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TRANSLITERATION OF SOMALI WRITING

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ROMANIZATION OF SOMALI

Somali is the national language of Somalia. Arabic, English and Italian are official languages of the Government, and all three are extensively spoken. Officially, Somali is not a written language.

The alphabet used in C.R.V. Bell's "The Somali Language" (London, 1953; republished 1968, 2nd impression 1969) is the following:

a e i o u aa ee ii oo uu ay ey aw ow oy

b d t ḍ k q f s sh j l m n r kh ṅ h ' w y.