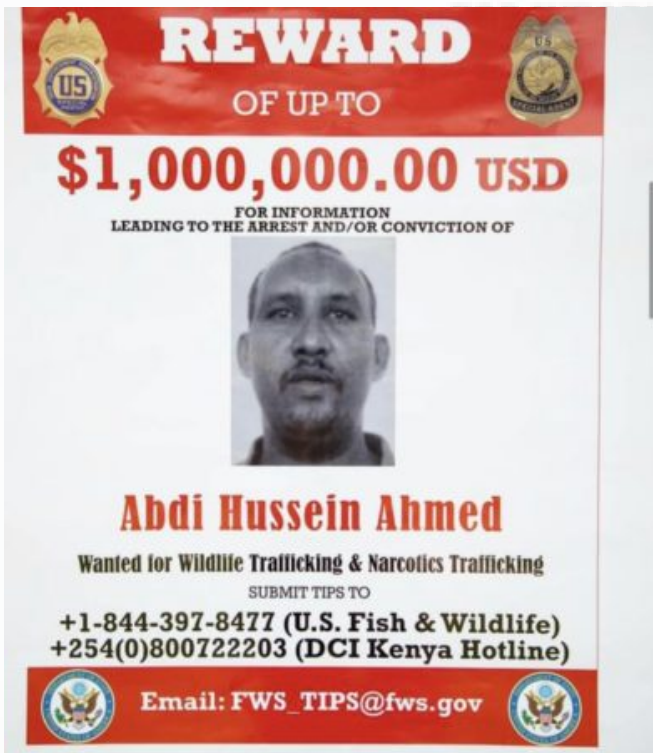



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**Nairobi, Kenya, Aug 3 – Detectives drawn from the Serious Crimes Unit have arrested Abdi Hussein Ahmed alias Abu Khadi, a suspect wanted in the United States, for wildlife and drug trafficking.**

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The Directorate of Criminal Investigations (DCI) said Tuesday the suspect was arrested in an early morning raid in Maua, Meru County, where he was staying in a rented room.

“This is after detectives received information on his whereabouts through the FichuakwaDCI anonymous hotline, 0800 722 203, and moved with speed to arrest the suspect,” said the DCI.

Ahmed is wanted in the U.S after he was charged in an indictment alongside Moazu Kromah, aka “Ayoub,” Amara Cherif, aka “Bamba Issiaka,” and Mansur Mohamed Surur, aka “Mansour,” for participating in a conspiracy to traffic in Rhinoceros horns and Elephant ivory, both protected wildlife species, valued at more than 7 million dollars.

This involved the illegal poaching of more than 35 rhinoceros and more than 100 elephants.

The DCI says their indictment, followed a joint investigation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), where a federal grand jury in the Southern District of New York, charged Ahmed and his other co-conspirators with conspiracy to distribute and possess

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with intent to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years imprisonment.

Ahmed's arrest follows the apprehension of his accomplice Badru Abdul Aziz Saleh, alias "Badro" on May 31, one week after a reward of 1 million dollars was announced by the U.S. Department of State, through the Transnational Organized Crime Rewards Program (TOCRP) for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of Abdi Hussein Ahmed, for participating in transnational organized crime.

In a joint briefing by the US Embassy, Nairobi, Charge d'Affaires Eric Kneedler and the DCI Director General George Kinoti, on May 26, 2022, the two had called upon anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Abdi Hussein Ahmed and his accomplice Badru Abdul Aziz Saleh who were on INTERPOL's Red Notice, to volunteer it to authorities.

According to the indictment in a case currently being handled by U.S. District Judge Gregory H. Woods, Kromah, 49, Cherif, 54, Surur, 59, and Ahmed, 56, were members of a transnational criminal enterprise based in Uganda and surrounding countries that was engaged in the

large-scale trafficking and smuggling of rhinoceros horns and elephant ivory, both protected wildlife species.

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Authorities say from December 2012 through May 2019, Ahmed and his co-conspirators conspired to transport, distribute, sell and smuggle at least approximately 190 kilograms of rhinoceros horns and at least 10 tons of elephant ivory from various countries in East Africa, including Kenya, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Mozambique, Senegal, and Tanzania, to buyers located in the United States and countries in Southeast Asia.

“The arrest of the two international fugitives Abdi Hussein Ahmed and his accomplice Badru Abdul Aziz Saleh, barely two months after the joint briefing by Mr Kneedler and the DCI Chief George Kinoti, points to the

longstanding partnership that the Directorate has had with the United States, in combating trans-national organized crimes in the world. This can only get better,” the DCI said.

The prosecution of this case is being handled by the U.S. Attorney’s Office’s Complex Frauds and Cybercrime Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys Sagar K. Ravi and Jarrod L. Schaeffer are in charge of the prosecution.

The Kinoti-led agency lauded the public for partnering with the security agencies in the fight against crime and called for further improved collaborations.

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