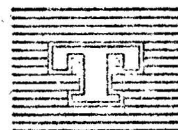


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PETITION FROM MR. SAID MOHAMMED SALIM BEN BARIK AL-JAF'I AND  
OTHERS CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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Petition from: Sa'id Mohammed Salim Barik al-Jaf'i, and brothers,  
Margherita, Somaliland.

Dated: 28 September 1954.

To: The members of the United Nations Visiting Mission

I, the undersigned, Sa'id Mohammed Salim ben Barik al-Jaf'i, and my  
brothers, living at Margherita, Lower Juba region, Somaliland, ask the  
United Nations to consider my case for a moment.

I am the lawful owner of a 260-hectare farm situated at Muka Dalul on the  
bank of the Lower Juba, Margherita area. We have the title deed to the property  
and it is further recorded in the Mohammedan court register in Margherita,  
pages 19-20-21-119-146. I have invested all the money we possess in this land  
and the labour of my family, numbering fifty persons.

Three years after the establishment of the Italian Trusteeship Administration  
in Somaliland an assessment of half of this farm was imposed on us by the  
District Officer at Margherita, Dr. Alberto Baldeli, and a platoon of armed  
soldiers under their sergeant Hussein 'Ali descended on the farm and took  
possession of it by force in September 1952. The land they seized was  
confiscated and given to an Italian engineer named Rivalta. I submitted a  
complaint to the Commissioner of the Lower Juba region, but not only did he not  
reply but he incited the officials under his authority against me, to threaten us

daily so as to force us to give up our farm. We then complained to the Administrator of Somaliland, requesting him to look into the loss of our farm and have repeatedly asked for justice and equity.

After the United Nations Visiting Mission had left our district, the Assistant District Officer, Nur Ahmed, and the District Officer, Dr. Bila Fakhida, incited certain members of the Ogaden tribe against us and ordered them to take the remaining half of our farm by force. We appealed to the Chief of Police to remove the people who had seized our farm, and in reply he told us to inform the United Nations and ask it to do so.

In conclusion, we beg the United Nations to have mercy on us and to have our farm restored to us through its good offices and democratic justice.

May the United Nations live forever and give security to the human race.

(Signed) Sa'id Mohammed ben Barik and brothers,  
Margherite, Somaliland,  
28 September 1954.