



GENERAL

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2 June 1952

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

PETITION FROM SHEIKH HASSAN HAJI ALI OMAR T/SHEKAL 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 3 May 1952 from Sheikh Hassan Haji Ali Omar T/Shekal 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.

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Mogadishu, 3rd May 1952

To:

THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,
THE U.N. ADVISORY COUNCIL,
MOGADISHU.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your kind letter COM/453^{1/} dated 12th ultimo, acknowledging receipt of my petition whose copy was submitted by me to the Advisory Council, and am delighted to hear that it was forwarded to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York, for which I thank you ever so much.

I understand now that 13 elements figuring as exponents of the village of Mobareck (Audegle), have arbitrarily divided part of the village's land to Sig. Pelligrini, while the rest of the cultivation land, it is stated, will remain to the population of the village. May I be allowed to state that we understand that such agreement was reached between the said 13 corrupted elements with and the Commissario del Benadir together with the Resident of Afgoi, who are the only persons who have influenced and corrupted the 13 persons above named. My farm is included to the ceded land, as well as the farms of my several relatives amongst whom are small orphans. I wish to point out that these 13 persons have neither legal nor moral rights or otherwise to dispose of such lands. Further no one of them has ever possessed or actually possesses even an inch of the lands which they now pretend to cede to Sig. Pelligrini, by the instigation of the Commissario del Benadir and the Resident of Afgoi.

I am confident that your honour shall not fail to bring to the attention of the Council the contents of this letter. Moreover, I hope that the U.N. Advisory Council shall not fail to intervene on the matter, begging you in the meantime to take into due consideration the fact that the said Sig. Pelligrini and his 13 corrupted elements wish by all means to misappropriate our legitimate land property, whose production is the only source of livelihood of my family as well as my numerous small orphan relatives.

Before closing my letter, I wish to state that no reply to my petition of the 12th April 1952 has been as yet received by me either from the Resident of Afgoi, to whom it was addressed, nor from the Secretary-General of A.F.I.S., to whom a copy of same was transmitted.

1/ Note by the Secretariat: The document referred to above was sent to the Advisory Council for information and was circulated to the members of the Trusteeship Council as T/COM.11/L.14.

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I rest assured that you will take all necessary steps of intervention in this vital issue of mine, your help is greatly appreciated with many thanks in anticipation.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(signed in Arabic)

SHEIKH HASSAN HAJI ALI OMAR T/ Shekal,
Mobareck,
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Received by the U.N. Advisory Council in Mogadiscio on 3 May 1952
