

Somalia; Hawiye Tribe Relases a Press Statement

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Decisions and communiqués from the conference of Somali Hawiye tribe:

To: The transitional government.

To: The Somali people.

To: The International community.

A press statement

After 16 years of with out an affective central government and in anarchy with the exception of six months of order and stability restored by the routed Union of Islamic Courts, there have been feuds and lack of reconciliations attributed to the presence of Ethiopian troops who entered the country without the consent of the Somali population. In addition to that, Somalia is still being conducted to turmoil and to a path where Somalis will find no solution for their problems.

To get out of the current obstacles, traditional elders, religious leaders, scholars and intellects of HAWIYE tribe held the biggest meeting ever and produced the following decisions:

1- laws violated by the Somali transitional federal government (TFG):

Â· Bringing Ethiopian forces in the country without the majority approval of the Somali interim government clearly violates the UN Security Council Resolution 1725 which clarifies that troops from frontline states can not be involved in Somalia for a peacekeeping mission.

Â· Imposing a State of Emergency on the country ruined by repeated civil wars violates the basic freedom of the Somali citizen and does not restore any security at this critical moment.

Â· Clear infringement was made in the system of 4.5 in which the Somali government was formed.

Â· The selection of people nominated to administer provinces in the country breaches the Somali national constitution.

Â· To unite particular tribal militias with the Somali national army hurts

the trust among the Somali population at this critical moment.

Â· Firing mortars and artillery bombs at residential areas in the capital caused the deaths many civilians and forced many more to flee, while hospitals were overwhelmingly made full by civilians who were wounded in those incidents.

Â· The Somali national reconciliation conference expected to be held in Mogadishu on April 16, 2007 will unquestionably not solve the disagreements and conflicts among Somali tribes, clans and sub-clans because of the policy under which the government is hoping hold it.

Â· Mugging the properties poor Somalis further increases the insecurity in the country.

With all these mentioned above, Hawiye tribal elders, intellects, scholars and religious leaders are calling on the Somali people wherever they are:

1. To unite and try no to go back to the civil war and anarchy.

To: The Somali transitional government.

- 1- The government must stop shelling residential areas.

- 2- The government should back off the martial law imposed on the country as it violates the Somali constitutional laws.

- 3- A government that is not in agreement with its community can not be able to hold a national reconciliation conference.

- 4- The government should deploy back the particular tribal militias from the Somali semiautonomous regional government of Puntland and equalize all Somali tribal militias in order to unite them with the national army. That will be fair.

- 5- To disarm the armed people in Somalia, the government must come up with a clear policy that all Somalis find it fair and just. We will not accept that some particular tribes to disarmed and hand over the confiscated arms to other tribes.

- 6- Before appointing administrators for the provinces in Somalia, it should be agreed up on the formation of the processes to go through nominating an administrator for the regions to avoid political disagreement, which may lead to fresh violence.

- 7- Hawiye, hereby, declares that it is no longer in fight or in disagreement with any Somali clan or tribe. The Somali government, therefore, should

negotiate with the powerful political oppositions like the Union of Islamic Courts, and should also resolve the political row within the government.

To: The international community.

1. The international community should concentrate more on forcing the Ethiopian government to withdraw its troops, who illegally occupied Somalia, out of Somalia. Their presence in the country would surely mount the instability in the country.

2. It should facilitate that a real national reconciliation meeting in which the government and its political oppositions should attend. The national reconciliation assembly should be held in a neutral place.

3. The international community should be cautious of funding and supporting a government which is tyrannous, as tyrannous governments that oppress their people are knowingly evading the world.

4. The international community should assist the weak starving Somali people who have been in civil wars and violence for the past 16 years.