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PETITION FROM THE HIZBIA DIGHIL & MIRIFLE, GELIB
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 12 August 1952 from the Hizbia Dighil & Mirifle, Gelib, 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 Arabic

Written in Gelib on 12 August 1952

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

We have the honour to present to Your Excellency this petition on behalf of the Directorate of the Hizbia Dighil and Mirifle and all its members:

Our Party wishes to express its great sorrow for the painful event of 1 August 1952 in Chisimaio which was instigated by some extreme Somali elements. We consider these people enemies of our country and of the whole of humanity. Verily, such actions are truly barbarious which bring pain even to a nursing baby. That day was a cursed day not only among us but among all those who know of human rights.

Sir, those people responsible for such behaviour have always disregarded public security and have been guilty of a number of similar acts in the past. We had hoped that time would eventually improve them but alas we have seen only that Satan has conquered them and has increased their belligerency. There is no doubt that such people retard all developments in Somaliland and spoil all hopes for the future of the Somali people. For this reason, Excellency, we request that the Party responsible for such actions be outlawed and its doors closed throughout this land so that our nation can rest in peace and live in happiness and comfort.

The President
Hizbia Dighil and Mirifle
Gelib

(Sgd) Hassan Said

Received by the United Nations Advisory Council in Mogadiscio on 24 August 1952.