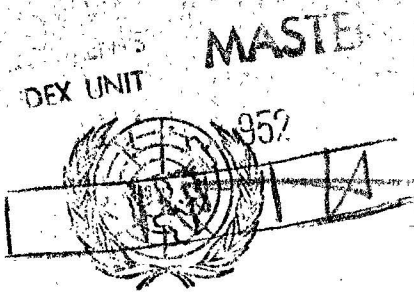


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PETITION FROM MR. NUR MOHAMED AND OTHERS CONCERNING  
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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 19 March and 31 May 1952 from Mr. Nur Mohamed and others 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.

Translated from Italian

Mogadiscio 19 March 1952

To: H.E. Ambassador Giovanni Fornari,  
Administrator of Somaliland,  
Mogadiscio.

To: The United Nations Advisory Council,  
Mogadiscio.

We the undersigned MOHAMED MADO; NUR MOHAMED and ABDULKADIR OMAROU, all living in the villages of Belet-Rahma and Manomoffi (Margherita District), have the honour to submit to Your Excellencies a strong protest against the Gallotti Firm for having arbitrarily and without our knowledge started to clear a piece of land of about 400 hectares located in the village of Manomoffi (Residency of Margherita) belonging collectively to the Somali population which lives in the aforesaid villages and is represented by the undersigned and the following other persons from the villages in question:- NUR HILLOULE; MAHAMUD ABCOU; MOHAMED OSMAN SCIANGOLO; Chief ALI MOHAMED IERO'; Chief BALLASI NASSIB; Chief ALI SCIA; Chief ABCOU AHMED; Chief MAHAMUD OCKAR; Chief SCIARIF MOHAMED. and Chief NJLA MAFICA.

1) We would like to draw the kind attention of Your Excellencies to the fact that immediately after the arbitrary beginning of the clearing work on the above-mentioned piece of land, we went to see the Resident of Margherita who informed us that although the land did not belong to the Gallotti Firm, this Firm would make a contract with the collective owners of the land. Although we thought that such a contract was not practicable since the Gallotti firm -- as if it were its own property -- started work on the land without our knowledge, we asked the Resident how a private firm can take the liberty of starting work on land which does not belong to it and without the knowledge of the owners. We added also that the work on our land should not be continued if no agreement were reached on the contract to be stipulated in case the collective owners concerned would agree among themselves. Although the Resident made the writers believe that a contract would be stipulated, up to now it has not even been talked about, and for reasons unknown up to the present time to the legitimate owners of the land or perhaps because in this territory there is no democratic law which protects the property of others from similar abuses which tend to permit the illegal possession of it, the work on our land continues despite our strong protests.

2) We deplore that the Italian Trusteeship Administration, represented by the local Resident must, in order to take our property from us by force, deprive us even of the freedom of correspondence; in fact in order to protest against the arbitrary and illegal possession of our land by the Gallotti Firm, we addressed a telegram to H.E. the Administrator of Somaliland and to the United Nations Advisory Council but the Resident forbade the transmission of the telegram. For this reason, and because about 200 workers are employed

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by the Gallotti Firm on work on our land, we were compelled to seek the wise justice of Your Excellencies so that you do not fail to intervene immediately in this vital question of ours and that the work on our land be stopped.

In view of the above, we the undersigned representatives trust that Your Excellencies will immediately intervene in order to protect our property in accordance with Article 14 of the Trusteeship Agreement for this Territory and to have the work on the above-mentioned land suspended as soon as possible. In the meantime, we are anxiously awaiting a speedy and favourable reply on this matter from Your Excellencies while we avail ourselves of this opportunity to thank you in advance with our kindest regards.

Your Excellencies' devoted servants,

- (sgd) 1. MOHAMED MADO  
2. NUR MOHAMED  
3. ABDULKADIR OMAROU

Received by the United Nations Advisory Council in Mogadiscio on 16 June 1952

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Telegram

Chisimaio

31 May 1952

To: Administration of Somaliland, Mogadiscio  
To: United Nations Advisory Council, Mogadiscio  
To: Central Committee, Somali Youth League, Mogadiscio  
To: Commissariat, Chisimaio (by hand)

With reference to our preceding protest, we inform Your Excellency that the Gallotti firm has begun work with machines without requesting consent from the interested persons. Four persons have been arrested and the other interested persons are being intimidated by the local authorities who are attempting to give every possible help to their compatriots. The land in question is our legitimate property, therefore the declaration made by Sceek Abduluahab is right since he has never been the owner of the land in question. We have faith in Your Excellencies and in justice.

For the inhabitants of Manamoffa  
Nur Mohamed

For the inhabitants of Bele Rahma  
Mallim Hassan Iacub

Received by the United Nations Advisory Council in Mogadiscio on 31 May 1952

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