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PETITION FROM MR. ABUJTAHI ALI HASSAN CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rules F and L of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council, to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, and to the Governments of Colombia, Egypt, and the Philippines as members of the Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, two communications dated 10 and 11 July 1951 from Mr. Abdullahi Hassan concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration. These communications were transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

10 July 1951

I was a soldier in the British Army in Lugh Ferrandi and I remained in the army even after the administration had been taken over by Italy.

On 15 September 1950 I was sent with other soldiers to the bush close to the Ethiopian border to take away camels from the local Somalis. One day I was asleep in the shade of a tree to which one of the camels was tied. A Somali came from the bush and assaulted me. He broke two fingers of my left hand. This was a revenge for the taking of the camels.

I was sent to the hospital and the man who injured me was put into prison where he remained until the present day. When I was dismissed from the hospital, I claimed justice against this man from the Cadi in Lugh Ferrandi. The Cadi decided that I should receive 12 camels as a payment of damages. However, the tribe of the man who had injured me protested against the decision of the Cadi and refused to pay me any compensation. They referred the matter to the Cadi in Baidoa. I was called before him to have my injured hand examined by him and by the chiefs. They all agreed that I should receive 12 camels.

I presented my claim to the Commissioner in Baidoa. He referred me to the authorities in Lugh Ferrandi. I gave all the records of the case to the "Maresciallo" in Lugh Ferrandi. When later I went to him to inquire about the settlement of my claim, I was told by the "Maresciallo" that the papers had been lost and until the present day I have received no compensation.

Thumbprint:-

Abdullahi Ali Hassan

/11 July 1951.

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I was an "ilalo" under the British administration for seven years at Lugh Ferrandi, and remained in service after the Italian administration took over until 15 June 1951.

The Resident of Lugh Ferrandi, on 15 Ramadan last, sent me and another "ilalo" in the bush to fetch a camel that had escaped and bring it back to Lugh.

Upon arrival at Lugh, the camel escaped again, and the two "ilalos" reported the fact to the Resident. The Resident, then called the owner of the camel, Ali Deghine, Elai tribe, and asked him if he was ready to sell the camel or not.

When the owner told the Resident that he did not sell the camel, the latter turned to me and told me that I was discharged from service because through my negligence the camel had escaped again. The other "ilalo" remained in service, and only I was sent away.

Afterwards, as I saw that the Resident did not want to hear from me anymore, I went to the Provincial Commissioner in Baidoa and told him the story of what had happened to me at Lugh Ferrandi and the Commissioner told me to go back to Lugh and look after the camel that had escaped.

So, I returned to Lugh and found out that the owner was again in possession of his camel, which fact I reported back to the Resident; and as the camel was found back, I wanted my job back as "ilalo" with the administration. The Resident sent me away telling me that I, Abdullahi Ali Hassan, had nothing to do anymore with the "ilalo" corps.

I went back to the Commissioner at Baidoa and told him what the Resident had done to me and the Commissioner also turned me away.

I complain against the Italian administration because I was discharged from services without any justifiable reason.

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Abdullahi Ali Hassan.