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PETITION FROM MR. SALAH ABDI MOHAMED MUSSE  
CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 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, a communication dated 2 October 1951 from Mr. Salah Abdi Mohamed Musse concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa.

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Mogadishu, 2nd October 1951

To:

THE PRESIDENT

THE U.N. VISITING MISSION

MOGADISHU

Your Excellency,

I, the undersigned SALAH ABDI MOHAMED MUSSE, most respectfully beg to submit the following few lines for your kind consideration:

I have to state that I am one of the somali traders, who, during the month of April 1950, were looted at Baidoa. In fact, like the other traders, my property were all looted and my house destroyed by the mob, which is believed were instigated by the local authorities. I do not wish to enumerate how the incident took place at Baidoa, since the U.N. Advisory Council had kindly reported the matter to the United Nations.

Object of my present petition is, through the President and the Members of the U.N. Visiting Mission, ask the August Trusteeship Council to take necessary and appropriate steps in order that -- since the incident was instigated by the local authorities of A.F.I.S. -- the Administration is instructed to repay me all the items robbed from me during the lootings in Baidoa. A list of the items looted from me is herewith enclosed.

I would like further to state that, the Administration after evacuating us to Mogadiscio, has promised that our shops, restaurants, and houses will be repaired by the local authorities and that a compensation will be given to us. Further it was also promised that the looted traders will be given every facilities on their commercial activity to that currency restriction will not be imposed upon them. None of these promises had been fulfilled by the Administration.

I close this humble petition in the hope that your Excellency will not fail to carefully consider it, so that justice be done in the light of the democratic principles of the United Nations.

Meantime, I beg to be forgiven for having disturbed you and trespassed your valuable time. I am anxiously awaiting your early and favourable reply with many thanks in anticipation.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant  
(signed) SALAH ABDI MOHAMED MUSSE

The following is a list of the goods belonging to Mr. Salah Abdi Mohamed Musse looted during the riot which occurred at Ischia Baidoa in April 1950:

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| 5 concrete walls damaged, with windows and doors smashed | S/1,000.00 |
| 11 sacks of sugar  | 1,760.00   |
| 11 boxes of shiabi (tea)                                 | 990.00     |
| 12 cows (8 large and 4 small)                            | 1,205.00   |
| 20 mats at 25 shillings each                             | 500.00     |
| - complete furnishing of a store                         | 759.75     |
| 4 "taniche" of oil                                       | 300.00     |
| 2 pairs of scales  | 240.00     |
| 10 zinc-lined casks (empty)                              | 350.00     |
| 2 petarmax and 2 lamp-stands                             | 180.00     |
| 10 sacks of white dura                                   | 300.00     |
| 5 sacks of flour   | 600.00     |
| 3 taniche of butter                                      | 210.00     |
| 3 mattresses at 70 shillings each                        | 210.00     |
| 10 wall carpets 5x8 at 10 shillings each                 | 100.00     |
| 23 iron plates   | 414.00     |
| - clothing for nine persons of different sizes           | 1,119.00   |
| 1 chassis of a "18 B.L." truck                           | 100.00     |
| 6 ewes at 16 shillings each                              | 96.00      |
| 1 donkey   | 75.00      |
| - kitchen utensils                                       | 300.00     |
| 5 somali trunks for the home                             | 200.00     |
| 15 kgs. of 8 cm. nails at 3.50 shillings the kg.         | 52.50      |
| 3 wooden beds at 15 shillings each                       | 45.00      |
| 13 boards 5x44 cm. at 12.50 shillings each               | 162.50     |
| 6 chairs (2 chaises-longues and 4 chairs)                | 70.00      |
| 4 boards at 12 shillings each                            | 48.00      |
| 8 pillows at 10 shillings each                           | 80.00      |
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| Shillings  | 11,466.75  |

(signed) SALAH ABDI MOHAMED MUSSE