

Email from Deputy Head of Mission, British Embassy Addis Ababa, to African Union:

From: [redacted]
Sent: 20 June 2014 13:40
To: Director [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Indian Ocean Compound

Dear Director

Apologies for emailing during what must be a very busy time on Summit preparations.

As you know, there is an on-going property dispute concerning the Indian Ocean Compound in Somalia. I am very grateful that you enabled Mr Ashkir to meet with [redacted] to discuss this: it went a long way in demonstrating that the AU was taking the matter seriously, which has assisted with handling.

However, the issue remains unresolved and Mr Ashkir is raising this with a number of senior members of UK Government. While the UK Foreign Office does not become involved in private legal disputes that British citizens face abroad each year, we do very much recognise the importance of the case to Mr Ashkir. I would therefore be very grateful if you could formally respond to his concerns, or provide an indication of when that may be possible, which I would be happy to pass on.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

[redacted] | [redacted] | British Embassy | Addis Ababa

Email: [redacted] | <https://www.gov.uk/government/world/ethiopia>

Email from Greg Dorey, British Ambassador, Addis Ababa, 11 July 2014, to African Union Commissioner:

Dear Commissioner, dear [redacted],

It was very good to see you last week. I'm following up actively on the issued raised.

I wanted to highlight another issue in this email. As raised by my Charge, [redacted], last month (see below) Mr Ashkir continues to lobby senior UK Ministers about his property in Mogadishu.

While our government policy is that we cannot get involved in private disputes over property, employment, commercial or other matters because we are in no position to judge the facts and have no jurisdiction overseas to resolve such matters, we should be extremely grateful if the African Union could respond by letter to Mr Ashkir's questions – or provide an indication of when this may be possible. This will significantly help our handling of the issue in London.

I'd be happy to discuss in person if helpful.

Best wishes,

Greg

Greg Dorey

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British Embassy

Addis Ababa

Email from African Union to British Embassy Addis Ababa:

From: [redacted]

Sent: 18 December 2014 17:29

To: [redacted]

Subject: Claim Issue-Indian Ocean Compound

Dear [redacted],

As discussed yesterday, I would like to put you in touch with [redacted] who is following up on the issue of the Indian Ocean compound.

[redacted],

[redacted] is my friend and colleague and he is closely following up on the issue.

Best

Ambassador [redacted]

African Union Commission

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