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Newly Appointed SPF Commissioner meets UNSOM Police

Mogadishu - On 12 September, newly appointed Somalia Police Force (SPF) Commissioner, Major General Abdi Hassan Mohamed, met UNSOM Police Commissioner Meinolf Schlotmann. The courtesy call included managers from UNOPS and UNDP. The SPF Commissioner is currently assessing the organization and will develop his workplan over the course of the next month. He stressed the importance of recruitment as there is a 20 year gap emerged during times of civil war. He also stressed interests in increasing female officers representation in the SPF. The SPF Commissioner stressed that his priority is the provision of security in Mogadishu and announced the review of the Mogadishu Security Plan including the extension of the first security layer from Villa Somalia to a wider circle. In addition, he is also looking forward to establishing reliable radio communication in the city. After an inspection of some departments he had recently closed the Finger Print Unit of the CID because of unbearable conditions. The SPF Commissioner thanked the delegates for their support to the SPF and will call a follow-up meeting to discuss his priorities.



UNSOM Police Section Retreat in Mogadishu



Photo: UNSOM Police team having a group photo with the Commissioner during the retreat

Somalia - On 9-10 September 2019, the UNSOM Police section, including police advisers based in the Federal Member States, assembled for a 2-day retreat in Mogadishu. Discussions focused on operational planning for the remainder of 2019 and the workplan for 2020. The section also discussed the Joint Police Programme (JPP) comprehensive work requests, updates of the State Police Plans and the Gender Action Plan. External staff gave presentations about the Comprehensive Approach to Security (CAS), Somalia's presidential elections 2020/2021 and election security. One of the aims of the retreat was to identify new ways the police section can support the Federal Government of Somalia to implement its policing priorities at the federal and state level. The retreat was rated as very informative, relevant and helpful by participants and will assist staff in supporting the FGS and FMS governments in implementing the **New Policing Model**.

Inaugural Maritime Police Working Group Meeting

Somalia - On 18 October 2019, the Ministry of Internal Security with support of UNSOM held the inaugural Maritime Police Working Group Meeting. The Working Group brings together officials from the FGS, FMS and International Partners to ensure that a joint and collective approach is taken to enhance maritime policing roles and responsibilities across Somalia. The meeting was preceded by a two-day workshop involving senior officials from the FGS and FMS involved in maritime security, who developed an action plan that includes as first step a Needs Assessment in each FMS to ensure the development of capable MPU units to assist in securing and protect Somalia's coastline.



Joint Visit to HirShabelle State Police Training Centre

Jowhar - On 12 September 2019, the MoIS for HirShabelle State, UNSOM Police, UNOPS and AMISOM Police visited HirShabelle State Police Training Center in Jowhar. The reason for the joint visit was to assess the HirShabelle State Police Training Center before the commencement of further training. The meeting identified the need for short-term renovation to be undertaken prior to planned vetting and training exercises for the next course. The issue of further constructions at the HirShabelle State Police Training Centre is one element in building the overall capacity of Hirshabelle State Police.



Joint Visit to General Kahiye Training Academy



Mogadishu - On 19 September, the leadership of the Somali Police Force at the General Kahiye Academy hosted a visit of UNSOM Police, UNOPS, AMISOM Police and EUCAP to observe the basic police training of 400 Lower Shabelle police recruits from South West State Police. The training is funded by the JPP. The team visited a training lesson and was impressed by the activities and abilities. Currently 380 recruits including 16 females are being trained by SPF and AMISOM instructors. The recruits will increase the strength of the South West State Police to more than 800 officers. The closing ceremony of the class is scheduled for 24 December 2019. Follow-up meetings are anticipated in consultation with the Head of the Academy.

Police Professional Development Board Preparatory Meeting

Somalia - On 24 September, the Training Directorate of the Somali Police Force in its Headquarters in Mogadishu hosted a PPDB preparatory meeting with UNSOM and AMISOM Police. It was agreed that the PPDB meeting will be conducted on 9 October. AMISOM Police and SPF presented the draft SPF Training Plan 2020-2021 and the meeting discussed the comprehensive SPF Training Strategy. The draft Somali Police Leadership Training Development Strategy prepared by UNDP/PPDB was reviewed and the comprehensive work request of the SPF to be presented to the Executive Board of the Joint Police Programme was briefly examined. The PPDB is a well-functioning coordination mechanism in the field of capacity building and drafting of policies and procedures with representation from federal and state levels as well as international stakeholders.



AMISOM hands over Warsheikh Base

Warsheikh - The African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) on Monday 2 September 2019, handed over the Warsheikh Forward Operating Base to the HirShabelle State Police, as one activity in line with the Somalia Transition Plan. AMISOM handed over the base after exercising control and managing peace and security in the area for five years. The Somalia Transition Plan is a comprehensive guide to transfer security responsibility to Somali National Security Forces ahead of AMISOM's anticipated exit. Warsheikh Forward Operating Base, a base for the Burundi National Defence Force (BNDF) contingent since 2014, was handed over to HirShabelle Police Commissioner, Hassan Dhiisow Hassan, by AMISOM Deputy Force Commander in charge of Operations and Plans, Maj. Gen. James Nakibus Lakara at a ceremony held in Warsheikh District.



Photo (from AMISOM website): The AMISOM Burundi Contingent Commander and the HirShabelle State Police Chief shake hands at the official handover of the Warsheikh Forward Operating Base

Puntland State conducts a Security Sector Working Group

Garowe - On 11 September, the Puntland State Security Sector Working Group met at the Ministry of Security in Puntland's state capital Garowe. The meeting was officially opened by the Minister of Security together with the Chairperson of Puntland Parliamentary Committee on Security. In his opening remarks the Minister encouraged participants to contribute positively to the deliberations of the meeting as this would help in ensuring the safety and security of Puntland State. During the meeting several agencies made brief presentation of their activities. EUCAP presented on Joint Maritime Information and Coordination Centre (JMICC) project and its connected activities that will see the establishment of centers along the coastal line of Puntland to ensure maritime security, these in turn will be reporting to the JMICC Centre in Garowe. Other agencies that made their presentations were the Office of the Human Rights Defender and the Puntland Forensic Science Laboratory. In closing, the Acting Director General thanked the participants for the fruitful deliberations and encouraged them to maintain the same spirit when called to the SSWG meetings in the coming months.

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