

President of the Somali Regional State meets the Ethiopian-Somali Diaspora in London

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The President of the Somali Regional State, H.E. Abedi Mohamed Omar, met with more than 700 members of the Ethiopian-Somali Diaspora in the UK, highlighting the on-going political and economic transformation that is taking place in the Region.



H.E. Mr Abedi was in London for a week-long official visit where he conducted a series of meetings and discussions with members of the Diaspora.



In his main address, he highlighted the construction of roads, water facilities, irrigation schemes and the provision of wireless telecommunication systems as major infrastructure developments in the region.

He also stressed the importance of the growth of primary education, the opening of several high schools and vocational training centres as well as the establishment of Jijiga University in the human resource development of the region.

He outlined the steps taken to improve access to health services through the establishment of several clinics, health stations and hospitals, and stressed the pivotal role of the Jijiga referral hospital in improving the quality of health services.

In his address the president underscored the importance of Nation and Nationalities Day, which the region had the privilege and honour to host for the first time on 8th December 2013. This important political event, he said, has given the people and Government of the region the opportunity to host their brothers and sisters from the rest of Ethiopia and show the achievements made so far after successfully dislodging anti-peace elements operating in the region.

Finally, the president urged the Diaspora of the region to actively participate in the Ethiopian-Somali Development Association and contribute to the growth and development of the region and the nation as a whole. He also invited the community to invest in the region, as well as promote and facilitate investment from the UK, and the rest of Europe.

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