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PRESS RELEASE

Mogadishu, 14 July 2025 – The Somali Civil Society Umbrella (SONSA) held an urgent meeting today to discuss major challenges facing the country. These included the difficult stage reached in the political dialogue between the Federal Government and the Salvation Council, and the government's process for taking back public land, which has caused tensions and disputes.

Political Issues

SONSA is concerned about the lack of results from the recent talks between the Federal Government and the Salvation Council. These discussions lasted for two months, and many Somalis had hoped they would bring an agreement to solve the political disagreement that has slowed Somalia's state-building process.

The political dispute is damaging public trust in government, creating divisions among people, and delaying national progress.

Civil society believes it is important to reach an agreement on the main causes of this dispute, to protect the unity and cooperation of the Somali people.

SONSA therefore calls on the Federal Government and the Salvation Council to resume their talks as soon as possible. Both sides should make real compromises on the issues they disagree on, keeping in mind the best interests of the country and its citizens. SONSA is ready to provide technical advice and ideas to help both sides find a lasting solution.

Public Land Issues

SONSA is also concerned about recent disputes over public land, which have created mistrust between citizens and the government.

Civil society has often called on the government to prepare a clear plan and policy for how public land will be taken back and used. This would help prevent the problems we are now seeing.

SONSA believes the current situation could lead to violations of people's rights and further damage trust between the public and the government. For this reason, SONSA repeats its call for a fair and well-planned policy that protects the rights of people living on public land and ensures proper use of these lands.

In conclusion, civil society urges all stakeholders to act in the best interest of the Somali people and to avoid any actions that may create further conflict between the public and the government.



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