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OF THE LOWER JUBA 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 10 August 1952 from Mr. SceK Hayir and others of the Arab Community of the Lower Juba, 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

To: H.E. The Administrator of Somaliland, Mogadiscio
The Advisory Council of the United Nations, Mogadiscio
The Internal Affairs Office, Mogadiscio
The Lower Juba Commissariat, Chisimaio

We, the undersigned, belonging to the Arab Community of the Lower Juba, address to Your Excellency the present petition in order to request Your Excellency to make use of Your Excellency's prerogatives and, after the recent sad incidents which occurred at Chisimaio, to take measures to have the Somali Youth League dissolved by law as a subversive party since it is opposed to every humane principle of civilized society.

Your Excellency is undoubtedly aware of the sad, criminal, arbitrary, high-handed acts committed by the above-mentioned party against Arabs residing in Somaliland, particularly in the Lower Juba province.

We particularly emphasize the events of April 1950, when we had to suffer all sorts of overbearing acts and vexations: houses pillaged and set on fire; men and women savagely beaten; the assault suffered by the Territorial Councillor Sherif Salah bin Omar, Chief of our community; finally the killing of the Somali Police Inspector, the Arab Auod Salim.

For years we have suffered all vexations, for we love a quiet life, patterned after the concepts of our religion, in which we have often found consolation and the hope that one day men, enlightened by the grace of God, would manage to put an end to a situation that was no longer bearable.

How many among us have been blackmailed by the many rogues who boasted that they were the leaders of that party? How many among us have been threatened with death, so that, to save their lives, they were compelled to open the strings of their purse? And many, many more vexations of all sorts have been perpetrated in the name of a party that has nothing to do with the Somali people, of whom we feel that we form an integral part.

Many times we applied to the highest administrative authority of Somaliland, to the Advisory Council, to the United Nations, but we never had the joy, the satisfaction of seeing that measures were being taken to limit the activity of that party which now, in the light of so many facts, should no longer exist, inasmuch as it acts purely and simply under semi-communist inspiration (in fact it adopted all the worst methods of communism).

Therefore we ask for the dissolution of the Somali Youth League and, believe us, Your Excellency, that such a measure is not only desired by us, but also by the great majority of the Somali people, who, like us, will be able to breathe freely after having been delivered from this nightmare.

/We thank

We thank you and we offer all our moral and material support, should that be necessary, with regard to the United Nations.

Chisimaio, 10 August 1952

(Signed in Arabic)

Scek Hayir
Mohammed Saleh
El Raddy
and others

Received by the United Nations Advisory Council in Mogadiscio on 18 August 1952
