

British Treaty with Somaliland Tribes

The British Government have signed protection treaties with six Somaliland tribes: Gadabursi, Eesa, Warsangeli, Habr Gerhajis, Habr Toljaala and Habr-Awal. All the Articles in the Agreements and the Supplementary Agreements signed with the Somaliland tribes are similar except the Warsangali one.

The only treaty signed by Garad [or traditional leader] representing the all tribe is the Warsangali one. All the other treaties are signed by elders that may represent their areas or their different sub-clans.

—The Warsangali treaty doesn't contain the preamble that precedes every treaty which puts the independence and maintenance of order in the British Government hands. The statement goes as "the maintenance of our independence, the preservation of order ". The Warsangali treaty is added an extra article [LOOK

ARTICLE VI OF THE WARSANGALI TREATY] that none of the other treaties has which indicates that the

Warsnagali will assist the British officers and follow their advice for "... duties as my be assigned to them, and further act upon their advice in matters relating to the administration of justice, the development of the resources of the country, the interests of commerce, or in any other matter in relation to peace, order, and good government, and the general progress of civilization."

—No tribal area is referred as "COUNTRY" except the Warsangali territory.

ARTICLES I, II and III are removed from the Warsangali Treaty. ARTICLE III in the Warsnagali Treaty is similar to ARTICLE II in HABR GERHAJIS and Habr Toljaala Treaty but it is removed the statement " All vessels under the British flag shall have free permission to trade at all ports and places within ... "

The conclusion of every agreement, except the WARSANGALI TREATY, indicates that the treaty will be abided by the elders currently signing and " their heirs and successors "

HERE ARE THE ARTICLES THAT ALL THE OTHER TRIBES HAVE EXCEPT THE WARSANGALI TREATY

We, the undersigned Elders of the Gadabursi tribe, are desirous of entering into an Agreement with the British Government for the maintenance of our independence, the preservation of order, and other good and sufficient reasons.

Now it is hereby agreed and covenanted as follows:-
ART. I. The Gababursi tribe do hereby declare that they are pledged and bound never to cede, sell,