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UN Special Representative for Somalia condemns attack on UN vehicle in Garowe

Mogadishu, 20 April 2015 – The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSG) for Somalia, Nicholas Kay, condemns in the strongest terms the attack on a UN vehicle in Garowe that resulted in the death and injury of several people.

"I am shocked and horrified by what took place today in Garowe. The complete disregard for the lives of people working on the humanitarian and development needs of the people of Somalia is despicable," said SRSG Kay.

At about 8:00 this morning, a suspected IED targeted a UN vehicle in Garowe, Puntland, Somalia. There are an unknown number of casualties. Emergency response operations are ongoing.

"Our UN colleagues are saddened but unified in the face of this tragedy. The United Nations remains determined to stand by the people of Somalia. My deepest sympathies and thoughts are with the friends and families of all those who lost their lives, and those injured and affected," said SRSG Kay.

Details will be forthcoming, as soon as available.