

## **Somalia Government asked to disperse SEMG and investigate its members**

**BAIDOA, SOMALIA:** Hundreds of concerned members representing the different sectors of the community gathered in Baidoa Thursday, to express their discontent with the bare lies and non-evident based accusations in the reports of the UN Monitoring Group for Somalia and Eritrea (SEMG).

The gathering which was organized by members of the Baidoa Women group, Traditional Elders and renowned Religious leaders, was part of series of rallies all over the South and Central Somalia recently against the SEMG, it's enduring unethical investigations and their libellous so called findings. Key members of the civil society groups who addressed the gathered have reiterated the need to reject the continued Human exploitation and Harassment that is engaged against the Somali people by SEMG members.

“We need an end to the constant devaluation by these criminals, every year we hear and see that some of the key people who work towards development for this country are blemished by their so called findings. Yesterday it was you, today it is me and tomorrow the next one, we must reject this legalized defamatory cartel”, Fadumo Isgowe, a member of the Women group told the gathering

The history of the SEMG was read and particularly, these years when infamous individuals, whose credibility was already in question have been crowned to lead the work of the team. The gathering also mentioned how the mandate of the Monitoring Group was exploited with the annual misleading reports.

“The SEMG has already done enough damage to Somalis, their corrupt and incompetent methods only lead the way for further instability and anarchy. The Somali government must stand-up with its citizens and dispel those criminals”, Abdulahi Ahmed, a traditional elder said.

The gathering noted a method that SEMG members use fabricate their lies when putting up the UN mandated report concerning Somalia and Eritrea arms embargo. It was noted that they have limited contacts among the civil society groups, and this is to avoid interacting with those they think could reveal their unethical mechanisms.

“They have forgotten their duties and all they talk about is rubbish, they don't know who is supplying weapons into this country and they never publish a meaningful information that helps Somalia stop illegal arms as they are mandated, the Federal Government must hold the SEMG accountable for the damage they done to the Somalis whose credibility was compromised due to the lies spread buy these thugs”, Ali Emidow, a local intellectual said

Finally, the gathering agreed to start writing a petition to the government against the SEMG members, so that they will be dismantled and brought to justice for writing reports that blemished the credibility of key Somali individuals, some whom they said blew up themselves while they are still alive.

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