



Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Hon. Mohamed Sh. Osman “Jawari”
Speaker of the House of the People of Somalia

Dear Mr. Speaker,

In the context of the Somali Parliamentary review of the United Kingdom / European Union Security Sector Payroll Reform (SSPR) project, and further to consultations with Members of the House of the People of Somalia, including Members of both the Finance, Budget and Planning Committee and Defence Committee, I take note of your letter dated October 14, 2017, with reference 341/9/B-10/17. This letter sent outside the scope of your responsibilities represents an abuse of power, which has demeaned the Office of the Speaker of the House.

According to the Rules of Procedure of the House, **Article 7 sets out the duties of the Speaker**. Nothing in this Article authorizes the Speaker to interfere in the internal workings of a Committee of the House. **Under Article 7(1), it is a duty of the Speaker to ensure “the smooth running and order of the House”, not to obstruct the work of the House.**

According to Article 57, the functions of Parliamentary Committees shall include such tasks as: (k) initiating inquiries on any matter under their jurisdiction; (l) carrying out research in their respective fields; and (m) making every effort to engage with and be responsive to civil society organizations. On what basis, Mr. Speaker, do you have any justification for preventing Committees from performing such functions?

Interfering in or obstructing Committee work, by any interpretation, is under Article 9(1)d a breach of the Rules of Procedure of this House.

Misrepresentation to the House is similarly a breach of the Rules of Procedure. It is a falsehood to refer to deliberations of the Committee of Finance, Budget and Planning of 17 July 2017 with reference GMGSH/006/17. The Committee has never made any reference to such a meeting during the course of the Parliamentary review of the SSPR and no such document with this reference number has ever been made available. Are you willing to provide a copy of such a document, or has the work of the People’s House become secret?

Ultimately, as Members of the House will agree with me, it is not the role of the Speaker of Somalia’s House of the People to take instruction from foreign powers. **It is against the interest of the Somali People to undermine the efforts of the House to achieve genuine mutual accountability with the donor community.**

Consequently, I am informing you that I will be raising the issue of your actions with **other Members of the House, Somali and African constitutional experts**, including consideration under **Article 2(i) of the establishment of a committee to investigate an abuse/excess made by you as a Member of this House.**

Furthermore, I would recommend to such a committee that an investigation consider the following questions and related issues.

For instance, why are you attempting to prevent Members of the House of the People from addressing mutual accountability in aid to the Somali People, and specifically the SSPR project?

Also, such a committee should consider your past interferences in the work of the House of the People, including for which you may have received material benefit from interested parties. To what extent are you willing to undermine the independence of Members of the House, both individually and collectively, through the use of inducements, intimidation, misrepresentation, and **exploitation of the dual nationalities of Members for the purpose of external sanctions?**

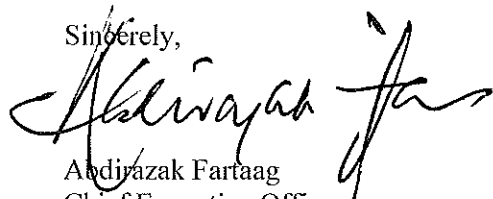
Similarly, to what extent are you willing to collude with personalities of foreign powers and even individual interests of the United Nations leadership to undermine the separation of powers between the House of the People and the Government of Somalia by taking active steps to **overthrow the elected incumbent President, Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed “Farmaajo”, including through his spouse, Zeinab Abdi Ma’alin?**

Your letter of October 14, 2017, and your willingness to violate the Rules of Procedure of the House, may reflect a separate political agenda in conflict with your responsibilities as Speaker of the House. This political agenda risks fueling tensions between **Federal Member States and the Federal Government of Somalia at this critical time.**

Did you engage with representatives of the United Kingdom and the European Union in the preparation of your letter dated October 14, 2017? To what extent are you engaging with the United Kingdom and the European Union in pitting Federal Member States against the Federal Government, with potentially fatal consequences for the stability and security of the Somali People? Is your own agenda one to establish a parallel government in Barawe headed by a client of yours (such as Mr. Mohamed Adan Ibrahim “Fargetti”), and in doing so to undermine both the Federal Government and the Federal Member States for your personal as well as foreign interests? **Do you intend such a move to pit British security interests against those of the African Union, and to undermine stability and the position of the President of the Interim South-West Administration, Sharif Hassan Sheikh Adan “Sakin”?**

Fostering conditions of civil war would no longer be only violations of procedural rules but a distinct form of treason under the country’s Constitution.

Sincerely,



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Cc: **Hon. Abdi Ali Hassan, PhD,
Member of the Finance, Budget and Planning Committee of the House of the People**

**Hon. Liban Osman Abdirahman,
Chair of the Security Sector Payroll Reform Task Force,
Member of the Defence Committee of the House of the People**



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Mogadishu, 14th October 2017 التاريخ

THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE OF SOMALIA

**SUBJECT: UNAUTHORIZED FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION
CONDUCTED BY FARTAAG RESEARCH AND
CONSULTING.**

After having considered the deliberation of the Committee of finance, Budget and Planning of the House of the People n. GMGSH/006/17 dated July 17, 2017 where in the Committee stated that it has neither authorized nor tasked the above stated firm to conduct any sort of financial investigation to any public institution;

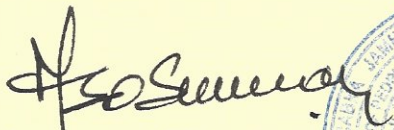
Having furthermore seen the Committee stating that this unauthorized investigation is not procedurally in line with the Rules of Procedure of House;

With present we intend to make it known

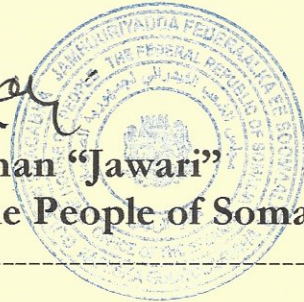
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

1. That the Fartaag Research and Consulting Firm is not and has not been authorized nor tasked by the Committee of Finance, Budget and Planning of the House of the People.
2. Accordingly, the Fartaag Research and Consulting Firm is hereby advised to refrain from conducting any further investigation and also cease from clamming that it is conducting its investigative activities on behalf of the Committee of Finance, Budget and Planning of the House of the People.

3. The Committee of Finance, Budget and Planning of the House of the People is the only parliamentary body responsible for the oversight of the public finance, and unless otherwise decided by the committee, the only entity mandated to conduct an investigation on behalf of the parliament is the Auditor General of the State.
4. The Secretary General of the House is hereby instructed to make it known to all agencies and institutions it may concern and individuals;



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- Cc: Chairperson Committee of Finance, Budget and Planning of the HoP
 - Cc: Chairperson Committee of Defense of the HoP
 - Cc: Chair Committee of Internal Affairs, Security and Federalization, HoP
 - Cc: The Secretary General of the House of the People