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**Week 9 – 04/14 Lecture Report**

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| What are three things you learned from the Somaliland’s ambassador today? Explain what made these things memorable or important in your eyes. (Don't just list what the speaker talked about.) |
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| Today Ambassador Hagi spoke about Somaliland's strong commitment to democracy, and also mentioned [the 2021 Freedom House report on Somaliland](https://freedomhouse.org/country/somaliland/freedom-world/2021). The report's overview states: **Somaliland—whose self-declared independence from Somalia is not internationally recognized—has seen a consistent erosion of political rights and civic space. Journalists and public figures face pressure from authorities. Years-long election delays leave elected officials in posts well beyond their original mandates. Minority clans are subject to political and economic marginalization, and violence against women remains a serious problem.** Please cast an eye over the Freedom House report (you may also look at the [2020 report](https://freedomhouse.org/country/somaliland/freedom-world/2020)) and compare and contrast its contents with Representative Hagi's lecture today. |
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| According to Ambassador Hagi, the two main reasons Somaliland has zero foreign debt are: one, the lack of recognition of Somaliland on the world stage and, two, the people of Somaliland’s entrepreneurialism. With Somaliland's increasing international engagement and the development of bilateral relationships with many countries, other countries will be attracted to invest in Somaliland’s resources and economy (as with Taiwan’s investments in oil). In your opinion, in what ways will international recognition and foreign investment affect (negatively or positively) the economy of Somaliland? Also, do you think it will bring change in the status of foreign debt? Please explain your thoughts. |
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