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SWSSC NEWSLETTER

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The Political Turmoil

In connection with the upcoming ISWA presidential elections, Sharif is seriously disturbing the Somali Federal Parliament siding with the Prime Minister who many people believe that he is the one saved Sharif Hassan from an impeachment of November 2017. And now he is paving the way for how he would have support from the PM again to bring him back to ISWA presidency.

South West Somalia Politicians, Intellectuals and Diasporas Views over Somali Federal parliament (SFP) Crises.



On 16 March 2018, for the recent split between for the FSG parliament about the confidence voice tabled by some of the MPs, there has been observed a number of diaspora and other intellectuals from Southwest Somalia community those who fully supported the FSP speaker Prof. Mohamed Sheikh Osman Jawaari.

It seems that Prof. Jawaari has got a significant support among the MPs, Somali people as well as South west politicians, diaspora and intellectuals.

There are also indications that FSG is fully pushing in favor of the motion against Prof. Jawaari. This new conflict within the SFG and the parliament is really damaging the credibility and the hope for many Somalis and the international partners having the current Somali leadership to promote a peaceful environment, good governance, accountability and democracy in Somalia. **(Picture above: Some of former SFG ministries, MPs, politicians, intellectuals and civil society from South west met in London)**

Southwest Salvation Council Call to the Somali Leaders

South west Somali Salvation Council (SWSSC) is calling all the parties involved in the current SFP crisis to end their disputes in a peaceful manner and respect the constitution and the law. SWSSC believes that Somali needs today all issues related to the political differences in the parliament to be solved with a dialogue and to the best interest to the Somali People. It is important to remember all times that it is a great necessity for the Somali leaders to work forward for good governance, accountability and well being of the country. We hope, Somali President Mr. Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo, will work out in a logic and rational manner to end this SFP standoff. SWSSC appreciates the intervention made by the President H.E Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo as a first step to prevent bloodshed and chaos that the country would have faced.

Justice

Judiciary is the main concern in Southwest Zone. There is no proper judiciary system working in ISWA regions. Judiciary is in the hands of a few individuals, with no proper function. Powerful clan influence has a big role in decisions and implementation of the law and other informal judiciary groups in ISWA. ISWA judiciary is also presided by corruption and power abuse.

SECURITY REPORT

During the month of March 2018, the overall security situation remains alert and unimproved. Alshabab remains active in the three regions of South west Somalia and involving human rights violation and obstacle for the access and stability in the region.

Additionally, roadblocks are still high in the main roads which are contributing to insecurity and limited movements of the transport between the roads in the region. Afgoi is reported to be affected most by insecurity and human rights violations. On 07 March 2018 a road mine explosion killed a vice cabinet minister of security for ISWA between Wanlewein and Afgoi districts. Making Lower Shabelle the most dangerous in terms of security and human rights abuses.

In Bakool, Alshabab reported continued to stop and punish the commercial donkey carts carrying food and other item to the region. About 16 donkeys were reported executed and a number of civilians involved in these business activities were killed within the past two months. In the beginning of March 2018, an elderly man from Bakool region was reported died in a prison located in Jigjiga Ethiopia. About 100-120 prisoners from Bakool region are believed sitting in Ethiopian prisoners for unknown reason. Liyu Police seized these people from different villages of Bakool region and most of were taken and arrested in zone five of Ethiopia.

In the evening of 27/03/2018 a female MP from ISWA parliament has been shot dead in one of the sections in Mogadishu. En unidentified man armed with a pistol reported shot the MP which she was seriously injured and later on reported died in the hospital.

On 29/03/2018, three solders from ISWA were reported defected to Alshabab. Reports said that these solders were the security staff for the minster of security for ISWA in Baidoa. Reasons are not yet clear why these soldiers defected but this is only an indicator that shows poor and inefficient administration in ISWA.

Crimes in South West Somalia regions between 1 - 31 March, 2018

Lower Shabelle

Name	Crime	Location	Date
Man	Killed	Barawe	04/03/ 2018
Student	Killed	Afgoi	05/03/2018
Four passengers	Kidnapped then killed	Laanta Buuro	22/03/2018
Two person	Killed land dispute	Wanlaweyn	23/03/ 2018
Mayoow Cabdullaahi Xusseen,	Killed	Afgoi	27/03/2018

Bay

Bakool:

1 persons killed	Water catchment dispute	Wajid-Berdale area	20/03/2018

NB; In addition to the security report and human rights violations highlight, there are significant silent human rights violations occurring in the remote areas of the South West Somalia including killings, rape, over taxation (people pay tax to both Al-shabab and the ISWA) and other power abuse. But, unfortunately due the limited access and limited communications from these areas, it had became very difficult to get a reliable and accurate informations and reports from these Al-shabab controlled areas on a timely maner. There are as well some of the communities from South west using Al-shabab Islamic justice system to solve land issue and other disputes among the communities which the ISWA failed or have no access to address.

The security reports can be downloaded from SWSSC website: <http://swsomaliasalvation.org/index.php/security/>

HUMAN RIGHTS

Education

Education is one the basic human rights. In ISWA education is the lowest level in all of Somali regions. In fact in the last year's ranks from the Federal Ministry of education none was included in the first top 20 from ISWA secondary schools. Not only that but there are many districts that have no even primary schools and neither single secondary schools. In additions to that, almost all scholarships are awarded base on nepotism and corruption.

Health

Access to health centers are reported limited to the main towns. Wajid, Dinsor, Rabdhure and Tieglow are health access totally very limited. Malnutrition among children and pregnant women reported high. This has contributed most of the IDPS from the region to flee to Baidoa and Baidoa became IDPS hub for SCZ.



(Picture: Children struggling to collect water from the ground, near a plastic water collection point in one of the Baidoa IDPS camps)

HUMANITARIAN

Water crises continued in several areas in South west Somalia . A day of localized rain were received in Baidoa and surrounding areas on 25/03/2018, but this will not help much if the Gu' 2018 raining season is not received on time. Shabelle river was reported came back and this has given a hope to many irrigation farmers in Lower Shabelle and the livestock concentrated along the river areas. According to UN security Council, they made a warning statement on climate threat for Somali. UNSC siad that clime change is one of destabilizing factor for Somalia. destabilization.

Cash donation to Baidoa Hospital

On 10 March 2018, cash assistance has distributed to 39 patients for different diagnostic tested by Southwest Salvation Council in Bai-



doa Hospital. SWSSC visited Baidoa hospital and noted that there are a number of patients in the hospital those have difficulties to get daily life food, despite the hospital is trying to cope with the medial support and health care for the patients. SWSSC argued urgent support to these patients and their care takers to support the basic life which the hospital can not fulfill. **(picture above: from left director Baidoa Hospital and some of SWSSC team - below picture**



an officer from SWSSC delivering donations to a patient in Baidoa hospital on 10/03/2018)

ABOUT SWSSC

South West Somalia Salvation Councils (SWSSC) is an advocacy group for the people of South West Somalia (SWS) in order to safeguard and prosper them. SWSSC focuses Good Governance, respect for Human Rights, and Humanitarian efforts. In Good Governance, SWSSC works to eliminate corruption and mismanagement, but promotes security, justice, political participation and economic development. In Human Rights, the goal of SWSSC is to end all forms of human rights violations. In the Humanitarian efforts; SWSSC would like to see the end of famine, malnutrition, illiteracy, diseases, and poverty.

SWSSC believes without Good Governance, respect for Human Rights, and Humanitarian efforts, terrorism will take root in SWS in addition to mass migrations to the West. Good Governance, respect for Human Rights, and Prosperity is difficult achieving. Thus SWSSC encourages the people of SWS to stand and support these efforts by participating in the political process; humanitarian efforts; and reporting, condemning any type of human rights violations.

SWSSC welcomes ideas and opinions on how to best salvage the people of SWS by sending an email to nl@swsomaliasalvation.org. Readers can download this and past newsletters at our website: <http://swsomaliasalvation.org/index.php/newsletter/>

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