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### **NSPU Welcomes The Birth of Somalia's Awdal State: A Historical Milestone For Somali Unity**

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#### **For Immediate Release**

We, the Northern Somalis for Peace and Unity (NSPU) are pleased to welcome and rejoice along with other peace-loving Somalis, the birth of Awdal State.

We congratulate our Awdalite brothers and sisters for exercising their Allah-given right to self-determination by choosing Somali unity over the oppressive yoke of the one-clan-secession-project, branding itself as "Somaliland".

This bold action by our Awdalite brothers and sisters effectively puts a death nail on the coffin of the clan-based secession project, the ultimate aim of which is the dismemberment of Somalia into weak clan-based proxy fiefdoms in the service of foreign interests.

The purveyors of secession believe that "Somalia must die in order for their clan to thrive"; one cannot get more sinister and hopeless than that. It is, therefore, our fervent hope that our brothers and sisters in the Northwest Region of the country will come to their senses, abandon that sinking ship and join the bandwagon of national unity.

The forces of national unity are growing from strength to strength and will ultimately prevail. NSPU pledges to work with the leaders of Awdal State and other pro-unity forces towards the realization of national unity under a democratic justice-driven governance.

Somalia Lives!

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