

**Old Bosaso City (Bender Qasim)**  
Elders & Intellectuals Committee,  
Bosaso, Puntland State of Somalia  
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**To: Adnan mahmood**  
**Officer**  
**Group Chair & CEO Office**

**5 September 2017**

**Subject: Concerning Agreement for the Development of Bosaso Port, Puntland, Somalia**

Thank for your response of our letter dated 31 August 2017. You stated some of the benefits of the project such as the Mobile medical service, employment opportunities, drilling water wells etc. which is an information we already know. However, it seems that you might have overlooked the main reason of our communication with you.

The main aim of our earlier communication with you was to bring to your attention the facts pertaining to the port and the area around it. The rulers of Puntland Government were untruthful to you when they gave you the incorrect information with regards to the supporting yard area adjacent to the shore and that there are no Bosaso residents living in there that might require relocation. There are more than 600 properties (mentioned in our earlier letter) that will have to demolished if the project is to go ahead as planned and that is the sticking contentious point between the Government of Puntland and the local community of the port area.

We also intended to inform you that the Concession Agreement triggered resentment among the inhabitants of the historic quarters of the city because of their proposed demolition of the historic sites of the city. The supporting yard area in the "Phase 1 Project" adjacent to the shore belongs to certain clan families whose forefather settled the city of Bosaso centuries ago. These resident families are not prepared for their historic landmarks of the city such as old fortresses, castles, mosques, shops and houses to be bulldozed. They attach high heritage and historic value to Old Quarter and are determined to preserve it.

We have not in any shape or form alleged in our previous letter that you were involved in the bribing of the Members of the Parliament of Puntland. However, it is commonly known as fact in Puntland that the Government of Puntland bribed the Members of the Parliament to the tune of \$28,000-\$30,000 each. We strongly believe that the government of Puntland might have used the funds that you have provided them as per the Terms of the Concession Agreement for the bribing activities of the Parliament Members. We are sure that the Concession Agreement is not legally binding since the parliament approval was achieved in an illegal manner.

However, we welcome your proposed dispatch of senior team to consider our design concerns, so that the demolition of our properties would be avoided.

In conclusion, the supporting yard area in the “Phase 1 Project” adjacent to the shore is a privately-owned land inhabited by local people and there are historic landmarks of immense heritage value and centuries old emotional connection to its owners. We herewith inform you of the dangerous brewing situation, which unfortunately might lead to a confrontation and has the potential to derail the whole project.

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