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PETITION FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RER ABDULLAH TRIBE
CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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Galkayu, 20th Sept. 55

To: The United Nations Advisory Council - Mogadishu

Dear Sir,

The present petitioners, Envoys of Rer Abdullah Tribe submit this humble petition to you to make known their grievance and difficulties sustained through an order issued by the provincial commissioner of Mudugh on 22nd August 55, prohibiting the holding of "SCIR" or Census-Meeting, which by a decree of law it has been authorised for Rer Abdullah to hold on 26th August. The petitioners state that on 5th August Galkayu District Commissioner publicly made known in writing that the turn of Rer Abdulla's SCIR should date on 26th August 55, from 800 to 1800 Hrs. Rendezvous place at ROH, sixty miles away in the north of Galkayu town where at the COMITATO Serveglianza, checking and estimating the peoples should reach there to be in service on the 26th of Aug, 55.

Rer Abdulla, been a nomadic race owning live stocks and in living in different localities throughout the Mudugh pr. had gathered in Roh, waiting the official counters (the Comitato serveglianza).

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The expenditure incurred through: transporting peoples from others localities to Roh, sending by transport: water drums, provisions while on the way to Roh, rations and other human subsistence is being estimated to So. 7985/- from 5th to 22nd of Aug, 55.

The provincial Commissioner of Mudugh declared on 22nd of Aug. before the Comitato sorveglianza had reached at Roh that Rer Abdulla could not hold the nominated Scir. Rer Abdulla's representatives were to Galkayu to see the Prov. Commissioner begging him to repermit their Scir since the whole of Rer Abdulla populations are preparedly waiting at Roh, and that a large expenditure has already been incurred in rations and transports while any future Scir would entail a heavier expenditure that Rer Abdulla would not financially be fit to withstand. The provincial Commissioner insisted in his previous rejection.

Having failed to meet or to find any affirmative dicission by the local authority with respect to our Scir, the following communications were sent to the Chief Administrator, Mogadishu:

A telegramme dated on 23rd of Aug. 55 and other telegramme dated on 27th of Aug. both respecting our Scir's affairs, but no replies to all these communications were received from the Chief Administrator.

Now, having failed to find any justifiable dicission whatsoever on the part of the administering authority and that our Scir was disbanded with no fault of ours, we beg the mercies of the United Nations Organisation to be protected our rights, INDEMNIFY the loss sustained as indicated here above from the administering authority.

Hope to hear the favour of your reply in an early date.

Yours most obedient servants:

Sgd. on behalf of Rer Abdulla tribe.

Mr. Ali Bar Warsama, chief of Rer Abdulla [signed in Arabic]

Mr. Jama Arr Ali, notable

Mr. Aden Gaz Farah, elder

[signed in Arabic]

Mr. Ahmed Hashi Hassan, Trader

Mr. Osman Haji Hassan "

Mr. Barre Jama "

Documents attached:

District Commissioner's letter authorising our Scir, Marked "A"

Petition addressed to Pr. Commissioner dated on 27th Aug. Marked "B"

Telegramme to Chief Administrotor dated on 23rd aug. 55. " "C"

" " " " " 27th aug. 55. " "D"

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"A"

ITALIAN TRUSTEESHIP ADMINISTRATION FOR SOMALILAND
GALCAIO DISTRICT

WHEREAS:

The Ordinance No. 5 of 30 March 1955 makes provision for the election of District Councils;

The Ordinance No. 6 of 31 March 1955 makes provision for the election of the Territorial Council;

Under articles 4 and 7 of the said Ordinance No. 5 the District Commissioner is responsible for appointing the date on which the Shir are to be convened and for designating, at the same time, the Supervisory Committee for every population group that is to meet in Shir;

The spokesmen of the Rer Abdulla tribe have expressed the view that a Shir should be convened;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) It is directed that the Rer Abdulla tribe shall hold its Shir at Roh from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 26 August 1955.
- (2) The following persons are designated members of the Supervisory Committee:

(1) Aden Gaz Farah	Omar Mohamud Rer Abdulla
(2) Osman Haji Hassan	" " " "
(3) Giama Ali Deghei	" " " "
(4) Iassin Nur	Omar Mohamud
(5) Mohamed Mohamud Hersi	Abdirahim Soleman

(Signed) DAHER HAJI
District Commissioner

Galcaio, 5 August 1955

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"B"

To: THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF MUDUGH, Galcaio
For information: THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER OF GALCAIO

We the undersigned, Chiefs, Notables and Elders of the Omar Mohamud -
Rer Abdulla tribe,

Inform the Regional Commissioner that this tribe requests the local authority to indemnify it for the losses recently occasioned by the preparations for the "Shir" which was to have been held at Roh on 26 August. The local authority cancelled our Shir without justification and after we had gone to the trouble of assembling our fellow tribesmen in the said locality, bringing in 58 drums of water, because the place in which the Shir was to have been held is arid, and sending vehicles to various parts of district to transport our fellow tribesmen, at a total cost of 2,155 Somalos; other expenses included 8 quintals of rice at 150 Somalos a quintal, a total of 1,040 Somalos; 3 quintals of sugar of 210 Somalos a quintal, a total of 630 Somalos; 100 packets of tea at 5 Somalos a packet, a total of 500 Somalos, 5 containers of butter at 80 Somalos a container, a total of 400 Somalos; 4 camels of 200 Somalos each, a total of 800 Somalos; and 123 young goats costing 2,460 Somalos - altogether a sum of 7,985 Somalos. All the above is in accordance with local custom, and in addition there were the preparations which took from 5 to 24 August and which involved more than 1,641 of our fellow tribesmen.

We therefore request the repayment of this disbursement because the authority is responsible.

We submit this request and sign:

(Signed) Chief ALI BAR WARSAMA [signed in Arabic]

(Signed) Notable JAMA AR ALI

(Signed) CCM. ADEN GAZ FARAH [signed in Arabic]

(Signed) " AHMED HASHI HASSAN

(Signed) " OSMAN HAJI HASSAN

(Signed) " ALI BARRE JAMA

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TO: H.E. CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF SOMALILAND, Mogadiscio

For information: THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Mogadiscio

ON BEHALF OF THE RER ABDULLA TRIBE WE INFORM YOU WITH REGARD TO THE AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE AUTHORITY FOR THE CONVENING OF A SHIR ON 26 AUGUST THAT AFTER WE HAD INCURRED HEAVY EXPENSE TO ASSEMBLE OUR FELLOW TRIBESMEN THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER SUSPENDED SHIR WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION POPULATION STILL WAITING FOR SHIR TO BE HELD STOP PLEASE CONSIDER CASE

(Signed) ADEN GAZ
OSMAN HAJI
JAMA AR

Galcaio, 23 August 1955

"D"

To: H.E. THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF SOMALILAND, Mogadiscio
For information: DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, Mogadiscio

ON BEHALF OF RER ABDULLE TRIBE WE INFORM YOU THAT SHIR WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN HELD ON 26 AUGUST CANCELLED BY LOCAL AUTHORITY WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION STOP OVER 1641 FELLOW TRIBESMEN HAD ASSEMBLED STOP LOSSES INCURRED AMOUNT TO 7985 SOMALOS IN RESPECT OF FOODSTUFFS AND TRANSPORT PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL CUSTOM STOP YOUR INTERVENTION IS VITAL PLEASE CONSIDER CASE STOP CHIEF ALI BAR WARSAMA, NOTABLE JAMA AR, ADEN GAZ FARAH, AHMED HASHI HASSAN, OSMAN HAJI HASSAN, ALI BARRE JAMA

Galcaio, 27 August 1955
