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PETITION FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOMALI YOUTH LEAGUE,
KISMAYU 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 27 April 1952 from the Local Committee of the Somali Youth League, Kismayu, 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

SOMALI YOUTH LEAGUE
Kismayu

To H.E. the Administrator of Somaliland,
Italian Trusteeship Administration of Somaliland,
Mogadiscio.

To H.E. the Chairman of the United Nations
Advisory Council,
Mogadiscio.

For information to: The Commissariat of Lower Juba
Kismayu.

" " " The Central Committee of the S.Y.L.,
Mogadiscio.

Your Excellencies:

We, the undersigned members of the Local Committee of the Somali Youth League Branch of Kismayu, take the liberty strongly to protest by this letter against the unjust arrest, which took place on 25 March 1952, of five members of our Committee and of two S.Y.L. members accused and suspected of having participated in the attack on a certain Scerif Salah Omar and a friend of his, which occurred on the evening of the 24th of the same month.

Although it is just to have suspicions in such a serious case, we regret to note that this suspicion is directed only and especially against the members of our association. We observe that it is impossible to arrest the true culprit in a town like Kismayu where thousands of people live, when ~~neither~~ Scerif nor his friend were able to give to the police any clue which could lead to the apprehension of the offenders.

After having waited for twenty days, certain that the hand of justice would not fail to catch the true culprit, the local police did not succeed in its investigation, that is, it was unable to find a clue leading to the person or persons who committed the crime; instead they arrested innocent persons belonging to our association.

We believe that by arresting only members of the S.Y.L. the police acted in a biased manner.

Your Excellencies, we have informed you of what is stated above in order that you be informed of the partial way in which justice and the arrest procedure are being used against the population of Kismayu, and we are certain that you will take action in the matter.

/In the meantime

In the meantime we earnestly request Your Excellencies to release the seven members of our association who are not guilty of this crime.

We await a favourable reply, and we thank you in advance.

Yours respectfully,

Members of the Local Committee of the
S.Y.L. Branch of Kismayu

(signed) Bascir Ali
Mohamed Salam
Mohamed Gisma
Salad Abdi
Aud Mohamed
Iusuf Issa
Ahmed Hagi Mohamed

27 April 1952

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SOMALI YOUNG LEAGUE
Kismayu

Received by the U.N. Advisory Council in Mogadiscio on 6 May 1952
