Typing in Sheikh Bakri Saplao Script in Qubee Style

The Sheikh Bakri Sapalo script keyboard (2) is an experimental keyboard that supports the typing of the Sheikh Bakri Sapalo script using Qubee orthography rules. The keyboard requires the included "Athinkra – Sheikh Bakri Sapalo" font which in turn encodes the script in the Unicode Private Use Area.

Basic typing: akkam becomes: ኞታቤ nagaa becomes: ሂብ

There is no difference when uppercase or lowercase letters are typed. **Naqaa**, **NAQAA**, and **nAqAa** will all produce **T**. However, uppercase and lowercase will be different when vowels (a, u, i, e, o) are typed alone. For example:

akkam becomes: ንታቤ

The uppercase vowels (A, U, I, E, O) are used to type the $(\xi, 0)$ vowels used in words from other languages [Note: this can change, suggestions needed].

Typing adheres to Qubee rules as much as possible, there are a few special cases where there are differences, these cases are highlighed in the table on the following page. When a sound from another language is not found in Qubee writing, the special letter "x" is used to help type it. For example:

 $\begin{array}{c} hx \Rightarrow \mathbf{5}, \\ kx \Rightarrow \mathbf{2}, \\ sx \Rightarrow \mathbf{1}, \end{array}$

Apostrophe, ', is another special symbol that can be typed in the usual way of speling words in Qubee, but will be ignored in the Sheikh Bakri Sapalo alphabet:

har'a ⇒ ₹₹8 mish'aa ⇒ ₹₹8 dhi'eenna ⇒ ₹₹ taa'ee ⇒ √₹

A special case is for the "glottal stop" in the Sheikh Bakri Sapalo alphabet, where the glottal stop is typed with apostrophe after the vowel. Examples:

a' ⇒ 3, ax' ⇒ 3, A' ⇒ 5, Ax' ⇒ 5,

Finally, to type an apostrophe by itself, press the apostrophe key two times:

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Sheikh Bakri Sapalo Typing Table

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Typing Punctuation

Sheikh Bakri Sapalo Punctuation

When a number follows ':' or '=' they will change back to their Latin form automatically. For example:

$$12 = 50 \Rightarrow 12.50$$

 $12:50 \Rightarrow 12:50$

Keyboard Punctuation

All regular punctuation on your keyboard remains available. Most punctuation can be typed with a single keystroke as usual. Those used to input Ethiopic symbols can be entered by hitting the punctuation key two or more times until it appears.

Typing Numbers

Sheikh Bakri Sapalo Numbers

The Sheikh Bakri Sapalo numbers may be typed directly as shown:

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Western Digits

Western numbers may be typed with a '#' mark followed by the desired digit 1-9.

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