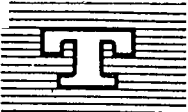


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PETITION FROM MR. NUR ALLAKAL AND OTHERS CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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 and 23 October 1951 from Mr. Nur Allakal and others concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

These communications were transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration, and form a supplement to the petition set forth in document T/PET.11/65.

Villaggio, 19th. October, 1951.

To:-

THE PRESIDENT,
THE U.N. ADVISORY COUNCIL,
MOGADISHU.

Copy to: H.E. GIOVANNI FORNARI - ADMINISTRATOR,
A. F. I. S.

MOGADISHU.--

Sir,

We the undersigned HAJI GAIMAH GAAL GURRI, MAHAD OMAR ALLIN IDO members of the Rer Kussow; YUSUF AHMED ALI GUHOW, OMAR MALLIM HUSSEIN MALLIM members of the Rer Omar Hagi; ABDULLAHI MALLIM ALI OMAR, MUMIN SALAT AHMED BARRE members of the Rer Ebis Addo; HAJI MUDDAI AHMED MAHAMUD, MAHAMOUD MAHAD MAHAMUD ADAN members of the Rer Gassar and ISLAO MUSSE MAHAMUD DECLE, HAJI NOOR OSMAN HAJI of the Rer Wackle, all prominent members and elders of the five Rers composing the whole Walamoi tribe inhabiting the 12 villages of: Bulu Ahmed, Sabow, Muryale, Lama Wab, Magadley, Gaffai, Bur Bisharo, Gheda Berkan, Timirè, Giohar, Balgurie, Bayahow, having undertood that the undermentioned pro-italian elements have addressed recently a letter^{1/} to the U.N. Advisory Council and the Italian Administration in regard to the land of the Walamoi tribe at present in dispute, have the honour to expose what follows:-

1) That Haji Abdi Isgove, Scek Ahmed Scek Ali, Seck Ahmed Mohamed Thabit and Scek Hassan Scek Mohamed Oiyaye, have no influence and authority over the tribesmen of the Walamoi tribe, on whose behalf they pretend to side with the S.A.I.S. The contents of their letter, therefore, cannot be taken into serious consideration, since Haji Abdi Isgove, who pretends to be the Chief of the Walamoi tribe is not recognised by the tribesmen from the day he did act against

1/ Note by the Secretariat: Reference is presumably made here to a communication dated 17 September 1951 from Haji Abdulla Isgove, Scek Ahmed Mohamed and Scek Hassan Scek Mohamed Oiaia, addressed to the Administrator of Somalia. A copy of this communication was sent for information to the United Nations Advisory Council, and will be listed in the communications received by the Trusteeship Council, and is available upon request to members of the Trusteeship Council.

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the true interests and welfare of our tribe by openly siding with the S.A.I.S. which corrupts him continuously; as for the Khadi of Villaggio by name Scek Ahmed Scek Ali, he cannot in no way interfere with the affairs of the Walamoi tribe, for apart from his being corrupted by the S.A.I.S., he is an employee of the Administration and he should therefore limit his activity solely by carrying out his government duty; as for the other two elements: Scek Ahmed Mohamed and Scek Hassan Scek Mohamed Oiyaya, they have no right whatsoever to meddle with the affairs of the Walamoi tribe, so far as they are not entitled to do so.

2) Our tribesmen have long ago realized the serious economic agricultural condition in which miserably they are thrown in, and to the effect they have not only protested verbally against the S.A.I.S. possessing illegally our lands of about 46,000 hectares, but written documents have been submitted to both the former BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION OF SOMALIA and to the ITALIAN TRUSTEESHIP ADMINISTRATION FOR SOMALILAND. To this effect, let us have the honour to draw your kind attention to the fact that NO OUTSIDER have ever meddled with the affairs of the Walamoi tribe in regard to this land dispute, as the above mentioned unrecognised elements would wish you to understand.

3) The Walamoi tribesmen are prepared to produce eye-witnesses amongst the members of the tribesmen itself, persons who were present on the occasion when the S.A.I.S. evicted illegally our land in 1921. The alleged contract has never been signed by any Chief or prominent person of the Walamoi tribe at that time. In fact, we are prepared to produce some members of our tribesmen who were deported to the Mijertein for 4 years only because they refused to sign a contract which the S.A.I.S. brought to them.

4) We wish to state in this letter that, should the above mentioned pro-italian and S.A.I.S. elements would not refrain themselves from interfering with the affairs of our tribe, not only the S.A.I.S. but also the local authority and consequently the A.F.I.S. shall be responsible for any eventual consequences which might arise.

5) The bearers of this letter: NOOR ALLAKAL, ISLAO DASHOW, HILOWLE GULED, MOHAMED ABGALO and MUMIN MUSTAFFOW are the accredited representatives of the Walamoi tribe and have full power to alight you with further details verbally in this regard should they be asked to do so.

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6) We deeply thank the U.N. Advisory Council for having sent a mission to a part of the land in question during the month of September 1951. We wish to invite the U.N. Advisory Council again to send a mission to visit our villages in order to investigate the veradicity of our assertions and to find out whether there is any member of our tribesmen who recognize that the land in dispute has ever been sold to the S.A.I.S.

We enclose this humble letter, fully trusting that your Excellency will not fail to see that the land in question is immediately restored to the Walamoi tribe. Please consider the fact that, in order to be continuously bribed, the elements aforenamed have submitted the letter that we came to know now. Their assertion, we hope, will not be taken into consideration and shall be repudiated.

While we beg to be forgiven for having inportuned in wasting your valuable working time, we look forward to receiving your reply in this vital issue, and meanwhile we thank you very much.

We beg to remain,

Sir,

Your most obedient servants.

PROMINENT MEMBERS AND ELDERS OF THE WHOLE WALAMOI TRIBE RESIDING IN THE VILLAGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE VILLAGBROZZI RESIDENT:

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| 1. HAJI GALMAN GAAL, Rer Kussow
(sgd) | 2. MAHAD OMAR ALLIN IDO, Rer Gussow
(sgd) |
| | <u>Finger prints</u> |
| 3. YUSUF AHMED ALI GUHOW, Rer Omar Haji | " |
| 4. OMAR MALLIM HUSSEN, Rer Omar Haji | " |
| 5. ABDULLAHI MALLIM ALI, Rer Ebbis | " |
| 6. MUMIN SALATAHAMED, Rer Ebbis | " |
| 7. HAJI MUDDEI AHMED MAHAMUD, Rer Gassar
Maccaran | " |
| 8. MAHAMUD MAHAD MAHAMUD ADAN | " |
| 9. ISLAO MUSSA MAHAMUD DEKLE, Rer Wagle | " |
| 10. HAJI NOOR OSMAN HAJI, Rer Wagle | " |

/Mogadishu

Mogadishu, 23rd October, 1951.

To:-

THE PRESIDENT,
THE U.N. ADVISORY COUNCIL,
MOGADISHU.

Sir,

We, the undersigned representatives of the Walamoy tribe, have the honour to bring to your kind attention that the S.A.I.S. have started to build up the road which was traced some 3 months ago in the middle of the farms of the Walamoy tribe. On many occasions we had the opportunity to state that the only purpose of building up such a road within the farms is that of illegally coming into possession in the near future and by adding the cultivation land of the Walamoy tribesmen to the S.A.I.S.' plantation. Indeed, the road would serve as a border and all cultivation land which are to be found on the other side of the road shall become automatically the property of the S.A.I.S.

The building up of the said road has begun on 19th. 1st. One member of our tribe residing in Timirè village, and who owns a farm at the other side of the road, named ALI AHMED MOHAMMED, while crossing the road, was assailed and beaten by some 5 policemen and immediately taken to Villabruzzi prisons without any plausible reason. Some hundreds of the Somali Police Force elements, all armed to the teeth, are amassed at our villages (Gheda Berkan and Timirè) and have been imparted with strong instruction to prevent our people from going to farm, while on the other hand our livestock could not go for grazing to the Walamoy farms behind the road. Our tribesmen having fully come to understand that their only source of living is being deprived from them, although the question of their cultivation land had been brought to the attention of the U.N. Advisory Council verbally and in writing; having noted that the said road threatens their legitimate land property and is being now built up; having ascertained the fact that not only their livestock is prevented from grazing on the tribe's cultivation land at the other side of the road, but that the local authorities wish to provoke a disturbance in the villages by unjustly imprisoning our people who go to farm as in the case of ALI AHMED MOHAMMED (who was severely and

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unhumanly beaten by policemen and consequently imprisoned); having persuaded our people not to be influenced by the policemen provocation for disturbances and desisted them from shedding blood on a matter which is under the consideration of the U.N. Advisory Council, we beg your Excellency, in the name of justice and humanity to take immediate appropriate steps ensuring the safeguarding of our legitimate property. We ask this because we are convinced that should our requests fail to be considered, there might arise fatal and inevitable consequences in view of the present critical situation of the Walamoy tribesmen. We wish to know once and for all whether the A.F.I.S.' intention is to support the illegal acts and unfounded pretext of the S.A.I.S. which desire to misappropriate our cultivation land - as it did in the past -, and if so, we feel it is our duty to state that the A.F.I.S. will be the sole responsible source for any eventual consequences which might happen.

Our people for 3 consecutive months are awaiting that the U.N. Advisory Council intervene in this vital issue, but in vain. This suspense is creating distrust and uncertainty in our people, and they are right to believe that the U.N. Advisory Council, apart from having full power to intervene on important and vital matters that need the appliance of the Trusteeship Agreement provisions, it seems that it even lacks that sense of importance and the privilege of influencing the Administering Authority by desisting the use of colonial policy on this Trust Territory. Are we then to believe that the foremost principles of the United Nations in respect to dependent people that "the interests of the indigenous inhabitants are paramount" is just a mere printed philosophy on a piece of paper? If not why the Advisory Council fail to safeguard the interests of our tribe, which tribe form - by its inhabiting along the Shebelle river - one of the foremost factor playing a major role on the economy of this Trust Territory?

Sir, this letter might seem strong in its wording, but the only aim and object is not to be subjugated and deprived of our cultivation legitimate land by means of misappropriation and false pretence in the eyes of the U.N. Advisory Council. We hope that your Excellency will well interpret our anxiousness for becoming conscious of and enjoying the human rights' pretence for respect for their property.

We shall

We shall be extremely grateful if Your Excellency be so kind enough as to give us final reply on the question of the land dispute with the S.A.I.S. and to influence the Administering Authority to stop its present policy creating the provocation of serious disturbances in the villages of the Walamoy tribe.

Thanking you in anticipation.

We beg to remain, Sir
your most obedient servants.

	<u>Finger prints</u>
1. NOOR ALLAKAL	"
2. MAHAMOUD ABGALLOW	"
4. ISLAO DASHO	"
5. MUMIN MADAFFOW	"
3. HILOWIE GULED	

Received by the United Nations Advisory Council in Mogadiscio on 26 October 1951.
