



Republic of Somaliland

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On April 10, 2009, Eritrean Foreign Ministry issued a press release in which it negated the existence of the Republic of Somaliland.

It seems that the Government of Eritrea deliberately over looks the historical as well as the current prevailing status Quo of the Republic of Somaliland.

After a Long and costly struggle the people of Somaliland overthrow the Brutal regime of Siad Barre and on May 18, 1991, Somaliland withdrew from defunct union with Somalia and reclaimed its independent once again.

Somaliland's declaration of independent is based on its earlier existence as a recognized separate state prior to her merger with Somalia. This is thus not a case of succession, as Eritrea depicts it. Somaliland Borders are demarcated. Somaliland accepts the sanctity of colonially inherited Boundaries in conformity with the African Union charter.

The people of Somaliland and many others in the international Community Believe that there is a strong case for diplomatic Recognition of Somaliland as an independent state based on Precedents in international Law.

It is mind-boggling however, that Eritrea dismisses all these facts blindly. Unlike Eritrea, Somaliland is a democratic country based on multiple political party systems. Unlike Eritrea, Somaliland plays a significant role in the regional security. Unlike Eritrea, Somaliland enjoys fantastic relationship with all its neighbours which is based on mutual understanding and mutual interests.

Many consider the Eritrean regime as a pariah state. It's well known that Asmara regime has not only interfered the affairs of a number of neighbours, but also violated the territorial integrity of these nations, such as, Sudan, Ethiopia, Yemen and most recently the Republic of Djibouti.

In addition the Asmara administration has been heavily involved in the internal affairs of Somalia. In fact, the regime has been characterized as being part and parcel of Somalia's unresolved conflict by engaging an endless proxy war.

On several occasions Somaliland apprehended red-handedly dozens of individuals trained by Asmara to disrupt the peace and tranquillity of the region.

Finally, Somaliland urges the Asmara regime to respect the will of the people of Somaliland and avoid interfering issues related to Somaliland.

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