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PETITION FROM THE SOMALI YOUTH LEAGUE, BRANCH OF GALCAIO
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 the Somali Youth League, Branch of Galcaio 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, and forms a supplement to the petition set forth in document T/PET.11/112.

APPENDIX A

Gentlemen,

We would like to mention therein some of the facts already stated in (para A sub-para 2 to 5), in detail.

- 1) On 18th June 1950, tribal strifes had taken place at a place called "FINLEI" where a man was killed and 6 were injured, 300 camels looted. No police action was taken despite the chiefs of both sides were repeatedly asking for intervention, no error was absolutely corrected by the local Authority.
- 2) On 22nd June 1950, another tribal conflict has been occurred at the town, half a mile from the Galkayu where 8 men were killed, 26 wounded and 500 camels, 1530 goats and 300 cattles were looted. No police action accordingly taken place and, even, no police party were sent at the scene.
- 3) On 24th July 1950, a third tribal fighting occurred at a place called "DIBIRA", not far from the town where 300 men were killed, 90 injured and 1534 camels, 612 cattles and 2687 goats looted. No action was taken but after 6 days from the date of the incident, some policemen and illaloes have been sent to the spot despite the incident was reported a day after the occurrence. By these, no arrests were made no animals were recovered from both sides and they returned back after slaughtering many animals by force.

On arrival of these at Galkayu, a strong protest against such an indifference and connivance on the part of the Authority, had been made by the peoples concerned and therefore police party supported by 15 armoured cars and 3 planes were sent to the scene in order to avoid from further incident. As this latter place (DIBIRA) is a place near of which are water wells, and nomadic villages, the party with its planes and armoured cars had immediately assailed on them killing 500 men, wounding uncountable numbers, and, in that circumstance, 93 persons were arrested who, after months of detention, were released. No error was corrected by the Authority. This was happened on 29 July 1950.

- 4) On 16 August 1950, a grenade carrying on by one Ahmed Giana Warabe, one the prominent pro-Italians, was exploded whilst he was coming from the Italian residential quarters and he was seriously injured. According to his voluntary confession, this was given to him by the Resident called Dottor Franco Comella (District Commissioner) in order to throw it to the S.Y.L.'s Secretary Mr. Hagi Abdirahman Mohamed. He confessed it because of having been deprived from what was offered to him.

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- 5) On 1 October 1950 incident had taken place at "Berda-Haskul" very near to Galkayu where 3 somals were killed. No police action was taken.
- 6) On 31st Oct. 1950, another trouble took place at "BEIRA" 16 miles Galkayu where 3 somals were killed. No action was taken.
- 7) On 2nd Set. 1950, the Cadi (ISLAMIC Magistrate) of Galkayu, Shek Mohamed Mohamud was severely beaten by one Ahmed Yare Omar Deghed, one of the exponent pro-Italians, who latter confessed that he was instigated by the local Authority. This was occured in the market and no action was taken.
- 8) On 21st Dicember 1950, a reputable trader, Ali Mohamed Gawido was stuben with a dagger by one called Herzi Giama (Jangoan) who was District Commissioner's Interpreter in Galkayu. This happened in the market and no action was taken.
- 9) On 5th March 1951, strifes took place in Galkayu where 30 men were injured. This was the moment in which the Political Secretary well-known Dott. Benerdelli was in Galkayu for visit. No action was taken despite the Officers came out from the Offices and photographed the happening, instead of stopping. !!!
- 11) On 8th July 1951 a strong police party supported by three armoured cars, were to a place called "WARGALO" attacking nomadics there, 72 huts were burned, one child who was in a hut was burn and died, guns were fired to the animals in order to chase them for the loos of habitants. ALAS !!!!! what a tyranny and inhumanity.!!!
- 12) The party had seized the control of all wells of that region preventing the nomadics from watering, in consequence of which an emmense number of animals had died because of thirsty, not only this but uncount above numbers of animals were forcibly slaughtered by the police without payment. 3 girls were disvergened.
- 13) On 31st August 1951, another incident happened at "Ghelinsor" where 2 somals were killed, one injured and 60 camels were looted. No action was taken.
- 14) On 4th Sept. 1951 a chief Giama Hassan "Gibin" was beaten by the President of the (Lega Progressista) Hagi Mussa Samantar and party is Italian clerk, in the District Commissioner Office, no action was taken.
- 15) On 11th Sept. 1951 the above mentioned clerk, Hagi Mussa Samantar was beaten in the market at the presence of 2 police-men, and no action was taken.
- 16) On 22nd Sept. 1951, above mentioned chief Giama Hassan (Gibin) was seriously beaten in the market for reprisal, and no action was taken.

A P P E N D E X B

- 1) As stated in (para sub para 4) In 3rd June 1950 a member of Somali youth League, Ahmed Mohamed Loian was arrested from the S.Y.L's location, taken to the Police Station in which he was badly beaten and kept in their cell for about 10 days after which period he was convicted by the Italian "Maresciallo" for one Month I.H.L. without justifiable offence and without having opportunity to defend himself. As from the date of his discharge from the prison the member is in bed, suffering from unvisible wounds in the principle Organs.
- 2) On 29 July 1951 a man was arrested from the market for carrying out a cane. He was badly beaten and sentenced for one month imprisonment by the "Maresciallo" (Italian Inspector).
- 3) On 30 July 1951, 20 Somals who were playing a traditional dance out side the town were arrested and punished So.20/- each.
- 4) 19th August 1951, a man was beaten in the Market of Galkayu by the Police and he was brought to the Hospital being unconscious for 20 hours, who then was sent to the Prison without unjustifiable reason.

As you see, the Police are carrying the Laws in the hands; they are beaten the people in the public and in their offices. Any person arrested by the Police is like a person taken by Lion into its cave, and has not hope to alive any longer, because they beat the people from the principle Organs. ALAS!! What a torture! Where is the democracy and the human rights?

Signed by

S.Y.L.'s Secretary, Ahmed Mohamed _____

Galkayu 2nd October 1951.