



## **The past ups-downs, and the current success of genuine reforms of Ethiopia Somali regional state**

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This article is about to perform and reveal the past difficulties of Ethiopia Somali region; the new image of development for last six years.

Ethiopia Somali regional state is one of the nine regional states of federal democratic republic of Ethiopia, and it is second largest state in terms of geography. The region belongs to potential natural resources: basin or oil, minerals, arable land, rivers and abundant of livestock population

However, Ethiopia Somali regional state was under the ethnic pressure of past Ethiopia regimes mainly imperial haile selese; col.mingistu haile Mariam. Because of past regimes in Ethiopia, the basic right and equality of Ethio-somali population was not given, or denial rather than killing; torturing to civilians was normalized. Moreover, the fiction idea of pan somalisim and searching the lost dream of great Somalia movements in 1960s and 1970s had aggravated the life of millions of Ethiopia Somali people; the indigenous resistances of Ethiopia Somali were also

abducted by so-called pan somalisim. In spite of that, in the year 1991, it was turning point as far as geopolitics of horn of Africa is concerned, as there was dramatically change in the rest of the world as well due to the end of gold war

In 1991, the fell of Dergue and siyad bare regimes were historic and iconic days of horn of Africa population and particular marginalized people of Ethiopia Somali region. Because of ethnic pressure of past regimes in Ethiopia, many different ethnic resistances continued against past brutal governments of Ethiopia. The indigenous resistances of tigray people liberation front (TPLf) and it`s coalition of EPRDF lead were one of the main indigenous movements in 1970s against brutal regimes of Ethiopia; millions of people sacrifice their life in order to ensure the right and equality of Ethiopian nations and nationalities. When EPRDF took power in 1991, it was precious moment of millions of marginalized Ethiopia population including Ethiopia Somali. EPRDF performed fair political platform and created charter agreement to all nations and nationalities of Ethiopia. The ever-historic constitution was established in 1995 based on the will and wish of different Ethiopia nations and nationalities. It was created modern Ethiopia known as "federal democratic republic of Ethiopia", this constitution ensures that all Ethiopia ethnics including Ethiopia Somali nationality have equal right of self-determinations: economically, socially and politically. However, the so called ONLF once upon time but currently familiar "UBO" took part first election and win majority seat of Somali regional state; established first administration of the regional state. As far as the remnants of pan-somalism and arabnized, idea of horn of Africa was the core people who established the so-called ONLF "UBO". Most of these were among generations who had exiled in 19960s and 70s to Somalia and Arab world as a refugee, besides that, majority of these generations had been military work force of Somali republic; they took their military career the farmer USRR, Egypt and Iraq. The autocratic government of Somalia used them as a tool to keep the integrity of Somalia and leadership interest. As a result of that characteristic "ONLF" UBO" had foreign agenda and no clear political agenda to participate modern Ethiopia; they took unilateral decision of guerrilla war against the civilian of ethio-Somali region and entirely Ethiopia population. It is well popular and full of evidence their awkward act of killing and torturing mothers, children of the Ethiopia Somali region before the establishment of indigenous police of the region known as "liyu police". However, it was very arrogant and shameful the aljasara late interviewed one of the collapsed terrorist groups so called "ONLF" mentioned that their ultimate goal of fighting was to

ensure the basic right and equality of Ethiopia Somali region, if so they were the only political organization who was leading all Ethiopia Somali region when they declared fighting. The question is why they declared unilateral decision of guerilla war against its people as far as they had been exercising the basic right and equality at that time. As far as these organization was defeated both socially, military by current administration of the state, it is senseless and baseless their claiming and propaganda the so called "remnants of onlf live in abroad ". The current administration of Ethiopia Somali region lead by young [visionary leader Abdi mohamoud omer](#); he developed broad based plan to cure the long ill-hearted of Ethiopia Somali region, based on these broad strategies which different Ethiopia Somali community debated including pastoralists and agro-pastoralists, intellectuals, religious, traditional leaders, women and youth. So far based on that broad based strategy, the well-respected forces "liyu police" were developed to secure peace and stability of the region. After many efforts of both community and respected liyu, police forces restored the peace and stability of the region; the Ethiopia Somali region has been peace and stable for last six years. So far, It is shame to mention the destroyed terrorist "UBO" but it is a simply in a history and existed once upon time in the region. Thanks the clear political and policy development of current administration leadership of Ethiopia Somali region "[Abdi mohamoud omer](#)"

Therefore, there have been different administrations in Ethiopia Somali region since its establishment; the pre-current administration of Ethiopia Somali region is incomparable with current administration in every aspect of development and peace stability. Most of the pre-current administration had no clear strategy for peace and development in the region, the regional structure was weak in every aspect. Besides that, clannish mentality, nepotism, political instability within the regional leadership and anti-peace elements were active in the regional structure of past regional administrations. Nevertheless, the current administration of the state has political, economic and social decisions in order to avoid all factors mentioned above. The regional renaissance was one of the factors resulted the transparent and accountability because clannish mentality has no room in the region and nepotism at moment. In addition to that, genuine peace and development forces were established because of current success in Ethiopia Somali region. I really appreciate when I saw and had watched most of past senior politician in the region both federal and regional state, when current administration invited them in order to share their experiences towards the peace and development of the region. It was clear and

obvious that all past regional presidents, federal ministers, ambassadors and other past senior executives of the party complimented and congratulated the historic developmental change of the current regional administration. The current administrations lead by [HE. Abdi Mohamed omer](#) has made significant progress for social, economic and human development.

However, the current president of the state is one of the current young generations who lived under the past tyranny of Ethiopia; he is educated in Ethiopia and abroad. he had obtained his first degree from Open University in Britain that is one of the ten top university of Britain while his MA degree also from green witch university in Britain. He is PHD candidate currently from green witch university. In spite of that, before he enrolled the Ethiopia Somali Democratic Party, he had worked different institutions of both federal and Ethiopia Somali region. Despite the fact, he was familiar and well known; honesty, so humble and belongs ambition to assist the poor people and justice within community. Fortunately, his nature creativity and initiation was resulted the current success of peace and development in Somali region. Before he was not nominated the head of security, peace, justice and administration of Ethiopia Somali region, Many Ethiopia Somali people didn't recognize or belief the existence of Ethiopia Somali Autonomous state. In addition to that, the instability of the region was at climax stage including the current city of Ethiopia Somali region jigjiga; existed weak limited development institution. Apart from the genuine reforms made Ethiopia Somali Democratic Party, the current administration of the state developed clear policy and strategies of peace and development from basic root of pastoral and agro-pastoral community of Ethiopia Somali region. In addition to that, strategies were contextualized as per the social and cultural norms of Ethiopia Somali region; it is in line with different strategies of federal government like GTP#1& 2, CRG, urban development, EDRM MDG etc. In order to implement these clear policy and strategies of the region, the committed, visionary leadership of current administration of Ethiopia Somali region established effective institutions like security, peace, conflict, justice and administration of Ethiopia Somali region including police, justice (child right) and total institution. The important and historic decision was to restore the stability of the region through community participation.

Therefore, it is very difficult to mention the all effort and the success of the current regional administration lead by [Abdi mohamoud omer](#) but to mention a few about its success of regional development. the current regional government implemented it's security strategies based on

regional policy, it was established effective security institution, community mobilization both abroad and domestic; other developmental strategies on focusing water services, agriculture, healthy, education and investment of both public and private sector including small scale industry and services. These also give wide opportunity and access the improvement of the life of pastoralists, agro-pastoralists and riverine community of the Ethiopia Somali region.

As far as the current regional administration established effective and security institution the regional government implemented as dedicative and scientific method to its security agenda with collaborating Ethiopia Somali community. I really appreciated many intellectuals who wrote different articles in the region including Dr nim`aan abdullahi hamera, Aden abdisamad and others ;I always give particular appreciation to Mr. Ahmed Diek H. the popular writer of Ethiopia Somali region in different articles relating security and development of Ethiopia Somali regional state. As Mr Ahmed diek mentioned one of his articles that "liyu police" is an Ethiopia Somali region special force -that was established in 2008 GC. In accordance with police proclamation that emanate the constitution of Ethiopia (1995) the federal democratic republic of Ethiopia (FDRE), in addition to Mr Ahmed Diek `s article "this forces has been created from the result of tears, tortures, rapes and killings of civil society by ONLF. Because the liyu police are from people and for people of Ethiopia Somali region to protect the safety of their own people and security of the region, and Ethiopia country at large"

It is fact and reality that the existence of liyu police is a life and blood of eight-hundred million populations of Ethiopia Somali region and Ethiopia respectively; the indigenous force of liyu police which regional people belief/ see that their dream of 100 years was obtained, because of liyu police is a key security player and the current regional development. These forces who are well disciplined, trained whose their core agenda is to keep any treat/instability from anti-peace elements including [Alshabab](#), [ONLF](#), and [OLF](#), which terrorize the country in general and in particular Ethiopia Somali regional state. The regional forces were trained as best as other forces of the federal republic of Ethiopia; the security context of Ethiopia Somali region is different from the rest of the country. The liyu police, which its primary objective is to protect, restore peace and stability of the country in general and in particular Ethiopia Somali region. The vision and tireless effort of the current president resulted in genuine police forces who work day and night for the sake of their people. Before the liyu police as many people of horn of Africa aware

and witness the so-called" ONLF" aggravated the life of thousands of Ethiopia Somali people. This puppet organization made genocide-killing mother, children and targeting civilian people, after when the liyu police was established as a regional force in order to tackle any problems/treat that Ethiopia Somali people face; the security and the stability of the region was restored by liyu police and the regional community. The regional forces, which were trained in different sections; implemented their national duty and responsibility. The commitment and endless effort of current regional government also utilize the liyu police forces other means of development rather than to restore the stability of the region. some of the police were trained livestock, human, health practitioners; they take part healthy packages both livestock, human ; cure, vaccinate in areas of the pastoral people, and they also support and help the farmers during farming seasons in many part of agrarian area of the region. So far, based on their contribution of skill and knowledge transfer to the poor people of Somali region, they found popular support from the entirely Ethiopia Somali region both domestic and abroad.

The current young and visionary leader [Mr Abdi mohamoud Omar's](#) administration mobilize Ethiopia Somali people both abroad and domestic. The regional people including Diaspora welcomed and accepted this new hope of opportunity; contribute their role towards regional peace and development. Because of that, the liyu police with cooperating the pastoral people, traditional elders resulted this peaceful and wide investment opportunities of Ethiopia Somali region. In addition to that, the liyu police that are regional pride, courage and the moral of Ethiopia Somali people take part other sectors of development rather than security. Moreover, the regional government gives more emphasis the regional community mobilization both domestic and Diaspora of Ethiopia Somali regional. Based on regional strategy, women and youth were enforced their role of regional development. Besides that, the current administration listen and gives access the role of traditional leaders in the region; it was the first time to see the role of traditional elders in the region. Furthermore, The Diaspora of Ethiopia Somali region was the major challenges to all past regional administrations of Ethiopia Somali region; because Ethiopia Somali Diaspora believed that, there was no significant political change in Ethiopia Somali region. but the current administration took important steps to perform and convince the

Diaspora the political change of the country in general and in particular Ethiopia Somali region; Ethiopia Somali region were under influx of conflict for all past regimes of Ethiopia and this resulted in millions of Ethiopia Somali live abroad with different generations and era. It was hard task for this current regional government for Diaspora mobilization; they succeeded the heart and mind of ethio-somali Diaspora over sea. However, the current leadership held different meetings to perform the current development of the state in order to convince the regional Diaspora; this resulted in the radical political and attitude change of Ethiopia Somali Diaspora as far as this regional government encourages the investors to invest the region. It is fact and uncover story that the regional Diaspora is the key players of regional investment development. The last door of ONLf propaganda was closed by the current regional administration, besides that, This week of June 20 2016 in Ethiopia Somali region is a week of Diaspora; there are more than 2500 of Ethiopia Somali region diasporas from different continents of the world like Europe, Australia, North America, south East Asia and gulf countries and Africa. It is tangible and fact the fruitful results of the current administration of Ethiopia Somali region.

Secondly, the current regional administration successfully implemented mega projects on social service sector. The projects are including on water supply sector; to provide potable water, Irrigation development; in order to ensure the food security of the agro-pastoral community and Construction & rehabilitation of rural road; so that different zones & districts of the region are infrastructural linked. The provision of such an infrastructure, which is access of road, is very vital for the ease execution of the other social sector corridors.

The above-mentioned mega projects have been put in practice based on thoroughly need assessment & study, which, had been conducted by the respective experts. Furthermore, the projects were extracted from the regional development that has been traced from federal developmental plans: namely, Growth & transformation plans #1 & 2.

As the major findings of the need assessments, undertaken potable water need has been identified as priority number one. Accordingly, the committed & dedicated regional administration responded with high-level technical & managerial capabilities of the regional sister enterprises. These enterprises have been established in the last six years prior to the

implementations of projects. These enterprises are Somali Water Work Construction Enterprise (SWWCE) & Somali Design & Supervision Enterprise (SDSE), liyu police construction enterprise. Their respective role is to execute water supply & Rangeland and irrigation projects by SWWCE and SDSE as check & balancing agent undertakes the required study prior to the implementation & supervise the projects during implementation on behalf of the regional government which the client of the projects. In addition to that, the above-mentioned agencies are public regional profit makers, which sign agreements with the Regional Basin Development Coordination Office, which is also responsible to release the fund as per agreement. Besides that, the regional government also gives more emphases of agricultural production and it's productivity as mentioned above the historic irrigation projects of which is 103 hectare of land; the project sites are both jarar and korahai zone. As per plan of #GTP2, the regional government is to ensure 10 million of quintal in a year from the coming years after the accomplishment of these huge projects, the capacitated sister enterprises including the liyu police construction enterprise are one of the main organs who are implementing these projects.

The water work construction and design enterprises and water bureau also found water wells in most districts of Ethiopia Somali region which currently benefit both pastoral and agro-pastoral community; the remote areas including harshin district where historically wasn't found water well, but currently it is found water well ;the community had benefited it. There are also both irrigation and water supply projects that is around 200km in jarar zone; this project completed early; the rural people benefit it. In spite of that, the current regional government develops a plan relating water-harvesting package, based on community participation, 100 water small size huffier dams were completed in 2007 E.C only; huffier dams are benefited by the community currently. In addition to that, birkas water harvesting system is implemented where it is too difficult to get water wells like harshin district.

The Ethiopia Somali regional administration gives more emphases the livestock production and it's productivity, because of it is a first time ever established bureau of livestock, pastoral cooperatives and rural development with district level. the regional government also increases it's researches related livestock production and reproduction like breeding. It was also established network for livestock market. Based on commercial agricultural opportunities, it was

also established meat industry recently in fafan which daily need 200 of cattle and 1000 of shoats, this also gives market opportunity the pastoral people in the region.

The current regional government develops and completed the ever-historic project needed the pastoral people that is " Quarantic ". In addition to that, it has been also established camel milk industry in jigjiga recently. As far as, the different institutions of agriculture and cooperatives produce improved forage (hay) that is high quality and digestible feed to the livestock, the Ethiopia Somali region supported the Elena drought affected regions of both afar regional state and self-declared Somaliland republic because of production capacity of Ethiopia Somali region.

On other hand, the regional government develops and makes expansion for advanced technology, high value crops, progressive irrigation techniques and improved seeds. The regional government established seed, forage enterprise, and seed cooperatives in order to get pure and certified seed and provide farmers of Ethiopia Somali region. Among the mega projects implemented by Somali Water Work Construction Enterprise, the Rehabilitation & New construction of West Gode Irrigation Project (WGIP) is one of the important demand driven projects. WGI project is an irrigation projects intended to benefit 27,000 households. It consists of Diversion Structure (Weir), about 15kms Main Canal and more than 3000m of Primary, Secondary and Tertiary canal. Out of the 27,000 hectares of the project potential irrigable land 4000 hectares of land preparation had been finalized and giving service to 4000 small-scale farmer who has been changing their livelihood from pure pastoralist to Agro-pastoralists. This shows us that current regional administration is eager and committed to ensure the food security of their citizens.

As far as thousands of people voluntary decide to settle and become farmers due to their own wish; the regional government gives all basic services including healthy, school, agricultural inputs and normal food to eat.

Furthermore, the current regional administration encouraged popular regional politicians including former presidents and elders to organize themselves as cooperatives who take part the ongoing development of the region. The administration provided the required agricultural input

including Farmland, tractors, improved seed and initial kick-start capital. As a result, these popular figures have become role model for the rest of the people to act accordingly.

The former presidents of the region including kader mohamed Ali, Ambassador Abdirashid dullane and Daud mohamed Ali, Eid daahir are among agricultural producers. In addition to that, the current administration gives access to all the investors including the former well-respected president of the region kader mohamed Ali who established sesame oil industry that is attract full and useful to Ethiopia Somali people.

The current regional government establishes sound agricultural institutions that give technical support and encourage agricultural farmers. Besides that, it is well-known that Ethiopia Somali farmer`s products/seeds such as horticulture, cereal crops, improved forage varieties and improved seed of cereal crops. So far, the current administration also established financial institutions like micro finance, small size scale enterprises. Despite the macro-finance role, it gives access of money transactions to many rural, urban traders under the mandate of Ethiopia commercial bank. The current regional government created wide opportunities to small scale traders particular marginalized people like women; they were given credit to improve their trade activities. These were resulted in the life improvement of thousands of local community in the region.

Moreover, the social sector, which the current administration gives emphasis, is the education sector; it is known that Somali region is one of the regional states categorized under low educational coverage of the region before this current administration. the current leadership mobilized the community in order to increase the role of net enrolment of schools, because of it has been built many schools including primary schools, intermediate and high schools both kabeles and district. It has also increased school infrastructure like books, chair ratio with students. In addition to that, many higher education institutions were built by this current government in kabridahr, Godey jarati, dagahbour, fiq district and liban zones. These institutions are nursing college, teachers training college and technical college .besides that, the current regional government support and facilitate all services that Jigjiga University need the coming soon the Kabridahar University that will be the second university of Ethiopia Somali region. On other hand, healthy infrastructures including hospitals, health posts and modern healthy facilities including, equipment of laboratories and ambulances in every district and

kebele of the region. In addition to that, the regional government has given more importance; increases the number of healthy professionals like medical doctors for last six years; more than 200 medical doctors and first degree of nursing graduated higher institutions of the country. Besides that, the current regional government has established the mobile health team of ophthalmologist lead by Dr Abdiiziiz ibraahim ;the regional government supports and gives all facilities needed by professionals. These professional have been working through out eleven zones of Ethiopia Somali regional since last three years. In addition to that, more than 29000 people who were in blind status; receive their eyesight back. All these initiations and efforts of the regional government are welcomed and appreciated to Ethiopia Somali region people. I most and for most respect and give appreciation about the effort and dedication of the young professional who decides to work his community as voluntary" Dr Abdiiziiz ibraahim"

Moreover, rural roads and bridges construction have been the main agenda of the regional administration the rural road enterprise was established with good capacity of work force and machineries. Vast rural roads and bridges were constructed by liyu police construction enterprise including the wangey bridge in shabele river; It is well known that before the construction of wangey bridge, people were traveling other regions of the country around 1000km, but today people are moving easily within the region.

Finally, this current administration also gives more emphasis the importance of the urbanization in the region; it was established six city councils of the region. In case of jigjiga and other councils of the region have increased both business and residence construction for last six years , there is massive construction of urban roads in jigjig and other city councils of the region. Based on regional policy the housing agenda is one of the top agenda, 400 houses are accomplished; people are benefiting it. The ever historic and strategic compound administration, which was constructed and completed, last year, is unforgettable and many Ethiopia Somali people complimented it to the current regional government effort of urbanization.

Furthermore, the complex water supply of jigjiga town completed; community is getting the water services throughout the suburbs of jigjiga town.

The current administration implemented many huge projects as mentioned above including the historic project of international kabridahar airport with its resources both financial and human

power in a short period; the capable and more capacity enterprise construction of liyu police constructed the international kabridahar airport. The inauguration of kabridahar airport was held recently, many federal and regional institutions attended the ceremony.

On other hand, the culture and norms of Ethiopia Somali region has improved based on federal constitution of the country like traditional dancing known as "dhaanto" and poems. Both Domestic and abroad community of the region gives more support that act of traditional culture improvement of Ethiopia Somali current administration. In addition to that, historical leaders of the region were given respect and pleasure like the African hero of sayid mohamed abdalla Hassan who was one of the main liberators of African continent from the foreign invasion/colonial manipulation of the continent. Sayid mohamed and his colleagues of the country/ Africans who fought colonial invasion have great respect to all people those respect human dignity.

I really appreciate and support the independent ideas and facts about the liyu police wrote by Mr. Ahmed Deik, but people who wrote baseless propaganda the low-level website of Somaliland press and opponent website of ethiomeia. It is misery, illusionary things that is far from the reality of Ethiopia Somali region. however, the leadership of Ethiopia Somali region is elected democratic procedure; it's first priority to keep the access of equity of resources in Ethiopia Somali region; the liyu police is one of that democratic institutions exists in the regional state.

I strongly disprove some unethical writers mainly somalilandpress about Ethiopia Somali region and in particular the young visionary leader of Ethiopia Somali region whose role of contribution is a historic and iconic the existence of Ethiopia Somali region. As Ethiopia Somali leadership in general and particular [Abdi mohamoud omer](#) whose principles, beliefs are how to tackle poverty and terrorist which is the first enemy of Ethiopia and in particular the regional state. Based on foreign policy of FDRE towards neighbor countries of horn of Africa that is to create peace and integration development, because Ethiopia development depends on the growth of horn/east African countries. The current regional administration of Ethiopia Somali region belong such principles and vision of human development. it is a shameful to see the daily propaganda web the so called "somalilandpress" and, it's colleagues who are busy the defamation of regional administration. As per policy of modern Ethiopia, the two nations of somalia/Somaliland and Ethiopia are brothers and sisters who need to tackle together the food insecurity and terrorist

group. It is sure that most of Somaliland people are healthy those who like the peace and security of the region, but I surprised why these writers whom I think they are from the children of European colony/sea man/slaves of nineteen century; claiming that they are somalilanders whose actions are terrorist act and with hidden agenda. Ethiopia Somali intellectuals are waiting your response from Somalilanders towards these garbush and emotional writers. In my conclusion, is that clannish mentality/clan enclave; hates of clan/ethnic is a result of losers in many places of around world to remind you that sayid mohamed abdalla Hassan is one of heroes of Ethiopians who fight colonial era. The clannish mentality group of Somaliland press and friends see as their enemy sayid mohamed abdalla, so to remind you that Ethiopia Somali and their Ethiopia nations and nationalities see as one of their national pride. As many people observed your articles are against the people who are busy to tackle the problems of terrorists like alshabab. As your rubbish /clannish mentality articles about our national pride of liyu police, but no single article, you write the problem of alshabab terrorist who kills daily hundred of innocent children and women many countries of the region including Somalia. It is clear you don't see alshabab as the enemy of human being but you see enemy those who always defeat them like well-respected liyou police of Ethiopia Somali region.

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