

Why President Hassan Sheikh is Frantically Persuading President Abdiasis Hassan to Come to Mogadishu

In addition to the strong will of President Hassan Sheikh to unilaterally change the Somali Constitution by any means (mostly corruption)¹ and controversial², he and his Ministers have accustomed signing bilateral agreements without bringing to neither at the ministerial meetings and nor to the Parliament meeting for discussion, rectification and approval. This executive wrong attitude coupled with disputes on kind of elections of Somali Federal Government and the Federal member states caused serious grievances between President Hassan Sheikh and Member states Presidents.

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President Hassan asked Adan Madowe Speaker of the Federal Parliament to go to Baidoa in order to mediate between him and Lafta gareeng. Adan madowe declined the request but instead tried to solve the issue by phone calls but in futile.

On Monday, 16 September Colonel Yoonis of 60th Division command of Somali Army has been halted for hours in Adan Adde Airport in Mogadishu³.

On Tuesday 17 September, all flights to Baidoa have been denied to leave and travel. A dead body was among the rejected people. And on Wednesday, 18 September President Hasaan Sheikh send General Mad Abadurahman the Commander of the Custodian Army to Biadoa for the same reason with unknown return. An on Thursday, 19 September six Federal MPs have been denied to fly to Baidoa⁴.

Now, people are asking why President Hassan Sheekh is so persuasive for only president Abdiasis to come to Mogadishu alone without Presidents Qoor Qoor, Guudlaawe, Dani and Midoowe?

Well, there are several reasons mainly based on his own and clan interests for which President Hassan is doing this including but not exhaustive:

- 1- To implement his fraudulent type of election (person vote), he must stop all the Presidents of the Federal member states do their state elections
- 2- He is getting millions of dollars from the check points spread in Lower shabelle Districts controlled by militias from his clan forcibly collecting huge income monthly. In addition, they are forcibly occupying irrigation farms exporting Banana, dried citrus and other lucrative business. So he doesn't want to lose these
- 3- Prsident wrongly believes that President Abdiasis is a soft touch person like the Early Sharif Hassan who allowed Hawiye militias to control all check points in all Lower shabelle Districts. Instead President Abdiasis started lifting check points by force.
- 4 Lower shabeelle Districts, are reach of resources (natural and human), and especially Barawa (South West State Capital) is very reach in natural gas and petroleum. On March 7, 2024 the federal Minister of Petroleum and Mineral resources has signed an agreement with Turkey⁵. The distribution of the economy produced from this agreement implementation is not clear (it is still in dispute).

In conclusion, President Hassan Sheikh wants to play a low deceitful political game to gain his planned interests

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