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Report to the Town Meeting – 22 April 2010

In the past year communication with Borama has been sporadic, mainly with the University at Amoud (which now has over 1,000 students). Regrettably, the Foreign Office is very discouraging about visits to the Republic of Somaliland, due to the uneasy security situation.

The Presidential elections have been postponed on several occasions, due to difficulties over compiling a new electoral roll,. Three countries (Sweden, Switzerland and UK) have between them contributed £10 million towards this work and have recently confirmed that they will continue to support the project until completion. President Dahir Rayale Kahin, who comes from Borama, has been granted a further extension in office until one month after the elections have been held.

A recent visitor to London was Dr Mohamed Rachid Sheikh Hassan, who is the Vice Presidential candidate for the smaller of the two opposition parties – UDUB – The Freedom and Justice Party. He comes from Borama and was formerly with the BBC Somali Service.

He has visited Henley in the past and has expressed a wish to do so again and to address a town meeting. He has been asked to ensure that we receive plenty of notice of the proposed date, to ensure adequate publicity.

Borama has escaped the worst effects of the drought that is wide-spread across the Horn of Africa, but has had some severe storms that caused damage and loss of livestock.



Malcolm Page, Chairman, Henley Borama Friendship Association.