



# NORTHERN SOMALIS for PEACE & UNITY

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## PRESS RELEASE

### NSPU Welcomes the New Prime Minister of Somalia

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The Northern Somalis for Peace and Unity (NSPU) welcomes the appointment of Nur Hassan Hussein as Prime Minister of Somalia. We are encouraged by the commitment of the Prime Minister to work towards the restoration of peace, stability, and good governance in Somalia.

We call for the new Prime Minister to urgently tend to the humanitarian needs of the refugees who have fled the fighting and destruction in Mogadishu and to alert the world community about the massive humanitarian need in Somalia. In addition, the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) should pay attention to the suffering of thousands internally displaced persons (IDPs) who were ousted from Las Anod, the capital of Sool Region, by militia loyal to the secessionists enclave (Somaliland) in the North West of our country.

The appointment of the new Prime Minister is an opportunity for the TFG to initiate a dialogue with opposition leaders, who are prepared to renounce violence as a means of achieving their political agenda. We also call on the Prime Minister to constantly remain vigilant in the face of conspiracies, both internal and external, aimed at dividing our country into satellite fiefdoms which if realized will hail the beginning of the end of Somalia as a united independent State. Towards that goal we call on the Prime Minister to appoint a Foreign Minister with the qualifications, dedication and commitment to the protection and defense of the Sovereignty and the Territorial Integrity of our country; at a time our country is vulnerable to acts of sabotage and discord.

The Northern Somalis for Peace and Unity in consistency with its core mission of promoting and preserving peace and unity among all segments of the Somali people, calls upon the Transitional Federal Institutions, Somali traditional and religious leaders and civic society groups to cooperate with the new Prime Minister in moving Somalia forward and building a stable and prosperous Somali nation.

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*NORTHERN SOMALIS FOR PEACE & UNITY (NSPU) is a grass-roots Somali advocacy organization with Branches in Somalia, United Arab Emirates, Canada, USA, UK, Sweden, and South Africa. We are dedicated to the promotion of peace and unity among the long suffering people of Somalia. We believe the 'Somalia problem' can only be dealt with within the framework of a holistic strategic approach aimed at the empowerment of a central government to rebuild national democratic governance institutions and restore law and order throughout the country. NSPU believes the balkanization of Somalia is a recipe for future conflicts and a bleak future for the Somali people, who are bonded by ethnicity, language, religion, and shared centuries-old culture and traditions.*

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