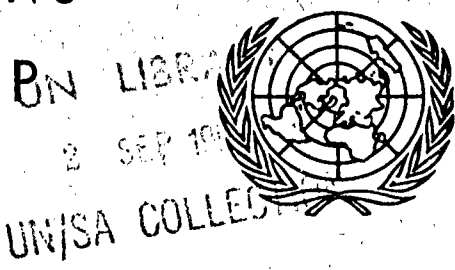


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THREE PETITIONS RELATING TO THE ARREST AND DETENTION  
OF LEADERS OF THE GREAT SOMALIA LEAGUE CONCERNING  
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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I. GREAT SOMALIA LEAGUE  
Central Office  
Mogadiscio

TO: THE UNITED NATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL MOGADISCIO

THE PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE GREAT SOMALIA LEAGUE INFORMS YOU THAT ON  
19/4/1959 A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF THREE MEMBERS MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND  
REQUESTED INFORMATION REGARDING THE SITUATION OF THE IMPRISONED LEADERS WHO ARE  
IN JAIL. HE REPLIED: DURING OUR LAST MEETING WE HAVE DECIDED TO FREE THEM BEFORE  
THE ID EL FITR HOLIDAY. AS OF TODAY THEY HAVE NOT BEEN FREED. ALL THE THINGS OF  
WHICH WE INFORM YOU ABOVE DERIVE FROM A PLOT BY THE ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION THROUGH  
THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR. NONE OF THE LAWYERS RESIDING IN MOGADISCIO WANT TO  
INTERVENE IN THIS MATTER FOLLOWING ADVICE FROM THE GOVERNMENT. MOREOVER THEY  
(THE PRISONERS) SLEEP ON THE GROUND WITH ONLY A MAT AND A BLANKET. THEY CANNOT  
RECEIVE FOOD FROM OUTSIDE. THEIR MEALS ARE BROUGHT FROM TOWN BY THE FAMOUS CAR  
OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THUS THEY ARE NOT TREATED AS POLITICAL LEADERS IN JAIL BUT  
AS MURDERERS, THIEVES, CONVICTS AND DELINQUENTS.

HOPING THAT YOU CAN INTERVENE PLEASE ACCEPT OUR BEST SALUTATIONS.

THE PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
GREAT SOMALIA LEAGUE

(Signed) NURUDDIN MAGNE ADEN

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II. FROM: Mogadiscio 30 April 1959  
TO: THE ADVISORY COUNCIL MOGADISCIO

WE INFORM YOU THAT THE LEADERS OF THE G.S.L. PARTY AT PRESENT IN PRISON HAVE STOPPED TAKING FOOD MAKING THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS

1. IMMEDIATE RELEASE: IF A CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED SEND US TO THE COURT OF JUSTICE: WE ASK YOU FOR AN IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION ON THIS REQUEST

G.S.L.

ABDI HAGI

III. FROM: Mogadiscio 5 May 1959  
TO: UN ADVISORY COUNCIL MOGADISCIO

LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF GSL AND HAD BEEN INJUSTLY ARRESTED THREE MONTHS AGO STOP THEY WENT ON HUNGER STRIKE A WEEK AGO ASKING EITHER FREEDOM OR JUDGEMENT STOP NO ACTION HAVE BEEN TAKEN UP TO DATE BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES ON THEIR REGARD STOP WE STRONGLY PROTEST AGAINST THIS INJUST ACTION WHICH TOOK PLACE AS CONSEQUENCES OF ASSURING SYL OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN GENERAL ELECTION STOP WE BEG YOUR INTERVENTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THIS TELEGRAM TO ALL MEMBER NATIONS

ABDI HAGI

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