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SITUATION IN NORTHERN TERRITORIES.

Trs copy memo for week ending  
6th May summarising events in connection with  
Somali unrest in Northern territories.

Mr Robertson  
Mr Read

See also 27359 and 27363

The chief points in these three  
despatches are:

- a) The situation as regards the Anlikhan  
and the D. Maer tribes has undergone  
little change.
- b) Capt. P. B. Porcelli, 3<sup>rd</sup> W.A.R., appointed  
to be O.C. Troops, Jubaland.
- c) The construction of the telegraph  
line as far as Archer's Post hurried  
on. [The Gov. has now telegraphed  
east line section has been completed.

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a) Abdul Rahman Injirwal reported to  
be in communication with Fitaurai  
Waed, the Abyssinian Governor near  
Mogale. Mogadiscio (Italian Somaliland)  
reports that Abdul Rahman Injirwal  
has applied to the Somaliland  
Muhah for assistance.

e) The Governor after consultation with  
General Hoskins, has decided against  
Lieut. Rague's proposal to re-occupy  
Berenta, on the ground that the G.O.C.  
in Chief is strongly opposed to any  
operations or action being undertaken  
which might necessitate the diversion  
of troops from the campaign against  
German East Africa. No attempt will  
be made to re-occupy Berenta until  
further reinforcements are available.

? Copy 27359, 27363 and air  
to W.O., F.O., D.I.D. Adm &  
Comm, Somaliland in C.F.F.

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EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.  
No. 265.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
NAIROBI,  
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

May 10th, 1916.

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Sir,

*Handwritten:*  
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In continuation of my despatch No. 248 of the 3rd instant, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a further memorandum for the week ending the 6th 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,

*Handwritten signature:*  
A. Lawry Beyard.

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 ENDING SATURDAY, MAY 8th.

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I. THE DETAILS.

(1) On the 3rd instant a letter dated Merti April 18th was received from Mr. Kittermaster reporting:

(a) that the districts round Eil Wak and Wajhair were quiet.

(b) that a police post has been established at Bana on the Mopali-Wajhair road with a view to checking petty incursions by the Dagodia.

(c) that the Boran do not anticipate trouble and are occupying their usual grazing grounds.

(d) that shortly after his arrival at Merti on the 12th of April an Intelligence Agent had come in from the Lorian Swamp with the following news:-

That Aulihan in the vicinity of the Usao Nyire river had split into two factions, one of which, composed of the Rer Gharsin and the Rer Ali had definitely renounced any connection with the Northern Aulihan and were moving West again to their old grazing ground, while the other, comprising the Rer Aigab, had moved East and were preparing to go North to join Abdurrahman Mursaal as soon as the rains broke.

A report had also come through that Abdurrahman Mursaal and his people had crossed the Juba River near Lugh and gone north into Abyssinia.

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The Mohamed Zubeir near Wajheir were on the watch for any Aulihan going north, with the intention of attacking them, though they did not propose to molest them if they remained south of the Uaso Nyiro river.

The Degodi Fai and Habr Suliman at Wajheir had come to a complete arrangement with the Mohamed Zubeir.

The Somali at Wajheir had, with the breaking of the rains, moved west to Arabajan (not shown on map) and the surrounding district. This country is entirely Boran and, if the report is true, the movement shows that, directly the control of the Government is relaxed, the westward immigration of the Somali continues.

(a) That he does not anticipate any trouble for the next few months, but considers that a very firm attitude should be adopted towards the Degodia Fai and also to those Somali who have wandered out of their own area.

(ii) No news has been received from Jubaland or Tanaland during the week.

II. DISPOSITION OF SOMALI TRIBES.

No change.

III. DISPOSITION OF OFFICERS.

Captain Percelli leaves Nairobi on May 9th for Kisumu to take up the post of Officer Commanding Troops, Jubaland.

Mr. Glenday was to proceed to Buna on his return from the Garreh country and is probably there now with 50 Armed Constabulary.

IV. DECISIONS ARRIVED AT AND ACTION TAKEN.

On May 1st the Governor presided at a meeting attended by General Hoskins, Colonel Fitzgerald, Captain Porcelli, and the Chief Secretary. General Hoskins explained that the General Officer Commander in Chief was strongly opposed to any operations or action being undertaken which might necessitate the diversion of troops from the campaign against German East Africa. He pointed out that any disaster to the force which Lieutenant Rayne proposed to take with him to re-occupy Serenli might incite both the Mohamed Zubeir and the Herti to join the disaffected sections in which case it would be imperative to strengthen the garrison in Southern Jubaland. His Excellency accordingly decided that no attempt should be made to re-occupy Serenli until further reinforcements were available.

Sd/- T. B. THOMAS.

Nairobi,

May 2nd, 1916.