

Letter to the President of Somaliland

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To His Excellency Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi

President of the Republic of Somaliland

Presidential Palace, Hargeisa

Your Excellency,

I am writing to you in June 2026 as a citizen of a nation that exists in a unique and challenging space—a state that stands tall in its aspirations, yet remains unrecognized by the wider world. Somaliland is a proud land of approximately 4.5 million people, a territory that spans the northern expanse of the Somali peninsula, roughly the size of England. We are a people defined by our resilience, having carved out a sanctuary of relative stability in a turbulent region, relying on our own strength and the bonds of our community.

Life here is a testament to the grit of the Somali spirit. Most of our people are engaged in the pastoralist economy or the vibrant, bustling trade in Hargeisa and Berbera. For our youth, the world feels both vast and closed; they enter the workforce at a young

age, driven by the need to support their families. Education is a national priority, yet our schools struggle under the weight of limited funding and the need to modernize for a competitive future. We lack a formalized state nursery system; instead, our childcare is a sacred, organic network—a cradle provided by grandmothers, aunts, and older siblings who ensure that the family remains a cohesive unit while parents toil for our daily bread.

When a citizen falls ill, the journey toward healing is managed through a mixture of burgeoning private clinics and the enduring support of clan networks. We have made great strides, but advanced institutional care remains a luxury. Our elderly, the historians of our struggle, face the sunset of their lives with grace, though they rely almost entirely on their families; state-provided pensions are not a reality for the vast majority, making survival a collective, family-bound duty.

Our entertainment is the heart of our resilience. We find our joy not in grand cinema chains, but in the oral heritage that flows through our coffee shops—the poetry, the storytelling, and the communal dialogues that define our public square. We are a people who have survived the worst of history to build a future based on consensus and clan-based peace-building.

Mr. President, you are six months into your mandate, having been entrusted with our future in December 2024. The hope that swept you into office remains palpable, but the challenges of economic reform and international recognition weigh heavily. We need a government that acts as a guardian of our peace and a catalyst for our economic dreams. We need infrastructure that connects our rural farmers to the markets, and schools that provide our youth with skills that allow them to compete globally. Give us a future where our status as a nation is matched by the prosperity of our citizens.

With the hope of a patriot,

A Concerned Citizen of Somaliland

Sovereign Performance Audit: Somaliland (June 2026)

Sector

Score

Summary

Political Stability

4.0

Strong internal consensus; peaceful transition in late 2024 confirmed institutional maturity.

Economic Development

2.0

Early stages of reform; the administration is working to stabilize post-election fiscal priorities.

Social Infrastructure

2.0

Improving, but severely hampered by the lack of international recognition and formal aid.

Public Trust

4.5

High "honeymoon" period; the public is highly expectant of change after 14 years of the previous regime.

Final Verdict: 3.12 / The New Horizon.

Somaliland is at a pivotal juncture. President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi has

the mandate, but the honeymoon period is short. The primary task for the remainder of 2026 is moving from election-year promises to tangible infrastructure and cost-of-living relief for the common citizen.

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