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PETITION FROM MR. ABDULLAHI MAHAMUD HASSAN MOHAMED
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, a communication dated 14 December 1951 from Mr. Abdullahi Mahamud Hassan Mohamed concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

Mogadishu, 14th. December, 1951.

THE PRESIDENT,
THE U.N. ADVISORY COUNCIL
FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY OF SOMALILAND,
MOGADISCIO.

Sir,

I, the undersigned ABDULLAHI MAHAMUD HASSAN MOHAMED, have the honour to submit this humble petition before your honour's valuable comprehension and equous justice, in the strong hope that same will be benevolently taken into careful consideration.

On the 11th. December, 1951, at about 1430 hrs I left Mogadishu on a Diesel truck which I rent for So.1.500/- to Galkayu, with a load of 58 qls., 37 of which were sugar, 15 Rice, 6 boxes of various goods and 20 passengers.

On arrival at 4 Km. from Mogadishu, we were caught by 4 Motorcycles ride by Italian Carabinieri, who escorted us back to Mogadishu, and taking us to the Caserma Carabinieri Maggiore ALFREDO SERRANTI, which is situated near the Airdrome. There we have been instructions to unload the truck. I asked the Carabinieri if they could bring porters to do so but they refused my request, and threatened me for imprisonment unless I unloaded truck by myself. I carried out the orders and unloaded the truck with the help of some of the passengers. But what was my surprise was that I was again ordered to pour out the sugar and rice into other empty sacks. I have also carried out that terrific order. As the result of inadequate porters a quantity of the sugar and rice to the value of So.400/- have remained scattered on the scene and lost. Five sacks of the Rice were tornout for mismanagement. All the boxes were also opened although most of them were sealed from the factories, some of the contents of these boxes were damaged such as packages of "Pasta" ect.

On completion of their search, the carabinieri found nothing in the truck. At that time they have ordered to leave Mogadishu and they escorted the truck away, upto the Balad road. I remained behind and had to come on foot to Mogadishu. In addition to that, we have been detained from 1500 hrs to 1900 hrs on the same day.

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In view of the above circumstances, and in consideration of the unhuman injustices I have been subjected by the Carabinieriis, I appeal to your good sense of impartial justice and humanity and meantime beg the Members of the U.N. Advisory Council to carefully consider this case of mine, and beg to ask you to please use your influence on the A.F.I.S. so that an indemnity of damages be paid to me, in view of the heavy loss I have sustained by the deliberate actions of the carabinieriis.

Thanking you.

I beg to remain, Sir,
Your most obedient servant

(signed) A.Mohamed - Galcaio

ABDULLAHI MAHAMUD HASSAN MOHAMED
Trader of Galkayu (Somaliland).
