Saudi Officials and the minister said he hopes to come back with tangible benefits for Somalia.

The finance minister said he informed the officials the progress his ministry has made and the major financial reforms that has been achieved. He also shared his strategic plans for the coming year and he believes Somalia is on the right track.

## UGANDAN PRESIDENT PRESIDED OVER THE PASSING OUT PARADE OF SOMALI CADETS IN UGANDA



A colorful ceremony was held in Kampala to see the graduation of Somali national army cadets. The cadets have completed one and half years of vigorous training in Uganda.

The ceremony was presided over by the president of Uganda Yoweri Museveni, also present at the event was Ugandan Military Commander, Somalia Inventory unit commander, head of training Vila Somalia, acting Somali ambassador to Uganda, diplomats and president of Somali students' association.

The president inspected the parade and received a salute from the cadets. The cadets performed a colorful display of their skills. Both the Ugandan and the Somali cadets who were graduating showed impressive skills.

The graduates took an oath at the event, the Ugandan President handed over awards to the top performers throughout the training. An officer from the Somali army named Harun was among the awarded team for his outstanding performance throughout his one and a half years of training.

The Ugandan president Mr. Museveni gave a speech at the event and advised the officers to put national interests before their own since they took an oath to do that.

The Commander of the Somali inventory unit praised the cadets for their devotion and for persevering one and half years of hard training, he advised them to use all the skills they learnt since their training will be crucial to Somalia. The Acting ambassador to Uganda Ali Mohamed Mohamud also congratulated the soldiers and the people of Somalia for the great steps being taken to reach self-sufficiency in all sectors including the security sector

The Somali cadets were immediately flown to Somalia accompanied by the Somali officials who were present at their graduation.

The officers were welcomed at the Aden Abdulle International airport by the deputy Military chief Maj Gen Abdi Hassan Mohamed, The Inventory commander and AMISOM top Officers

## SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER DISCUSSES WAYS TO ENHANCE COOPERATION WITH KENYAN AMBASSADOR



The minister of foreign affairs and international cooperation, H.e. Amb. Ahmed Isse Awad, received today in Mogadishu the ambassador of the republic of Kenya to the federal republic of Somalia Lt. General (Rtd) Lucas Tumbo.

The two officials discussed ways of improving the bilateral relation between the two friendly countries and forming a joint cooperation on a number of issues that Kenya and Somalia share in common. Security is one of the key areas that the two nations share similarity since both countries face one common threat which is al-Shabaab. The citizens of both countries have been conducting cross border trade since ages and the two can mutually benefit by adopting favorable legislation on trade.



## COMPREHENSIVE ARAB CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION IN MALAYSIA



The Arab Media Group, in cooperation with the Malaysian Ministry of Entrepreneurship Development and sponsored by the Arab Ambassadors Council in Malaysia, organized the Arab International Conference and Exhibition from 26-28 July, the first of its kind in Malaysia in terms of events, countries, companies and individuals. As well as for the first time a ceremony honoring graduates in Malaysia from all Arab countries.

The conference was attended by a number of high profile officials from Arab embassies in Malaysia including ambassadors and representatives.

The Malaysian government which was hosting the event was represented by a team led by HE Dr. Dato Mohammad Radwan, Minister of Business Development in Malaysia, who delivered a speech stressing that such event is a special occasion for cultural exchanges between Arab countries and Malaysia, not to mention the common heritage, customs and culture of Islam. Malaysians also recommended the need to learn the Arabic language to strengthen the strong cultural ties between the Arab world and Malaysia.

"These plots help the Arab countries to promote and offer their products and heritage to Malaysia, in addition to enhancing the good image of the Arab communities living in Malaysia," said the former Kuwaiti Ambassador and Dean of the Arab Diplomatic Corps in Malaysia Saad Al Assousi. Minister Mohammad Radwan stressed Malaysia's interest is in promoting cultural and commercial relations with the Arab world.

In turn, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Somalia was an active participant in the conference in all its activities and the Embassy was represented by the commercial attaché to the embassy of Somalia in Malaysia Mohamed Abukar Abdi.

The commercial attaché presented opportunities in Somalia and products that Somalia can offer. The cultural exhibition was presented by Badri Hussein the cultural attaché to the Somali Embassy in Malaysia.

The embassy exhibited a number of pictures, handicrafts and folk food, which reflects the Somali identity and identity, the Somalia corner attracted quite number of people who were amused by the Somali display including Minister Mohammad Radwan and a number of officials and media.

The yearly Comprehensive Arab Conference and Exhibition in Malaysia, 2019 was very important and focused on how to enhance the integration of trade relation between Arab and Asian countries, and Somalia attends the second year.

## SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER WELCOMES NEW COUNTRY DIRECTOR OF UN WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME



The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, H.E. Amb. Ahmed Isse Awad, received on Sunday at his office in the ministry the credentials of the new country director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Somalia, Mr. Cesar Arroyo.

The meeting dealt with the joint cooperation between the Federal Government of Somalia and the World Food Programme and its activities throughout the country, including encouraging Somali farmers by purchasing their agricultural crops, providing employment opportunities for young people, empowering women and paying attention to remote areas of the countryside to improve their livelihoods to reduce recurrent droughts.

The WFP Somalia Country Director stressed the full commitment and cooperation with Somalia for the success of several strategic axes of activities.

## THE OFFICIALS OF THE SOMALI EMBASSY IN UGANDA MEETS WITH BUSINESSMEN AND ACADEMICS LIVES IN UGANDA



The Officials of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Somalia met with Somali businessmen in Uganda and intellectuals from governmental organizations and people who have benefits for the community, although the purpose of the meeting was to get to know each other the new Officials of the embassy and business leaders in Uganda.

The meeting, which took place at the Sheraton Hotel in Kampala, also featured information about the embassy and how it serves its citizens and their participation of rehabilitation of the Embassy.

The Consular of the Embassy, Mr. Jibril Afyare, had first briefed the purpose of the meeting between the Embassy officials and business and academics, and he explained how the embassy serves the Somali community and the services it provides.

D'Affairs in Charge of the Embassy Ali Mohamed Mohamud (Ali Cagaburur), said the new embassy will come with transparency and hard work to boost the reputation of the Somali embassy and citizens in Uganda.

All the figures who attended the meeting promised that they are ready with everything and would work closely with the newly Officials of the Embassy. On the other hand the businessmen asked the D'Affairs in Charge a number of questions in their head, and the Officials explained everything they asked for. Finally, the embassy staff and business leaders jointly commended this meeting and it was also a progressive one, it provided tangible results.



## US AIRSTRIKES TARGET ALSHABAAB HIDEOUT IN GOLIS MOUNTAIN



In coordination with the Federal Government of Somalia, U.S. forces conducted an airstrike in the Golis Mountain region in Northeast Somalia against al Shabaab militants on July 27, 2019. The assessment is that one militant was killed in the strike. There were no reports of civilian casualties at this time. This is part of a coordinated effort between US air force and Somali Security agencies to disrupt Al Shabaab's destabilizing efforts in Somalia

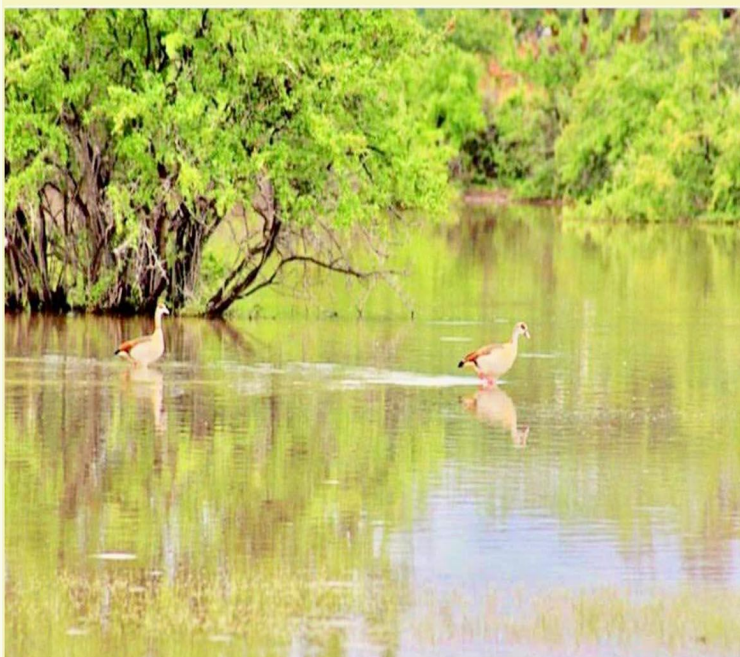
## SOMALI FOREIGN MINISTER DISCUSSES RELATIONS AND COOPERATION WITH THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR



Mogadishu, July 30, 2019 - The Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, H.E. Amb. Ahmed Isse Awad, received on Tuesday in Mogadishu the Dutch Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, HE Mr. Frans Makken, during which he discussed enhancing bilateral relations and means of cooperation in security, justice, immigration and education.

The meeting, which discussed several other agendas of common interest between the two friendly countries, was attended by the national security adviser to the Somali presidency, Mr. Abdisaid Muse Ali, director of the Department of America and Europe for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Mr. Abdidahir Abdirahman Abdi and other officials, including a representative from the Somali Immigration and Naturalization Directorate.

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