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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE

No. 280

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

May 18th, 1918.

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Sir,

In continuation of my despatch No. 265  
of the 10th instant, I have the honour to  
transmit herewith a copy of a further memorandum  
for the week ending the 13th May summarising  
the events in connection with the Somali unrest  
in the Northern territories of the Protectorate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

*Alonso Bujed.*

GOVERNOR.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
ANDREW BONAR LAW, P.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES,  
DOWNING STREET,  
LONDON, S. W.

PRECIS FOR WEEK ENDINGSATURDAY, MAY 13th.

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(i) It now appears that the telegram referred to in I(111) of the precis for the week ending April 29th was from the Acting Provincial Commissioner, Jubaland. He states in addition that he is of opinion that the assistance asked for by Abdurrahman Mursaal will not be given.

It is still not certain whether this telegram was sent by Mr. Power. If so, it appears to conflict with I(111) of the above-mentioned precis.

(ii) On the 8th a telegram dated May 6th was received from the Acting Provincial Commissioner, Jubaland, stating that the Italian Resident, Bardera, reports that the Aulhaa have left the river and have all gone towards Wajheir.

It is understood that this move is not contrary to the usual habits of the tribe on the commencement of the rainy season. Moreover, unless the Marehan have been "squared", which is not yet certain, Abdurrahman Mursaal cannot make any hostile movement away from his own country.

(iii) On the 12th a letter dated Hertford April 24th was received from Mr. Kitteraster regarding certain rumours reported to him by

Hadji

Hadji Hassan, the headman left in charge of Wajheir. These are (a) that Abdurrahman Mursaal is still on this side of the Juba River and (b) that the Aulihan Her Afgab have split into two sections, one of which desires to follow Abdurrahman Mursaal while the other wishes to have nothing to do with them. The accuracy of these rumours is not vouched for, and they do not correspond with previous reports e.g. those in I(d) of Precis for week ending May 6th, but they may nevertheless be correct. Hadji Hassan also urged the immediate re-occupation of Wajheir as the young men of the Mohamed Zubeir were getting restive and accusing him of selling their country.

(iv) On the 10th a telegram from Mr. Deck Gated Archer's Post May 1st stated that he had arranged for the re-occupation of Wajheir with one Company and the Maxim Gun Section of the Police Service Battalion and 50 Northern Frontier District Constabulary with three months' supplies. No transport was available to maintain a larger force at the Station but he was arranging for transport for 50 additional men in case temporary reinforcements should be required. He considered the force of 120 men for whom arrangements had been made would be sufficient to protect the Mohamed Zubeir from overtures from or attack from by the Aulihan.

(v.) On the 13th a letter dated Archer's Post May 1st was received from Mr. Kittermaster.

(a) He reports that Mr. Glenday has left the Garreh country without any contretemps but that the situation there as regards the Dagodia is becoming critical and that the Garreh will probably be attacked shortly. The few Marehan with whom Mr. Glenday had to deal during the retirement obeyed his orders but appeared to him somewhat nonchalant.

(b) Hassan Dima, headman of the Mumin Hassan section of the Aulthan on the Lorian, reported that the Rer Afgab and Rer Wafta subsections were preparing to move north with the rains to join Abdurrahman Mursaal but that he expected they would be stopped by the Mohamed Zubeir. This corresponds with the report in I(d) of Precis for week ending May 6th.

III.

DISPOSITION OF SOMALI TRIBES.

No change reported.

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DISPOSITION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. Deck has arrived in Nairobi.

Mr. Llewellyn and the Police Service Company are probably at Wajheir.

Mr. Glenday is probably at Buna.

Mr. Kittermaster was last heard of at Archer's Post.

Captain Barrett has left for Berbera to

recruit

recruit for the Northern Frontier District and Jubaland Armed Constabulary.

IV. DECISIONS ARRIVED AT AND ACTION TAKEN.

No report has been received during the week which has called for any decision.

V. GENERAL.

Mr. Deck reports that the situation at Wajheir, as soon as the re-occupation has taken place, should be satisfactory. He does not think it likely that the Mohamed Zubeir will join the Auliban, but there is a possibility that, if our administration is relaxed, they might indulge in inter-tribal fights and raids on peaceful tribes and thus make it necessary for punitive measures to be taken against them as well as against the Auliban. With the re-occupation of Wajheir and the presence of the Arab Rifles in Southern Jubaland this possibility should be largely eliminated.

The fact that no news of hostile indications on the part of any other section except the Auliban, though the rains have broken, is reassuring.

Nairobi.

May 10th, 1916.