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FIVE PETITIONS PROTESTING AGAINST LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF MIGIURTINIA CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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I

From: Bosaso 25 D

25 December 1958

Govt. of Somalia - Administrator - Ministry of Interior - Advisory Council - Police Force - Judge of Somalia - Headquarters GSL - Mogadiscio

We declare that on the arrival of the Prefect of the Midjertein region at Bosaso he began a very strong political activity as Prefect to compel the population with arms. He called a meeting of all races inhabiting the locality and offered money for political activity. The DC and police force also obeyed the order of the Prefect. Today they are exerting compulsion on the people for no reason stop We the above party called at the Municipality to collect our cards for the forthcoming elections. They refused to give us same. They are associations of the aforesaid party because we declare the authority is precisely and clearly the SYL party. In this very bad condition we ask the Government to take strong action as a matter of urgency before the election and if possible a broadcast should be made in regard to this matter. Today we are put in prison without reason.

GSL Bosaso

II

From: Bosaso

30 December 1958 -

Administrator - Ministry of Justice - Ministry of the Interior - President of the Legislative Assembly - Council of Ministers - Court of Justice - UN Advisory Council - Headquarters of GSL - Mogadiscio

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We protest against the behaviour of the local authorities for the following reason. The Municipality refused to give cards to those people already entered in the Municipal registers: the District Commissioner refused to let us know or see the provisions of the electoral law and to give us the forms and all the necessary material for presenting lists of candidates on January 5; all the regional and district authorities and those of the Municipality went out by day to make propaganda for the SYL, Government personnel and other citizens are compelled to submit to the SYL or undergo persecution, threats and torture have been adopted. The opening of branches of political parties is prohibited for example in Scusciuban although this is against the ordinance of the administrator No. 2 in the Official Bulletin of 22 February 1954. All this to assure a single list for the SYL. The present policy of this region is that whoever is not in the SYL is against the Government. Please make an immediate intervention assuring us impartiality, justice and peace, security, freedom of speech and political ideology in order to save democracy so as not to fall into a state of anarchy stop

GSL Bosaso

III .

Urgent - UN Advisory Council - Administrator - Somali Police Force - GSL HQ. Mog.

We wish to inform you that our President Hagi Mohamed Hussein has been stopped sixty kilometers from Bosaso without water on the orders of the Prefect stop We urgently request you to intervene before a revolution occurs in the whole region of Midjertein

GSL Bosaso 31 December 1958

IV

Administrator - Somali Police Force - Ministry of the Interior - UN Advisory Council - Court of Justice - Headquarters GSL - Mogadiscio 3 January 1959

We the undersigned great Somalia League Party Bosaso Section wish to inform you that we will sign the list of candidates for the 5th of January on the blank paper since the local authorities have refused to give us models for the list presenting candidates

From: Bosaso 30 December 1958

Advisory Council - Administrator of Somalia - Police Force - GSL Mogadiscio

We the undersigned district councillors and population of Bosaso wish to inform you that today some persons including the secretary of the Bosaso Branch of the SYL sent a telegram to Mogadiscio saying that the President Hagi Mohamed Hussein must not enter Bosaso stop For this reason we declare that the aforesaid President can enter any locality in Midjertein stop Should trouble arise those persons who have sent the telegram are responsible

Abdi Hagi Iusuf Nur Mohamud Sciaur Hagi Abdirahman Osman Scibin Hagi Hassan