

PATIENCE PAYS

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From Social Media Friends

Mohamed Sudani

"#Mogadishu isn't a war zone area but the home of thousands of diverse peace loving hardworking Somalis. #IGADMog2016"

Mohamed Dhugad

"Whatever it cost, we finally made it! We'll be driving by afternoon as we proofed the historic day is written in the golden book of Africa's bright days! No more failed sate tag, but fortunate to form better future! #IGADMog2016"

Fatima Ali

Somalia will be where African leaders come and safely meet then walk to the City that well known hospitality and then they will take the real picture and the peace message of Somalia"



Resilience is Somalia's Treasure behind the Perfect Performance of 28th IGAD Extra-Ordinary Summit in Mogadishu.

The Somalia you never expected to return has miraculously come. The Horn of African nation, which once had great golden years, had suffered from civil war to war on terror for the last two and half decades, which had turned its golden history into dark pages.

It was a founding member state of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) 1986, it also initiated the foundation of the Organization of African Union, the





Yasir Baffo

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"Such a historical and well arranged conference for the 1st time since 30 years ago. Somalia never died and will never ever die as long there are Somali positive thinkers. The greatest moment of this conference is organized by IGAD through fully Somali government within Somali people and hold in #Peace_Hotel_in_Mogadishu NOT in Hallane which is a base for African peacekeeping army. Proud to be Somali. Thanks to the Somali Government led by our president H. E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud for the remarkable moment and the people of Mogadishu for the endurance and hosting #IGAD_Mog_2016. #Peace_4Ever_Somalia"

H. E. President Uhuru Kenyatta

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"I will return again and again and I can't imagine how the real Mogadishu looks like".

H. E. President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud

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"Somalia will be ready to host other international conferences and world summits as well as high profile guests in order to encourage the real peace that the Somali Nation was building for the last 16 years"

predecessor body of the current African Union, and it has the history of the first African Democracy after its independence of 1960.

Somalia is the first Africa nation to have an incumbent president, who graciously accepted a defeat in the country's national election in 1967, a period rest of African Countries were suffering from dictatorship to excessive coup d'état.

The first Somalia president late Adan Abdulle Osman aka Adan Adde accepted a defeat to the national election when his former Prime Minister, late Abdirashid Ali Sharmarke, won the election. With the first seven years of its independence, Somalia has shown the world its pride and brilliance, which earned both friends and enemy in the world powers.

The country witnessed its elected president Sharmaarke, who was the current Somalia PM's father, assassinated and the military took over the power with a bloodless coup on Tuesday, 21 October 1969. The military reign came to an end in 1991 after 21 years of military dictatorship.



For over two decades of civil unrest, Somalia lost so many things including its well respected diplomatic credit and international relations within the region, continent and the entire world. After long journey of struggle and resilience, my home town, Mogadishu the capital city and my country, Somalia, hosted 28th IGAD Extra-ordinary Summit, which brought together the body's Heads of State & Government. Planes carrying the heads of states of the neighboring countries including Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda as well as other high profile delegations from Djibouti, Sudan and South Sudan, touched the ground at Adan Adde International airport.

The Somalia commando forces saluted all the heads of states up on arrival, and 28th IGAD Extra-ordinary Summit started at Peace Hotel in Mogadishu. The moment I am writing this article, I am sweeping emotional tears from my eyes, comforting myself to enjoy the emerging signs of my good dreams, which is the Somalia I always want to live in. I can't express my feeling but my emotions lead me to share with you the beautiful experience that restored the hope of the people of my country.

When Somalia leadership decided to host the Summit in Mogadishu in 2015, most of the Somali hearts and ears welcomed this great milestone opportunity, which adds to both political, security and economic gain for the country. Somali people showed the world that they are ready to shine and support their government in order to achieve the national goals or restoring stability and public services. People were collaborating with the security forces to fulfill their duty to prepare the city to host the summit.

People's feeling towards the summit was unique and unbelievable, everyone applauded it and Alshabab was completely denied to deliver their terror. Media and the eyes of the critics might watch the Summit but for me I was watching the other angle of the story. Image the summit was held during the second day of Eid Al Adha, the most important festival of the Islamic calendar, the city was completely locked during the festival day and movement was restricted, but people were happy with it because of the important of seeing their city hosting such historic summit.

Tuesday, 13th September 2016, marks the restoration of the dignity of my nation. I believed that Somalia, would one time glance at its golden history and benefit from it for its future, and it was today when that momentum was observed with national pride. Not only myself but also thousands of other Somalis had shown how contented they were to Summit.

Finally, I would like to convey huge congratulation to brave people of Somalia, who stood by their government in order to perform the summit perfectly and my thanks again and again to the President of Somalia H. E. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud and the rest of the government members for their role of making Somali pride. Our resilience was key for the perfect performance of the summit and that spirit will lead Somalia full recovery and to restore its dignity, integrity and respect in the world diplomacy. United we can make Somalia to have another history, so we keep moving forward.