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UN Special Representative for Somalia appeals for calm and restraint in Sool

Mogadishu, 16 April 2014 – The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Somalia (SRSG), Nicholas Kay, expressed his concern as tensions mounted between forces from Somaliland and Puntland in the northern region of Sool, and in particular the town of Taleh.

"I call for calm. The situation will not be resolved by military means. All parties must refrain from violent actions, and make immediate efforts to de-escalate the situation and resolve their differences through peaceful dialogue and compromise. The Somali people have suffered enough and know that no good can come from further violence and insecurity. UNSOM is coordinating our response with international partners to urge the utmost restraint. We stand ready to support any mediation efforts with all parties" said SRSG Kay.

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