



## Jubilation for Jubaland as Faisal Roble rumple on the floor of rampage

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In a friendly response to my learned friend Mr. Faisal Roble’s article **“Breaking up the logjam: realistic options on overcoming the Jubaland political conundrum”** that apparently appeared on wardheernews.com on the eve of 1<sup>th</sup> May 2015, I felt to draw a pertinent reaction on the context of the article based on my realistic judgment. It’s within the realm of the writing field to express opinion contrary to the writings of another person in the interest of ascertaining “good.” It will be then the responsibilities of the public and opinion readers to make the appropriate judgment over the issues at stake. In so doing, it will be of more myopic for me to re-surface for counter defense in the unlikely event of diverting the issue to arithmetical contention on geo-political fault-line rather than full-value debate on the systemic issue and parliamentary structure of Jubaland in which Faisal’s article raised an eyebrow earlier, if the latter take the collusion course, then the critics will be a healthy and I will be receptive to any rectification to my argument. Coming to the crux of the matter, the article in question, Mr. Roble did mention Jubaland Interim parliament “...does require a significant tweaking to bring it in line with [the Addis Ababa Agreement \(AAA\) of August 2013](#)” having gone through the declaration he referred, I couldn’t figure out any significance or iota of diversion that current interim parliamentary composition exposed during establishment, below is an extract of the Addis Ababa agreement on parliamentary composition;

Article 12

“Composition and Duration of Jubaland parliament

1. In the transitional period parliament shall consist of 65 Members based on districts, elected by the delegates' conference.
2. a) the term of the interim Parliament shall be three (3) years from the day the members are sworn in.  
b) After the interim period the term of parliament shall be four (4) years
3. Parliament shall officially open within thirty days from the date of the elections.
4. The first session, presided over by the oldest elected member, shall elect the speaker and two (2) deputy speakers”

The interim parliamentary representation in Jubaland was basically done on the bases of geo-political realities as permeated by the above Article 12, authority (1). Although minority right was acknowledged to a certain degree. However, the structural-buildup of the parliamentary seats took course in the following modalities with regards to ethnic representation;

1. Kuumade-21 Interim Parliament Member
2. Mareexaan-19 Interim Parliament Member
3. Digil iyo Mirifle-10 Interim Parliament Member
4. Harti-7 Interim Parliament Member
5. Sheekhaal-3 IP Interim Parliament Member
6. Gaaljecel -3 Interim Parliament Member
7. Dir/Biyomaal -3 Interim Parliament Member
8. Cawrmale-2 Interim Parliament Member
9. Jareerweyne-2 Interim Parliament Member
10. Baajuun-2 Interim Parliament Member
11. Leylkase- 1 Interim Parliament Member
12. Ajuuraan-1 Interim Parliament Member
13. Wardey- 1 Interim Parliament Member

This kind of proportional representation have been lauded by all including those who suffered a lot since the collapse of late Mohamed Siad Barre's regime 1991 in the hands of the successive warlords ranging from General Mohamed Siad Alias Morgan to the last looped warlord Barre Aden Shire Alias Hiiraale. What has become mindboggling is that, Mr. Roble didn't mention exactly where the pie is more equally distributed than the others, few traditional elders anger demonstrations was not enough to represent other eleven major ethnic

representation, even though they deserve attention at any cost, however, it will look hasty and judgmental to make criticism at this foundational stage on the interim parliamentary pie, having in mind that, after the interim parliamentary span expires, the real geo-political based election will solve the question of proportional representation. Thus, one needs to ask, what was the very urgent predisposition of Mr. Faisal Roble's seemingly "hate" article that didn't make him hold on the horses, or was there suspected biased distribution on the part of Mr. Roble's "clan-cubbyhole" which left his kinsmen out of the representation list and probably he intended in his article to bring that to the spotlight but tactically wrapped with bigger-shake for collective attention to create room for further redress?

It's very clear by now, to everyone in or outside Somalia that the contemporary media houses, whether its text media (websites), voice or screen media is ethically owned or inclined to particular quarters in terms of settlement leading to unfair news coverage in most cases, given that, there was no legitimately functional Somalia state apparatus since 1991 that sensors the news or provide conventional guidelines that regulates the authenticity of the information to be aired—thus, how did it turn to be logical to the learned friend Mr. Faisal Roble to use elders personal opinions expressed on the said medias as a bases to dismiss the celebrated endorsement by the legitimate president of Federal Government of Somalia His Excellence Hasan Sheikh Mahmoud, UNISOM and IGAD members countries foreign ministers as a "conditional endorsement"? What evidence can Mr. Faisal Roble produce or share to the public that the above institutions provided Jubaland interim parliament a conditional recognition due to what Mr. Faisal Roble called in his April 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 article as a "...perennial suspicions and mistrusts among clans in the region"? From the realistic point of view, president Ahmed Madobe's efforts and leadership to establishing the long awaited political pie and further making the endeavor to distribute the pie equally based on the

existing geo-political mode of the region ,given at this time of national security shackles and lack of broader federal government strength as well as the pioneering political socialization process among Jubaland communities and the internalization of the political norms, values, and beliefs achieved ever since the formation of Jubaland regional state administration owes to all intellectuals of the region as well as the entire Somalia a credit and needs to be lauded rather than jotting down a fault finding article to shock and corrupt the Peace-loving, innocent and conscious young Somalis on the bases of ethnic lines.

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