

## **Video 5: Where did the rock taken from El Ali end up?**

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Speaker 1: My name is Yusuf Hussein Elmi Dawar. I am calling on the esteemed government, in regards to the rock, which was a national resource, which we owned, which was taken from El Ali, we are concerned about that rock. The nation's resources are spread across the country from Ras Kamboni to Ras Asayr. No group is denied ownership to their resources except us, the Dirisame clan. To the President of the Federal Republic, Mohamed Farmaajo and Khaire, the Prime Minister, we are telling them that the rock belongs to a clan. They should return it to the clan that owns it. It is wrong to rob, steal, or take heritage away. The asset belongs to Dirisame. It is part of the country's prosperity. We request the government to return the rock to us, to return the rock to the owners. People died because of it. There were casualties. I hope the appeal of traditional elders will be accepted by the government.

Speaker 2: (From 1:32): For Dirisame, the rock taken from El Ali, it is a national asset that should be protected by the government. It was robbed from us by Al Shabaab. The businessmen, who purchased it, we do not know if they are buyers or the sellers. That rock belongs to Dirisame clan. If every group wants to consume the resources in their land, this belongs to all of us and we agree if the government handles it. But we are concerned about the way it was handled where a group that has nothing to do with it was asked permission. They (Al Shabaab) do not care about country, people or religion. They want to be the only driver without an assistant. They want to manage the country singlehandedly. We reject that as Dirisame clan. The government should talk to Dirisame and return it after deducting any expenses incurred. Our area (El Ali) is not free. It is controlled by the enemy for the last nine years. The government did not go there all this time. Starting Liqliqato bridge, the clan resides in 1000 kilometers. The government did not go to this area. [President] Sheikh Sharif did not go. [President] Hassan Sheikh did not go. [President] Farmaajo did not go. As citizens of Somalia, we are sorry that the resource was taken away from our area and everyone looked the other way.

Speaker 3: The rock that was taken by a group against humanity. Dirisame is in a deplorable situation for more than ten years. No peace. The people are weak. They were abused in many ways. The rock was taken and it came to the custody of the government. The government was supposed to call the owners and do something about this. It did not do anything. I say to the government everything has a right way. We request the government to go the right way. Peace.