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PPDB meeting held in Airport Police Station

Mogadishu: On 24 April, the Police Professional Development Board (PPDB) meeting was held in Airport Police Station, Mogadishu. In attendances were representatives of the Federal Ministry of Internal Security (MoIS), Somali Police Force (SPF), FMSs, UNSOM, UNDP, EUCAP-Somalia, Bancroft Global Development, the Turkish Embassy/TURKSOM and Conflict Armament Research. The participants discussed various capacity-building activities and the implementation of working groups on the subjects "Use of Force" and "Community Policing". The representative from the Turkish Embassy presented the training program for special units on the basis of a bilateral agreement between Turkey and Somalia. A possible extension of the program to State Police services was discussed and will be planned on with support of the SPF Training Directorate, explained General Hassan, Head of SPF Training Directorate. Ms. Rahma Dualeh, Head of Somalia Operations of "Conflict Armament Research", gave an overview about the development, responsibilities, achievements and challenges of the Somalia Joint Verification Team mandated under EU Council Decisions and UNSC Resolution 2182 (2014). At the end of the meeting following action points were agreed on:

(1) To identify the composition of the working group on "Use of Force", to collect the already existing legal framework and to identify



challenges. (2) To discuss with international partners, including NGOs e.g. DDG, the composition of the working group on "Community Policing". (3) To interact with the Federal MoIS to support the request of the FMSs for training activities.

The next meeting of the PPDB will commence on 02 July, one agenda item will be the presentation of a unified Maritime Police Curriculum.

SPF Training Directorate visits TURKSOM

Mogadishu: On 21 April, the SPF Training Directorate together with UNSOM Police visited at the Turkish Training Centre TURKSOM, Mogadishu. The Commander of the Training Centre gave an overview and briefed about capacity, achievements and ongoing training inside the facilities. Currently, a total of 81 police officers are in a two-years cadets' course and 83 officers are in a five-weeks' training for Special Police units. Afterwards, the team observed three practical exercises. All instructors were Somali Police officers who were trained before in a five-months' Train-of-Trainers-Course. The trainers advised that elements of the course were tailored to suit the current needs of the SPF, while the cooperation among the training partners has ensured a balance of skills and experiences being shared. The Turkish Embassy ensured continued commitment to the development of Somali Police services. Turkey is a permanent member of the Police Professional Development Board and CAS2B Sub-Working Group Police.



Donation of Laptops and Printer to South-West State



Baidoa: On 8 April, UNSOM Police in Baidoa handed over two laptops and one printer to SWS Ministry of Security. The equipment was a donation of the German Government and provided on the request of the Ministry of Security in South West State to strengthen their capacity and response to the new challenges in police planning. The donation was received by the Coordinator Hasan Mohamed Yuniss. In his speech the Coordinator Yuniss stressed the importance of thorough planning for the sake of the still young police organization which will be facilitated through the South West State Committee NPM.

HirShabelle State launches second phase of police recruitment

Mogadishu: On 20 April, HirShabelle authorities launched the second phase of its police recruitment programme. The administration plans to recruit 800 police officers in 2019 supported by the Joint Police Program and support by AMSIOM Police, UNOPS and UNSOM Police. The current recruitment comes two months after the graduation of the first batch of police recruits who have since been deployed to various parts of HirShabelle to maintain law and

order. The recruitment and vetting exercise was conducted in Beletweyne by a joint team of HirShabelle representatives and AMISOM Police. A total of 200 youth enlisted, including 125 from Hiraan Region and 75 from Middle Shabelle Region. The team that conducted the selection and recruitment in Beletweyne is expected move to Jowhar on early May for the same process.



UNSOM Police Commissioner advocating for additional support



Mogadishu: As a standard practice, the newly appointed UNSOM Commissioner Meinolf Schlotmann reported to UNHQ in New York, during the week from 10 to 13 April 2019, in order to brief the UN leadership and donor countries on the implementation of the UNSOM Police mandate. He further briefed on transitioning of security responsibilities from AMISOM to Somali security institutions, integration of non-state armed actors into the State Police services or SNA and the upcoming presidential elections all in context of implementation of Somalia's **New Policing Model**. The visit was also an ideal opportunity to interact with the Somalia Team of DPPA/DPO, representatives of other OROLSI units as well as from various Permanent Missions in New York, trying to gain additional support for the development of the Somali police, both at federal and state level, since the needs are still enormous, as the Commissioner explained. "Donor assistance and provision of supporting personnel will remain key for the development of Somali police services", Police Commissioner Schlotmann stated.

Somalia marks International Day for Mine Awareness

Mogadishu: On 8 December 2005, the UN General Assembly declared that 4 April of each year shall be observed as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action on. For over many years, the work of the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) has been driven by the needs of affected people and tailored to the threat of explosive hazards faced by civilians, peacekeepers and humanitarians.

On 4 April 2019, Federal Government of Somalia and the UNMAS observed the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action with an event in the Somali capital, Mogadishu. Somalia is still posed by the increasing use of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) in the country. The UNMAS programme in Somalia includes support to the African Union Mission in Somalia and the Somali Police services to help mitigate the threat posed by IEDs. The theme of this year's 2019 is "United Nations Promotes SDGs – Safe Ground – Safe Home".



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Meeting on recruiting 400 Police Officers/SWS

Mogadishu: On 10 April, a coordination meeting to kick start the process of recruiting 400 police officers for South West State earmarked for operations in line with the Transition Plan was held in Mogadishu. The meeting was attended by representatives from MoIS (FGS), SWS Ministry of Security, UNSOM Police, UNOPS and AMISOM Police. During the meeting a discussion followed on the vetting and recruitment procedures to be followed, progress report from SWS on identification of the prospective recruits and an update on the rehabilitation of the training center. SWS indicated that all 400 recruits will be trained at once an idea supported by MoIS and requested UNOPS to make the necessary arrangements.

The recruitment of these 400 officers is an important step as they will be supporting operations directly linked to Somali Transition Plan. Recruits will be deployed in appropriate number to District Police Stations in the area of operations as the main police service delivery will be organized from there but also to Police Posts placed in key settlements in the districts of the Lower Shabelle.



FGS Ministry of Internal Security convenes joint meeting with UN

Mogadishu: On 13 April, the FGS Minister of Internal Security (MoIS) convened a meeting to discuss security arrangement at seven entry points into the city earmarked for the construction of checkpoints under the Mogadishu Security Plan. He elaborated the need to implement the Mogadishu Security Plan as a matter of urgency and called for support. The meeting was attended by UNSOM, AMISOM and UNOPS. Upon the

request from the MoIS, AMISOM committed to provide the necessary security at the seven sites to allow construction works to commence. It was agreed that following an assessment of the sites, a Joint Police Programme Executive Board meeting will take place to approve the work requests for the checkpoints and police patrol vehicles to be used in these locations.

Outlining achievements of JPP for the month of April, 2019

Mogadishu: The Joint Police Programme (JPP) in Somalia is a dedicated programme that brings together donor funding for the Somali Police Force, the future Federal Police, and Federal Member State Police services into one basket and enables the efficient and effective allocation of resources against agreed priorities. The program aims at supporting the implementation of the **New Policing Model**. The **New Policing Model** (NPM) is the result of a Somali owned and led police reform initiative.

The Government of Somalia and the Somali Police Force continues to make forward strides in the improvement of peace and security in Somalia, with the support of the JPP and partners such as UNOPS, UNDP, AMISOM and UNSOM Police. Throughout April, UNOPS continued the disbursement of stipends, delivering a total of 1,363 stipends (121 females and 1242 males) to police officers in Kismayo, Baidoa, Jowhar and Galkayo. Under the non-lethal support package of the JPP and also implemented by UNOPS, 11 vehicles were supplied to Baidoa, South West state including patrol vehicles, water carriers and one ambulance. Additionally, 150 radios were handed over to Somali Federal Police to support security and police communications at the stadium in Mogadishu.

Preparations for the roll out of the human rights and the rule of law stream of the JPP implemented by UNDP are also underway, with activities focused on provision of support to legal framework, policy development, and support to effective civilian oversight and governance of policing beginning this quarter.



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