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#### **UN Envoy to Somalia expresses concern over tension in Galgadud Region, urges forces to withdraw and resolve differences through dialogue**

**Mogadishu, 8 June 2015** – The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSG) for Somalia, Nicholas Kay, has expressed deep concern over the recent events in Galgadud Region. On 7 June, Ahlu Sunna Wal Jama'a (ASWJ) militia overran Dhusamareb town and took control of government installations.

"I am very concerned about the developments in Dhusamareb," said SRSG Kay. "All parties must respect the ceasefire agreement signed in Guricel on 5 March 2015, refrain from violent actions and make immediate efforts to de-escalate the situation. The Adaado state formation conference is crucial for strengthening peace in the Central Regions and Somalia. The progress made to date should be preserved and built upon."

"I urge the ASWJ forces to disengage and withdraw to earlier positions. All differences should be resolved through peaceful dialogue and compromise. Resorting to arms to stake any community's claims puts at risk the significant progress made in the state formation process," added SRSG Kay.

The United Nations is committed to working with the Somali people to support the nation's peace and state-building process.

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