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## President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud: We Need Unity to Defeat Domestic and Foreign Threats



Attending the inauguration of the re-elected president of Puntland State, the President of the Federal Republic of Somalia and his delegation were welcomed at General Mohamed Abshir Stadium by the re-elected President H.E Said Abdullahi Deni alongside other federal and state officials.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, President Hassan Shiekh Mohamud talked about the security of the country and the fight against internal and external threats.

"Today more than ever, we need unity in mind and in action, as we face both domestic terrorism and foreign enemies" he said.



## The President of Somalia and Emir of Qatar Attend Airforce Graduation

The President of Somalia and the Emir of Qatar attended the graduation ceremony of Airforce officers from Somalia, Qatar and Jordan.

This was followed by fruitful discussions between President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, on bilateral relations, regional issues and more. With the Emir of Qatar reaffirming his nation's support for the government, unity, and independence of Somalia.

On his part, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud thanked Emir Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani and the Government of Qatar for standing by the unity and sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Somalia, having taken a strong stand against Ethiopia's breach of Somalia's sovereignty and territorial integrity.



**President Hassan  
Sheikh Mohamud  
Signs Law Nullifying  
Ethiopia-Somaliland  
MoU**

President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has signed into law a parliamentary bill that nullified the illegal MoU between Somaliland and Ethiopia effectively rendering the illegal MoU null and void.



## Somali Reaches Diplomatic Success Against Ethiopian Aggression

President of the Federal Republic of Somalia Dr. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud led diplomatic efforts against the controversial agreement between Ethiopia with Muse Bihi, having managed to showcase the unlawful intentions that the government of Ethiopia had towards Somalia's territory and drawing support from the United Nations, the Arab League and the African Union among others.

President Hassan Sheikh reached out to the leaders of Turkey, Qatar and Egypt as well as heads of the United Nations and the European Union.

This was followed by a diplomatic visit to Egypt where President Hassan Sheikh met with the President of Egypt to discuss security in the region, the fight against terrorism and strengthening cooperation between the two brotherly nations.

"The people and government of Egypt are long-standing allies of Somalia. The fruitful discussions we had today show our commitment to strengthen diplomatic, security and political relations."

For his part, the President of Egypt, H.E. Abdulfattah Al-Sisi, pointed out the security, socio-economic and political effects of the unlawful actions of the Ethiopian government against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Somalia in the region.

"The law of the Arab League stipulates that we must jointly defend any Arab country that is facing an existential threat, so the Egyptian government will not accept any violation of Somalia's sovereignty and territorial integrity"

# Somalia's Minister Of Interior: Abiy Ahmed Wants to Spread Turmoil in the Horn Of Africa



The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi, alongside other federal leaders, joined thousands of protesters in Mogadishu to denounce the government of Ethiopia's breach of Somalia's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The entire workforce of the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation also joined the public in a mass protest against the actions of the government of Ethiopia, adding their voices to thousands of others standing up for Somalia's sovereignty.

Government representatives, traditional elders, students, religious scholars and almost of every group of Mogadishu's society raised their voice and their flag during the mass protest.

Addressing thousands of protesters in Mogadishu, H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi stated that Ethiopia has been after Somalia's maritime for 600 years. Adding that their intent to build a military base on Somalia's territory is nothing short of an intent to invade Somalia.



## Meeting the Traditional Elders and Community Leaders of Sheikh Isaaq Community

The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi and State Minister Sadad Alio met with the traditional elders and community leaders of the Sheikh Isaaq community to discuss Ethiopia's breach of Somalia's sovereignty.

In his Remarks, the State Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Sadad Alio talked about the important role of community leaders and elders in protecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Somalia.

The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi thanked the Sheikh Isaaq community and the people of Somaliland for standing up to defend their community and the territorial integrity of Somalia.

## Minister Ahmed Moallim Fiqi Received a Delegation from the European Centre for Electoral Support

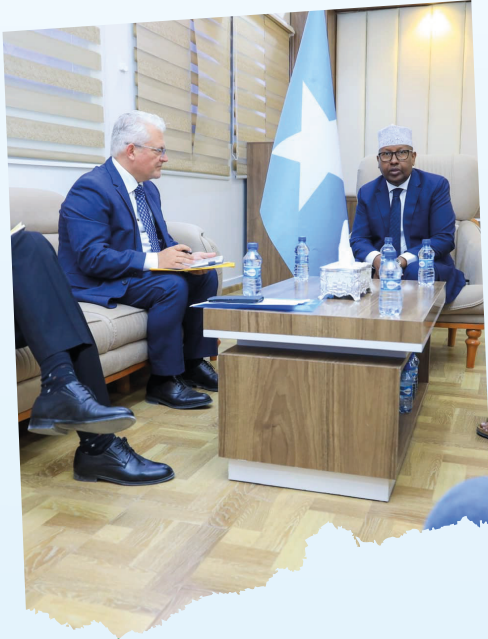
The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi received Fabio Bargiacchi, Filiberto Ceriani Segrebondi and Julia Onnasch of the European Centre for Electoral Support (ECES) to discuss Somalia's Electoral Model which covers District, State and Federal elections.

The ECES leadership took the Minister through the election-related activities that their center has conducted around the world, and their interest in Somalia's district, state and national elections.

On the other hand, the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation, H.E Ahmed Macallin Fiqi, gave an overview of Somalia's new electoral model with regards to regional, state and federal elections to come.



## Mr. Fiqi's fruitful meeting with the heads of UNDP Somalia



The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi received a delegation led by UNDP Somalia's Country Representative Lionel Laurens. In discussion, the Ministry's 2024 priorities and the collaboration between the two institutions.

## H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi thanked the Upper House of Representatives for passing the Refugee and Asylum Seekers Bill

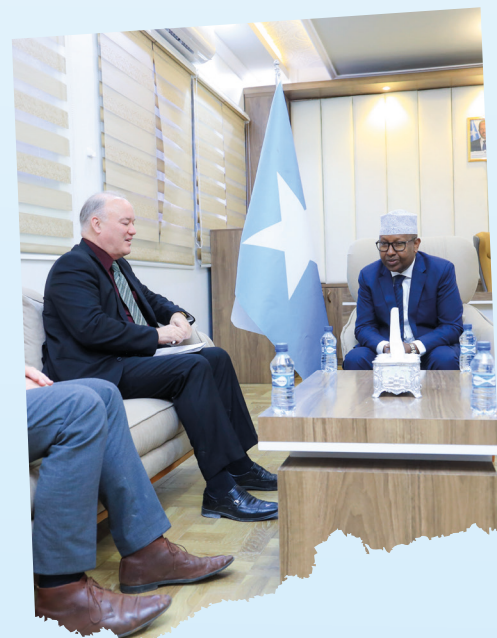


The Upper House of the Federal Parliament of Somalia approved the Refugees and Asylum Seekers Law after the Speaker of the Internal Affairs Committee, Senator Deeqa Hassan Hussein and other members of the committee presented the law for a third and final reading.

The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi thanked the Upper House of Representatives for passing the Refugee and Asylum Seekers Bill, highlighting its importance in safeguarding the rights of the refugees and asylum seekers in Somalia.

## Meeting the Norwegian Diplomatic Mission in Somalia

The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi met with Carsten Carlsen, Charge D'Affair of Norway and Erling Hess Johnsen, Head of Cooperation for a discussion on reconciliation, stabilisation, local governance and more.





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# Meeting with the Traditional Elders and Community Leaders of Awdal

The Minister of Interior Federal, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi had a consultative meeting with the traditional elders and community leaders of Awdal.

In discussion, Ethiopia's breach of Somalia's sovereignty and territorial integrity in Awdal.

The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi explained that as is with Somali culture, the Ministry intends to consult with the traditional elders and community leaders of our society in dealing with issues such as this.

Also in attendance, Senator Deqa H. Hussein who leads the Internal Affairs Committee of the Upper House of Representatives and Senator Bilal Idris Abdullahi

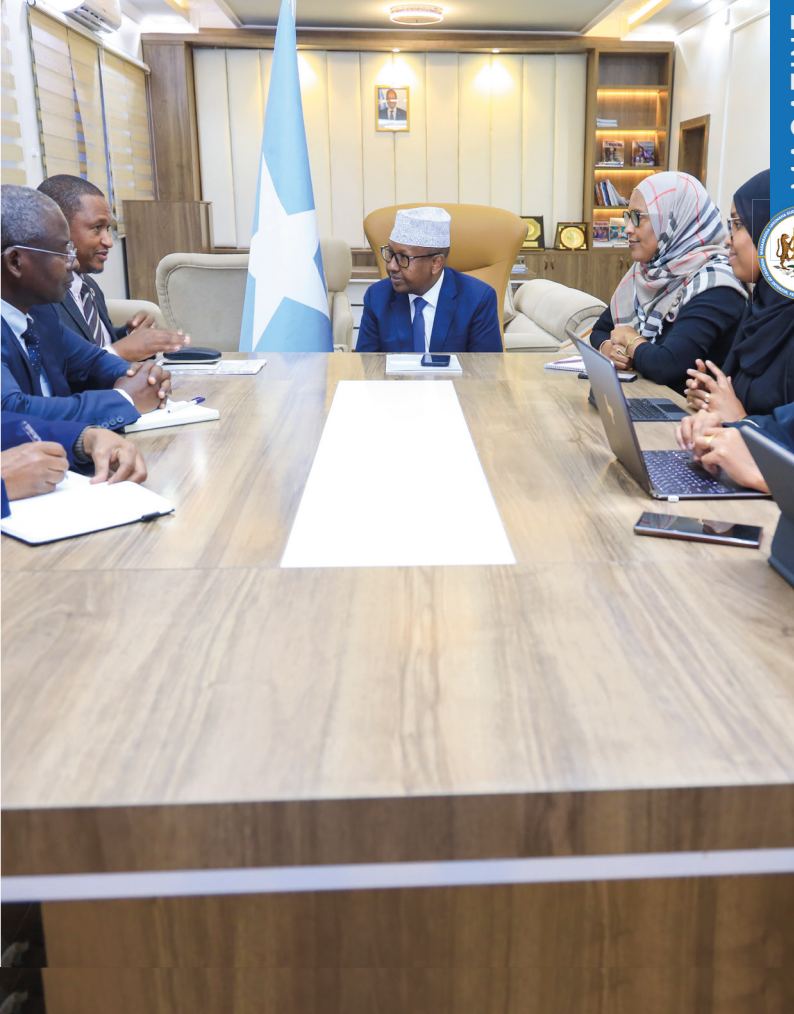
During the discussion, various traditional elders and community leaders of Awdal expressed their condemnation towards Ethiopia's intentions, affirming that the people of Awdal are ready to fight to protect their land.

"Ethiopia always had intentions that crossed Somalia's territory.

They have always been after Zayla, but people of Somalia have always defended their territory from such intentions, and we will continue to do so."

H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi, Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation





## Meeting UNHCR's Director of Regional Bureau

The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi received a visit from UNHCR's Director of Regional Bureau Mr. Mamadou Dian Balde, Somalia Country Representative Mr. Magatte Guisse and Mr. Ahmed Ainte. Also in attendance, the Commissioner of the National Commission for Refugees and IDPs Ms. Safia Mohamed.

The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation talked about the Upper House of Representatives passing the Refugee and Asylum Seekers Bill, adding that in the coming weeks, the President of the republic is expected to sign the bill into legislation.

The meeting also discussed regional concerns, as well as the concerns facing Refugees and IDPs in Somalia.

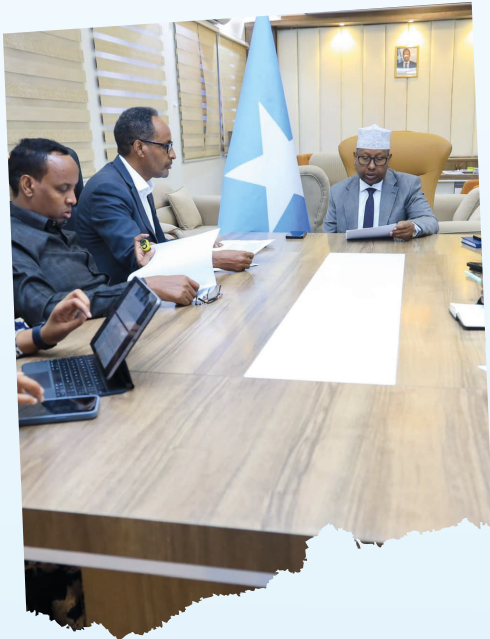
## H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi presents the Internally Displaced Persons Bill to the Federal House of Representatives

The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi presented the Internally Displaced Persons Bill to the Federal House of Representatives. The draft bill consists of 12 chapters, 30 articles and a total of 30 pages.

Reading this bill, the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation urged members of the Parliament to consider the urgent needs and concerns of Somalia's 3.8 million IDPs.

This Bill submitted by the Ministry of Interior, Federal and Reconciliation was approved by the Federal Cabinet on 27 Oct 2023.

## The Reconstruction of the Ministry's Headquarters



The Minister of Interior, Federal and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi held a meeting in his office with the Somali Construction Development to discuss the reconstruction of the Ministry's headquarters in Bondhere, Mogadishu.

The Ministry is soon to start rebuilding its headquarters, with the help of NIS Foundation and other donors.

## "A New Era for Somalia: The Meaning and Significance of Joining the East African Community"



H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi participated in a public debate titled "A New Era for Somalia: The Meaning and Significance of Joining the East African Community". He was joined by federal and regional officials as well as civil society representatives and various groups of the community.

## Somali Cabinet Resolution on Ethiopia's Aggression

With in an emergency Cabinet session, the Federal Government of Somalia has issued the following resolution in relation to Ethiopia's aggression towards our country's sovereignty and territorial integrity

<https://moifar.gov.so/en/2024/01/03/somali-cabinet-resolution-on-ethiopias-aggression/>





## The Minister of Interior Convenes the Communications for Stabilisation Taskforce

The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi chaired the first meeting of the Communications for Stabilisation Taskforce hosted by MoIFAR and attended by the communication directors of all the stabilisation line ministries and agencies.

The aim of this taskforce is to co-ordinate and guide stabilisation messaging and communications throughout the Federal, State and Donor stabilisation actors.

## Community Consultation meeting on the IDP Protection Law

The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi attended a community consultation meeting on the IDP Protection Law.

Organized by the National Commission for Refugees and IDPs.

The Minister discussed the benefits of this law, answering questions and highlighting that it protects the rights and addresses the concerns of refugees and IDPs in Somalia.



In attendance were communications representatives from:

- Ministry of Interior
- Ministry of Information
- Ministry of Internal Security
- Ministry of Defense
- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Water



## Minister Fiqi Joins Mogadishu Residents in Demonstrations

### Against Ethiopia's Breach of Somalia's Sovereignty and Integrity

The Minister of Interior Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi joined a mass demonstration held by the residents of Somalia's capital to denounce the breach of Somalia's sovereignty and territorial integrity by the government of Ethiopia.

The demonstrations that took place in Mogadishu were organized by the Banadir Regional Administration and brought together members of the community who condemned Ethiopia's actions and stressed that they will never accept that violation as they are ready to defend our sovereignty at all costs.

In his official remarks, the Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi thanked the people of Somalia for their united voice, speaking up against the aggression of Ethiopia, and their complete readiness to stand up for their beloved country.

"The Prime Minister of Ethiopia deliberately violated the sovereignty and integrity of Somalia by signing a so-called agreement that goes against the international laws and norms."

H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi, Minister of Interior Federal Affairs and Reconciliation

**H.E Ahmed Moalim Fiqi had a meeting with the Supervisor General of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center, Dr. Abdalla Bin Abdulaziz Al-Rabi'ah**



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## **H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi Attended the Final**

### **Game of the Regional Football Tournament**

The Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi attended the final game of the regional football tournament between Hirshabelle and Galmudug States of Somalia. H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi congratulated the Galmudug players on their victory,

adding that this tournament has been a sign of peace, hope, and integration in Somalia.

The Minister thanked all the talented teams who participated as well as the organizers of these games.





# Monthly Management Meeting

The leadership of the Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation convened the Ministry's monthly management meeting where directors and senior advisors presented the workplans, progress and challenges of the Ministry this month.

In his remarks, Deputy Minister of Interior Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Abdihakim Ashkir talked about the benefits and importance of E-MoIFAR, the online digital system of the Ministry.

State Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation H.E Sadad Alio talked about the importance of these monthly meetings as self-assessment and transparency tools of the Ministry.

H.E Ahmed Moallim Fiqi concluded the Monthly Management Meeting by commending the work presented asking all members of the Ministry to double their efforts and work together to implement the targets set for the year 2024.



# Picture of the Month

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