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The Salim Ahmed Salim Digital Archive Releases New Material in Celebration of Dr. Salim's 82nd Birthday

Dar es Salaam: Dr Salim Ahmed Salim, a former Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania and former Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity (now African Union), is turning 82 today. As part of his birthday celebrations, the [Salim Ahmed Salim Digital Archive](#) (the SAS Digital Archive), has released new material that covers the Israel-Palestine conflict; Geneva Conference on Rhodesia; and a wide-ranging bilateral meeting with former President of Libya, Muammar Ghadaffi.

The new material, consisting of the personal notes of Dr. Salim, include:

- [Israel-Palestine: A meeting between Dr. Salim and President Yasser Arafat – former head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization \(PLO\) on March 11, 1990 highlighting the PLO's concern about Israeli expansionism;](#)
- [Rhodesia Geneva Conference: Part 1 of the notes on the Geneva Conference on Rhodesia \(now Zimbabwe\) which was an attempt by Britain to come towards a settlement that would lead to black majority rule in Rhodesia and a pathway towards independence;](#)
- [US History: A letter to Dr. Salim from civil rights activist Coretta Scott King, late wife of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1979;](#)
- [Bilateral meeting with Colonel Ghadaffi: Dr. Salim's notes on his meeting with Libyan President, Muammar Ghadaffi, on March 13, 1990.](#)

Speaking on behalf of the Salim family and the SAS Digital Archive, Dr Salim's son, Ahmed Salim stated:

"The new releases are part of the ongoing Archive updates that will take place every 3-4 months. We hope that the material in addition to what is already on the Archive will spark necessary dialogue and discussions around African and international diplomacy and the role of multilateralism in an uncertain period."

The Archive, first of its kind in Tanzania, is a repository of international diplomacy and a unique way of sharing the instrumental role a group of African leaders and countries played in global peace and stability. It compliments President Nelson Mandela archive, the only other publicly searchable digital archive on the African continent.

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