

People in Galmudug regions of Somalia join the protest against UN Monitoring Group SEMG

GALKAIO, 08th Abril, 2016 - The number of occasions in which Somali people expressing their concerns towards the agony caused by the baseless reports of the UN Monitoring Group for Somalia and Eretria (SEMG) increased, amid countrywide campaigns involved non-state actors including Traditional clan elders and respected religious leaders.

The last gathering was held in Galkaio where participants called on the Somali government, to take immediate action against the SEMG members, whose reckless and false reports have placed the lives of so many Somalis into jeopardy. Placards reading anti-SEMG slogans were hanged on the walls and participants of the rally reiterated the need for immediate actions to end what they called, a prolonged violations against the basic rights of the Somali people.

“We continue to challenge the SEMG until the UN Security Council decides to take up our complaints, we need the Somali government to back our call to end the prolonged violations by the SEMG members. This is a crime with impunity, their reports are full of lies, defamatory and in most cases offends innocent individuals”, Halimo Jama Elmi, renowned Galkaio Women Group member said.

“The people of this region will whatever in their capacity to stop those criminal gangs who characterised insulting the few Somali individuals who are now accounted in terms of economic development”, She added.

Participants of the Galkaio rally questioned the unethical method that is utilized by the SEMG members during their so called investigation. It was noted that they don't have access and proper contacts with the Somali society, which makes them opt to writing fabricated information with which they claim to have been obtained from Somali sources.

“We know that they don't come to the Somali people to ask about what they want to write, they rely on several crooks who operate like them in order to fabricate their reports”, Meymuun Ali Nur, another female participant said. Adding that it is obvious that some people with hidden agenda are feeding the SEMG members with all the lies they are publishing every year.

“Our eyes are open now and we can differentiate our Friends from our Foe, you cannot continue to harass our people. With your false reports, we remember Aid has been stopped from reaching people in need and with your lies, Somalia government is receiving the least assistant from the International communities and with your fabricated reports, this country is continues to remain in Chaos”, Hassan Abdullahi, a traditional elder said

“The people of Galmudug will stand side with their government and we will continue to protest against the legitimized aggression of the SEMG. The development of this country is held back by a conflict that exploited so many years by entities like the SEMG who continue undermining the efforts of the Somali people to fight the war against their enemy”, Yaasiin Gaani, another elder said.

The participants have taken points from the latest reports of SEMG, in which they have openly defamed individuals known to be part of the few, the country counts on in terms of political and economic development.

“We have learned that The SEMG members get information from people who are hostile to those they write about, you can visit some of the famous propaganda Somali websites and simply, you find information on these websites which eventually is included in the annual SEMG report. The SEMG members are really shame to the UN they represent”.

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