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PETITION FROM CHIEF SAFFE ABDULLE AHMED CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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This is to protest against the action of the Commissioner for Upper Jubaland and of Mr. Surdo Natalino, the Resident at Bardera, in prohibiting the Merehan Somalis from coming to see the Trusteeship Council at Bardera. On 29 September 1954 a number of us Somalis went to Bardera to greet the Trusteeship Council and put our questions on various subjects, but we were excluded by the Resident, who issued an order that no persons speaking about the overthrow of the Territory should be allowed to enter. The Resident allowed only a few persons to enter, persons who sold their country for money. The others, who were more numerous, had to go away without seeing the Trusteeship Council.

The Trusteeship Council must inform the United Nations of our desire and of our dissatisfaction at not having seen the Trusteeship Council. We are like prisoners of war, our slightest movement is forbidden. Signed Saffe Abdulle Ahmed, Chief at Bardera.

On behalf of all the Somali people prevented from seeing the Trusteeship Council by order of the Resident. Signed Saffe Abdulle Ahmed, Chief at Bardera.

TO ADVISORY COUNCIL

TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

I protest against the local authority at Bardera. Towards 9.30 a.m. a large number of people came from the Gheedo area at the other side of the river. The Resident ordered fifty police and 25 Ilalos to prevent the people from seeing the Trusteeship Council. The Ilalos and police forcibly drove the people away on the Resident's orders, and the people are accordingly discontented. I am a chief living at Bardera with my family. The Resident forbade me to see the Trusteeship Council thirty days after I had called at his office to explain what happened. He sent me away. I replied: "You are keeping 2,000 men prisoner, and have not informed the Trusteeship Council of the fact." Thus you see what our griefs are, you of the Trusteeship Council, the Advisory Council and the United Nations. The people went away without seeing the United Nations. This so-called Resident is an employee put in office by the Administration, by name Surdo Natalino. I beg you to intervene on our behalf, you of the United Nations, the Advisory Council and the Trusteeship Council. Commissioner Troisse has acted badly because he does not wish to see Somaliland in harmony. A group of colonialist wolves is in control throughout Somaliland, as in Fascist times. I beg you of the United Nations to remove this colonialist group. Many thanks.

(Signed) Chief Saffe Abdulle Ahmed
Chief of the inhabitants of
Bardera.