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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

March 1st 1910.

EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

No. 113
(Incl. 1)



My Lord,

I have the honour to report that I have sanctioned the deportation from Jubaland of Mahomed Semantar, a member of the Warsengeyli section of the Herti Somalis, as being a menace to peace and good order.

2. He first came into prominence some ten or 12 years ago when Mr. Jenner was in charge at Kisumu, and Sheikh Ali Nahar was the subsidized head of the Hertis.

3. Piqued at the refusal of Sheikh Ali Nahar to recommend him for Government employ, he and two other Somalis threatened to join the Ogadens with whom the Government were at that time fighting; the two Somalis were caught by Mr. Jenner and deported for a year, Mahomed Semantar however escaped.

4. The two men deported appear to have taken the lesson to heart, for after their return to Jubaland they gave no more trouble. Mahomed Semantar on the other hand in company with a Somali named

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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Amed Abdi commenced to intrigue against Sheikh Ali Nahar.

5. This intrigue ultimately culminated in the murder of Ali Nahar and the deportation of the men directly responsible, with the exception of Samantar, who again escaped and only re-appeared at Kisumu in January 1909.

6. He remained quiet for a few months, but ultimately commenced his former practices of intriguing against the Herti chiefs recognized by Government.

7. There is little doubt that Samantar hoped if he only succeeded in making sufficient trouble that the Government would subsidize him to keep quiet and though no doubt this would be one way of avoiding further trouble it need hardly be seriously considered.

8. His present intrigues unless checked would undoubtedly have culminated in an outbreak of some sort and I am confident that deportation from Jubaland is the only practicable course.

9. A yearly report will be furnished by the Acting Provincial Commissioner, Jubaland, as to the advisability of Samantar's return.

10. A copy of the statements on oath of the leading Herti and Wamanzeyli elders is enclosed.

11. I trust that Your Lordship will approve

my

action in the matter.

I have the honour to be
Your Lordship's humble,
obedient servant,

J. R. Howard
GOVERNOR.

INCLOSURE

In Despatch No. 113 of 18/10

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INQUIRY.

on

the behaviour of Mohamed Samantar

of

the Warsengylli section of Herlis.

Sd/- J.O.W.Hope

25.10.09.

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Mohamed Samantar present.

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Mohamed Aden sworn states:-

We had a case to settle according to native custom. Two men called Ibrahim and Jama Hussein were implicated about a woman and so we had a large meeting of elders (Herti). We had listened to all the shauri and decided that Jama Hussein should pay Rs.30/- to Ibrahim Aden. When we finished the case Mohamed Samantar would not agree. He stood up and said I was not his Mzee and he would not listen to me and said no one could force a man to pay and there was a great row at the baraza. That night there were lots of shauris all owing to Mohamed Samantar.

Mohamed Samantar called lots of people and tried to make fitna against me. This was the same as happened before and there were lots of shauris and it ended in the murder of Ali Nahar. When I was told by the officer to hear the shauri of Ibrahim Aden I sent a letter to Mohamed Samantar to come in and I am told he tore up the letter and said he would not listen to me. All the elders of the Herti know that Mohamed Samantar is no longer an elder of the Warsengeli and was told so by Captain Salkeld before all the elders.

I swear that all I have said is truth.

Sd/- J.O.W.Hope.

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25.10.09.

Musa Ali elder of Warsengoyli section of the Hertis sworn states:-

I and Ali Sherwa are the elders of the Warsengoyli and made so by Government. A long time ago Mohamed Samantar was an elder of our tribe. He was always making fitna between us and the Ogadens and made a very bad shauri for us. Mohamed and two or three with him went to the Ogadens. The others were Mijjertain. Sherwa Ismail was alive at this time also Ali Nahar. They called the wazce of Warsengoyli and warned them that they must not make fitna again. From that time Mohamed Samantar made fitna. We told him to stop as he was a young man and Sherwa Ismail and Ali Nahar were old men and the big men of the Hertis. He would not listen to us and took to sending anonymous letters to people. He was always making quarrels with Ogadens. He would not listen to us. He and Ahmed Abdi continued making fitna. Ahmed Abdi was interpreter and used to write complaints about Ali Nahar. Ahmed Abdi was discharged and continued making fitna. This fitna eventually culminated in the murder of Ali Nahar. The Hertis were fined for the murder and paid it. Mohamed Samantar then started again to make fitna against Mohamed Aden. Mohamed Samantar then went away on safari amongst the Ogaden, not to trade but amongst the people where he was before and amongst whom he tried to make fitna. We elders of the Warsengoyli hearing he went on the safari amongst the Ogaden made a shauri that we would have nothing to do with him and told the other Hertis wazce the same and said we would report him to the Government. We settled to have no more to do with him. Amongst ourselves the shauri is this:- Ali Sherwa has been married 14 years. He gave dollars 500 for her. Mohamed Samantar tried to get the wife from Ali Sherwa. This started 7 years ago. We tried to stop him. He would not listen to us and said he wanted Ali Sherwa

to divorce his wife. Ali Sherwa lost his wife and the 500 dollars. Now there is another case Ibrahim Aden wanted to marry sister of Barata Mohamed and paid part of the dowry. Mohamed Samantar started to make fitna between them and got another man to take the woman. The shauri came up before us and we told him to leave the woman and he did. Then Mohamed Samantar got Jama to take the woman and he did. Then Ibrahim Aden came and complained and we heard the shauri. Jama did not want to mix in it but Mohamed Samantar wanted him to and persuaded him. All the parties concerned came and told us elders about it. According to our custom the wazee should stop a man going off with another's woman but Mohamed Samantar helped him. We settled it but Mohamed Samantar told Jama not to listen to us. Jama listened to him and so we brought the case to you and the other Chiefs. We had a shauri here at Kismayu and it was decided that Jama was to pay Rs.80/- but Mohamed Samantar got up and told him not to listen to it.

About the time of the first fitna a lot of anonymous letters were written to Nairobi to the Balozzi. These M. Samantar told me he had written with others but refused to tell me who the others were.

Sd/- J.O.W. Hope

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Mohamed Gora head chief of Warsengeyll sworn corroborates the statement of Musa Ali in full and states:-
 Mohamed Samantar has always made bad shauris and we elders of Warsengeyll are certain that if he is allowed to stay here there will be big trouble.

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We want a guarantee that if he is allowed to stay in Jubaland and there is trouble through him, we will not be held responsible. I agree with all Mush Ali said.

Sd/- J.O.W.Hopc.

A.P.C.

IV.

Nur Ali sworn states:-

The elders all settled that Jama Hussein should pay Rs. 30/- but before he had time to say anything Mohamed Samantar said he should not pay. He said that Mohamed Aden could not order him about and that Mohamed Aden was not Mzee for the Hertis. He said this before all the people.

Sd/- J.O.W.Hopc.

A.P.C.

V.

Lobo Aden, Hertis sworn, states:-

I was present when Mohamed Samantar got a letter from Mohamed Aden. When he had read it he tore it up and I asked him why he had done so and he said if he writes me ten letters I shall take no notice of him.

Sd/- J.O.W.Hopc.

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VI.

Ibrahim Aden, Hertis sworn states:-

I took a letter from Mohamed Aden to Mohamed Samantar and when I gave it him Lobo Aden was present. Mohamed Samantar read it and tore it up and said if I get ten letters I will not listen to him or go to him.

Sd/- J.O.W.Hopc.

A.P.C.

VII.

Ahmed-Hussein, elder of Warsengeyli, sworn states:-

I was present at Ruga when the case of the woman was first heard. Mohamed Samantar was there. We did not settle the shauri as we wanted Lobo there. Mohamed Samantar has always been trying to make "Fitna".

Sd/- J.O.W.Hope.

A.P.C.

VIII.

Mohamed Samantar states:-

I have never made any fitna at all. In the shauri about the woman, we settled it and it was finished. Then Ibrahim Aden came and made a report to Government. I got a letter to tell Jama to go to Kismayu and I asked them if they wanted to go and they said no. They said they did not want any shauri but mine. I put 10/- fine on Barala. I did not tear up the letter which Mohamed Aden sent me. Issa Mohamed Daher was present when I got the letter.

When Mohamed Aden settled the case I did get up and object because I had heard the case and I said if they were not satisfied with my decision let them get some other Warsengeyli. Mohamed Aden agreed to this.

I do not want to ask them any questions.

Sd/- J.O.W.Hope.

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Mohamed Aden asks Mohamed Samantar:-

When a man takes a woman from another man what is the custom?

M. S. To put a fine on the man who takes the woman. Mohamed Aden then states:-

When I gave decision for Rs. 30/- Mohamed Samantar refused absolutely to listen to me. I deny that he settled the shauri up country. Every one is convinced that if I had not reported this case of Mohamed Samantar to Government there would have been trouble.

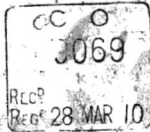
Mohamed Sumantar states:- When this shauri was on there were lots of people present. I deny saying that M.A. is not an elder. I only said that I had finished the case up country.

Sd/- J.O.W.Hope.

A.P.C.

To

The Provincial Commissioner,
Jubaland.



Sir,

I beg to bring into your notice the following facts and I hope that you will take it into your kind consideration.

There is a man of Warsengeyli named Ibrahim Aden who made a complaint before you on account of woman and you have forwarded this case to me as to be settled according to Somali Custom. I have sent letter to call Mohamed Samantar and Juma Hussain who married the woman, while my letter reached Mohamed Samantar he read it then he cut it and said I don't know Mohamed Aden or anybody on this case which I settled as this woman to be married by this man Juma Hussain and I would not go on account of this case at all while Warsengeyli Wazee heard these words at once have gathered at place and have made shauri that this Mohamed Samantar would make "fitna" among us and other then should be great quarrel. In future, it is better to report this man to Government. After that they have left their place for Kismayu as to report this matter. When Mohamed Samantar received this news he followed them and have arrived at Kismayu at same time. The Wazee soon they arrived they asked me to come with them as to see you on account of this matter but I told them it is much better first to see these two men, the man who married the woman and man who made complaint on account of that woman, both them have agreed and have their statement in presence of lot of Somalis according to our custom. The man who made complaint has proved that he has paid Rs 64/- and one cow, after that. I and other wazee who were present we have settled that

the man who married the woman must pay Rs.30/- only. The man who made complaint satisfied this statement but another saying nothing only seeing to Mohamed Samantar then Mohamed Samantar stands up and saying we would not listen to you because that are not our and this man Mohamed Samantar trying to make great "fitna" at that place and that man Jama Hussein who married the woman helping Mohamed Samantar when I have seen this man want to make "fitna" I went away from that place, I think if I dont left ~~the~~ that place that time will be great quarrel and that time was sunset, then this Mohamed went to Hafa at night time in order making shauris with some his friends at that night we have told of 20 men and their headman Mohamed Ibrahim as to see this man and his party what they want to do, during next morning we have reported this matter before you. I believe that if you do not arrest this man on that day he should make great "fitna" and those people whom they have asked you to release Mohamed Samantar and they will be security for him are his friends whom they have made a shauri with him and before they have come to you they have begging me as not to report this man what he does before you at that day but I told them this is important thing I must report anyone who want to make "fitna" in this country. There is no great "fitna" in Somalis custom than the women.

This case your honour forwarded it to me as settled but this man like to put over me great shame before the public.

I beg &c.

Sd/- Mzee Mohd Aden.

Kismayu 20th October 1909.

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The following facts against Mohamed Samantar:-

Since 14 years ago there were three men have appeared to make fitna as they were have asked Sultan Sharwa and Sheikh Ali Nahar to place them in Government pay or they will make "fitna" in this country. The Sultan and Sheikh Ali Nahar have replied them that we would not place you in Govt. pay because you are still young men and we like wisemen in Govt. pay and that time was war amongst the Govt. and Ogadens. These men have made a shauri us to join the Ogadens against the Govt. while Sultan Sherwa and Sheikh Ali Nahar have this news at once have reported them to Mr. Jenner that these 3 men want to make "fitna". Mr. Jenner said to the Wazee better arrest them and send for whole Hertis to come on the South of Kismayu near Tula in 20 days after that time any one who does not come should be accounted as Ogadens, and Hertis have come and arrested these 2 men Elmi Mohamed and Farrah Duffe but Mohamed Samantar ran away. The two men have been deported from this country until their chiefs to be satisfied after deporting of these two men. Mohamed Samantar came to the Wazee and begged them to forgive him and promised that he will do no wrong again and they begged Mr. Jenner to pardon this man and Mr. Jenner agreed but said if he done again I will deport him at once or would be killed.

There was interpreter named Ahmed Abdi has beating his wife and she came to Sheikh Ali Nahar then Sheikh Ali Nahar has told Ahmed Abdi take your wife but don't beat her again then Mohamed Samantar told Ahmed Abdi better report to officer that Sheikh Ali Nahar entered in your house without leave and has gone to Sheikh Ali Nahar and abused him in presence of some young men whom that want make "fitna" on account of abusing Sheikh Ali Nahar then Sheikh Ali reported this matter to Officer and Ahmed Abdi has been put fine of Rs.100/- and dismissed from Government Job.

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After that Mohamed Samantar and Ahmed Abdi have made a shauri with Hertis that they would not agree Sheik Ali Nahar to be their chief. The officer in charge here held four baraza in different places for whole Hertis as to ask them whether they like S.A.Nahar or not but have refused on the 5th baraza Captain Salkeld received instructions from H.M.Commissioner to attack them if they do not agree that Ali Nahar to be their chief. At that Baraza's day Captain Salkeld brought troops and arranged everything as to attack them if they do not agree this was at Gobwen while they have seen that they should be attacking they agree that Ali Nahar to be their head chief. After Baraza Captain Salkeld told them to good luck for you. If you do not agree to-day you should be killed. After that there were two men brothers of Sultan Sherwa have come here in order they want place of Sherwa their brother but Major Kirkpatrick refused them, then Mohamed Samantar made a shauri with them that 3 men to be killed in this country then will be quiet. Ali Nahar to be killed by 5 men of Mohamed Samantar, Adu Ali Nahar and Mohamed Aden to be killed by 10 men of the 2 brothers of Sherwa Ismail they made a shauri life matter to be in one day and such time. At that time and day 5 men of Mohamed Samantar killed Ali Nahar but the 10 men have late to come while they have killing Sheik Ali Nahar Major Kirkpatrick called all Wazce and asked them who made this shauri all wazce said Mohamed Samantar and his 5 followers. Major sent message to call him but refused to come himself and his people and Umar Mohamoud scolded.

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for Mr. Ginnard

5 April 1910.

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- Mr. Just
- Mr. Cox
- Sir C. Lucas
- Sir F. Homeood
- Col. Seely
- Lord Crewe

Sir,
 I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 113 of the 1st of March reporting that you have sanctioned the deportation from Tubalawin of Mohamed Samantar, a member of the Warrungyele section of the Hereta Soromato, & to inform you that I approve of the action which you have taken.