

Burtinle Peace Agreement, 6 May 2007

(Translated from the original Somali)

To: Bah Ararsame Community Cc: Garaad Jama Garaad Ali Garaad Jama
To: Omar Mohamud Community Cc: Puntland Minister of Justice & Religious Affairs
Cc: Islan Bashir, Islan Bashir, Islan Abdulle, Cc: President of Puntland, Islan Farah
Cc: Puntland Minister of Interior
Cc: Elders of Puntland Cc: All officials of Nugaal, Sool and Mudug regions

Subject: Committee verdict

Verdict is made on the basis of careful analysis and evaluation of the issues related to the pastoral areas and the disputes over water, such as digging *Berkedo* which creates environmental degradation. All the concerns and complaints of both communities were listened to. It is also based on the related references and previously reached agreements about the area such as the May 15th 1997 agreement, which forbids digging any *Berkedo* or cutting the trees of the areas.

1. *Berkedo* at Daladka and the *berked* owned by Abdimalik Haji Hussein at Adadda shall be demolished.
2. The two *berkedo* of Hassan Abdi Haabsade family shall remain in place, provided that new *berkedo* shall not be established beyond this point southwards within the grazing area.
3. The terrain between the existing villages is designated as grazing zone for the livestock: therefore, it is prohibited to construct new *berkedo*, develop new townships or establish temporary makeshifts camps that could lead to further erosion and damage to the environment.
4. At the location of God-Dhurwaa and Kal-belebo, there shall not be any further extension by establishing new *berkedo*. In the event that any new *berkedo* are constructed, both the new and the old shall be demolished.
5. Any party that violates the above four articles shall be liable to a fine of Somali Shilling 100 million and one year imprisonment.
6. The above resolutions shall be overseen by a committee composed of the two communities. The committee can seek assistance from the regional authorities of Sool and Nugaal.
7. The owners of the *berkedo* that are to be demolished as agreed here shall receive:
 - a. Daladka \$8.000
 - b. Adadda \$7.000
 - c. Compensation to be paid in cash by Puntland administration through the *Isimo*

8. Representatives from Puntland administration, the mediating committees and elders from both communities shall execute the demolition of the above-mentioned berkedo.
9. Regarding the deceased men:
 - a. For each of the 8 men killed during the latest fighting, the committee has ruled:
 - A *diya* of 120 camels
 - An additional US \$1000 as exoneration (plea for forgiveness).
 - Funeral expenses of Somali Shilling 5 million
 - b. The committee has also ruled a *diya* payment for a man as:
 - 110 camels as *diya*
 - Funeral expenses of Somali Shilling 5 million
10. The *diya* payment shall be completed as follows:
 - a. 467 heads [live camels], which corresponds to the *Fiffi* shall be paid within 2 months.
 - b. 603 heads [live camels], which is the *Mag-Dheer* shall be paid within 6 months.
11. The cash compensations of funeral expenses, exoneration and the weapons shall be handed over on the date of signature of this agreement and are: funeral expenses totalling Somali Shillings 45 million, and exoneration \$8.000, and 6 guns.
12. Regarding the injuries, the *Isimo* ruled that each wounded member of both communities shall receive US \$1.500 as medication/healing compensation to be brought to the venue of this conference.
13. The *Isimo* shall be the sole reference body for any changes that may be done to this agreement.
14. After signature of this agreement, either of the reconciled sub-clans that initiates actions that causes death or injury shall be fined Somali Shilling 200 million before the case is examined.

Source: Hassan Adan Mohamed and Amina Abdulkadir M. Nur, *The Puntland Experience: A Bottom-up Approach to Peace and State Building - Peace Initiatives in Puntland 1991-2007* (ed.) Pat Johnson (Garowe, Puntland, Somalia: Interpeace, 2008), p. 87-88