

Widespread Irregularities is Reported on the Selection of the Traditional Clan Elders

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Media reports have indicated widespread irregularities on the selection of the traditional clan elders. I would like to briefly demonstrate and prove that indeed this is true.

One of the specific cases is the case of Suldaan Faqi S. Suldaan Faqi who was among the elders invited to the meeting (see the link <http://horseedmedia.net/2012/05/06/liiska-magacyada-odayaasha-dhaqanka-ee-muqdisho-ku-shiraya/>). Suldaan Faqi attended the opening ceremony on the first day of the meeting, but on the next day while in his room the chief of the Somali police (General Sharif Shekhuna Maye) has ordered him to leave at a gun point and replaced him with a bogus Suldaan who is the cousin of the General. The objective of his expulsion is merely based on the selection of the upcoming of the new MP's for the Somali parliament in which there is a complete disagreement between Suldaan Faqi, and General Shekhuna. Suldaan Faqi believes that people with integrity and quality should be selected from a cross the Tunni clan, while the General (also from the same clan) disagrees and wants specific names to be the nominees.

During his retirement life (mid 1990's-2011) in Sweden, General Shekhuna wrote a book with a pseudo name falsifying the history of the Sultanate of Tunni and that book with other bogus documents is now made available in every office of the TFG in Mogadishu by General Shekhuna.

The question now is what is the real story? Here are the facts tracing back to 1844 regarding the truth about the Tunni sultanate. **From extracts of the Journal of Royal Geographical Society of London by Lieutenant W. Christopher, Commanding the H.C. Brig of War Tigris on the East Coast of Africa. The Lieutenant writes “in the evening of the 19th day I landed at the town (Brava) in an armed boat to call on the chief and deliver the letter of Imam Seid Seid of Zanzibar together with letters**

relative to the wreck of a bugalo having British property a board, which was very urgently wanted at Zanzibar”. “I was received in a warm friendly manner, to my surprise, and conducted to the best-looking house in the place by a Somali Chief named Hadji Awisa (who is the great grandfather of Suldaan Faqi) who carried in his hand a highly ornamented sword, which I was later informed, was sent to him by Seid Seid of Zanzibar” (Journal of Royal Geography Society of London, volume 14, 1844).

After the death of Suldaan Hadji Awisa, his son Suldaan Faqi bin Haji Awisa (see picture below) was sworn to the throne; he later died in 1949. On October 18, 1949 the representative of the Italian government who was at the time colonizing southern Somalia sent a letter of condolence to the family of the deceased Sultan (the letter written in Italian is included in this article).



Suldaan Faqi bin Haji Awisa



After the death of Suldaan Faqi in October of 1949, his son Shegow Faqi bin Haji Awisa (no picture) became the Sultan of Tunni; he later passed away in 1986. From 1986 to 2007 his younger brother Suldan Omar Faqi bin Haji Awisa (see picture below) became the Suldaan of Tunni. Suldaan Omar Faqi Haji Awisa attended both the Arta and Nbegathi peace conference before his death in October, 2007 ((Attached is the letter of invitation from IGAD in 2003).



Suldaan Omar Faqi bin Haji Awisa

On January 18, 2008, Suldaan Faqi was selected as the Suldaan of Tunni after unanimous decision from the family including his two surviving uncles and the majority of the clan (see his ceremony <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVHwcJnt1Sk>)



Suldaan Faqi S. Faqi Haji Awisa (from January 18, 2008- up to present)

These historical documentations prove that Suldaan Faqi S. Faqi is the genuine Suldaan of Tunni- Shangamas.

After all these evidence, the TFG is still hesitant to make any decision on this issue; though some prominent TFG leaders have privately questioned the legitimacy of the bogus Suldaan.



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August 28th 2003

Sultan Omar Fagi Hagi Awes

Dear Sir

**RE: INVITATION TO ATTEND SOMALIA NATIONAL
RECONCILIATION CONFERENCE**

On behalf of the IGAD Technical Committee on Somalia, I have the honour to invite you to Phase III of the Somali National Reconciliation Conference being held at KCCT, Mbagathi, Nairobi, Kenya. You will be briefed further on your role in the Reconciliation process upon arrival.

All the necessary arrangements have been undertaken, to facilitate your arrival to attend the Somalia National Reconciliation Conference.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Kiboi'.

James Kiboi
For Kenya's Special Envoy for Somalia
and Chairman, IGAD Technical Committee



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**Doctor in-charge
KCCT**

Subject: Sultan Omar Fagi Hagi Awes – TR149

Please accord the above-named delegate medical services. He is one of the delegates in the on going Somali National Reconciliation Conference.

Thank you.

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**Bonface Wasike
For Conference Coordinator.**

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Mogadiscio, il 18 Ottobre 1949.

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Ho appreso con vivo dolore la morte di scech Faghi bin hagi
Avisse, Sultano dei Tunni Sciangamas.

L'Italia ha perduto un grande amico e la Somalia una delle
sue persone più eminenti.

L'opera e il ricordo del Grande scomparso resteranno impa-
riture nel Paese.

A nome del Governo Italiano e mio, porgo a Lei, cavalier
Baba Faie, le condoglianze più vive con la preghiera di esternare
i miei sentimenti ai parenti tutti.

Voglia gradire, Signor cavaliere, i miei distinti saluti.



Tunni Muifopari

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