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Good afternoon,

For your awareness, this morning Ambassador Mohamed Hagi presented his diplomatic credentials to Israeli President Isaac Herzog at the President's Residence in Jerusalem. The historic ceremony formalizing the appointment of Somaliland's first Ambassador to Israel took place on Somaliland's Independence Day, marking 35 years since its 1991 reassertion of sovereignty. [Somaliland Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) posted photographs of the meeting.

In parallel, H.E. President Abdirahman Mohamed Abdullahi (Irro) [spoke with Prime Minister Netanyahu](#), who conveyed congratulations on the occasion of the 35th Anniversary of Somaliland's independence.

A few notable statements:

**[Israeli President Isaac Herzog](#)**: *"This important new partnership between our nations will bring a shared future of cooperation in a range of fields to the benefit of both our peoples and the entire region."*

**[Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar](#)**: *"Another meaningful day on the path we're paving together. Glad to host at the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem Somaliland's first Ambassador to Israel, Dr. Mohamed Hagi. I congratulated him on presenting his credentials to the President of the State of Israel and on Somaliland's Independence Day... I'll continue building the relationship with Somaliland!"*

**[Israeli Permanent Representative to the United Nations Danny Danon](#)**: *"This appointment is another important step in strengthening the relationship between our peoples."*

**[Ambassador Mohamed Hagi](#)**: *"Our relationship is unique because it's not about governments. It's about people-to-people."*

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