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The motto of this year's "International Day of Non-Violence":  
"Bridging the gap of what we do and what we are capable of doing in our steps towards ending violence as we strive to build a better future"

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## Joint Police Programme continues supporting Somalia's New Policing Model

**Mogadishu** - On 29 October, the Minister of Internal Security (MoIS) and OIC UNSOM co-chaired a Joint Police Programme (JPP) Executive Board meeting. The meeting was attended by representatives from the MoIS, the Somali Police Force, all Federal Member States, JPP Donors (EU, UK and Germany), UNDP, UNSOM and AMISOM Police. The Executive Board approved a range of work requests amounting to approximately USD 8 million to implement **New Policing Model** priorities at the federal and state levels. The Minister of Internal Security noted that considerable progress has been achieved since the previous Executive Board meeting in increasing Mogadishu's security, strengthening coordination mechanisms between Federal Member States and strengthened intelligence flow. The importance of collaboration among Somalia's national and state law enforcement agencies and their international partners was also highlighted as a key factor in efforts to improve the country's policing and rule of law.



## HirShabelle Vetting and Recruitment Committee Workshop

**HirShabelle** - On 22 October, the Hirshabelle State Police Vetting and Recruitment Committee was attending a one-day workshop at AMISOM Police Headquarters. The event was attended by the HirShabelle State Police Deputy Commissioner, other senior police officers and representatives drawn from various parts of HirShabelle State. The workshop was led by AMISOM Police and was organized by UNOPS. A training session covered vetting and recruitment guidelines, period of mobilization, expected date of commencement for the vetting exercise, endorsement of the vetting report for partners. The welfare of the Committee was also discussed. Committee members clearly committed themselves to exhibit professionalism and accountability and appreciated the exchange on rules and regulations beforehand. It was also agreed that special consideration should be given to gender representation during the vetting process. The tentative dates for mobilization, vetting and commencement of training of the potential recruits for Phase 3 training of the approved work request of training 800 HirShabelle State Police recruits were set. The mobilization of recruits follows a deployment plan developed by the HirShabelle Ministry of Security and the HirShabelle State Police Commissioner. This ensures consistency regarding the concept of recruiting from those communities the officers will later serve for.



## Police and Prosecutors in Banadiir Region form a Task Force



**Mogadishu** - On 24 October, the Somali Police and Prosecutors Task Force (PPTF) of Banadiir Region was set up at a consultative forum by police and prosecutors in form of a joint technical working group aiming at the identification of working challenges between the two entities and developing suggestions on measures to address them. The responsibility of the PPTF is to give strategic direction and leadership advice to ensure a better functioning of the criminal justice chain and all participants agreed that the joint work will lead to an improved coordination and interaction among the different actors in the criminal justice system. The task force is made of three members drawn from each entity. Members agreed on the prepared Terms of Reference and the UNSOM Justice Section taking over secretariat functions.

# Effective Police Responses to Sexual Violence against Women And Girls

**Mogadishu** - On 20 October, the Ministry of Women and Human Rights Development of the Federal Government of Somalia organized a training for twenty police officers from the seventeen districts in Banadiir Region and ten ministry staff. The objective of the training was to transfer knowledge to the participants on how to approach crimes of sexual violence. UNSOM Police made a presentation on “Effective Police Responses to Sexual Violence against women and girls”. The participants were taught on the effects of sexual violence, the types and the need for police to effectively respond to victims of sexual violence professionally. The contributions from the participants showed much appreciation and understanding of the topic.



## Training on Gender Based Violence Prevention and Mitigation



**Mogadishu** - On 9-10 October, UNSOM Police in Mogadishu attended a two-day training program organized by UNFPA for Gender Based Violence (GBV) Sub-Cluster members on the topic GBV Prevention/Mitigation in other sectors. The objective was to train the GBV Sub-Cluster members who are representatives of local and international NGOs working with GBV victims in Mogadishu on the coordination and advocacy role they are to play to help prevent GBV cases in other sectors. Police participated with the view of identifying challenges these members encounter with the police when handling GBV cases. The training demonstrated the important role these members play with the actors of the various sectors such as shelter, food, water, sanitation and health at IDP camps and communities to identify risks of GBV cases and how they could coordinate with members and advocate to prevent them.

## CAS 2B Sub Working Group on Police

**Somalia** - On 29 October, the Ministry of Internal Security (MoIS) and the German Deputy Ambassador co-chaired the CAS 2B Sub-Working Group on Police. Other participants included the Somalia Police Force, FMS Ministries of Security, AMISOM and representatives from the Embassies of Italy, USA and the EU. Agenda items discussed were inter alia the newly developed Darwish Concept, the plan on SPF Darwish generation, the status of the Federal Police Act and the question how SPF officers serving in FMS can be either transferred or temporary deployed to State Police services. The meeting agreed that the Darwish Concept shall be broadened to State Police Darwish and that a review of the Basic Police Recruit Curriculum will be undertaken.

## Remembering the 14 October Attack



**Somalia** - On 14 October, which marks the second anniversary of the deadly suicidal attack, the United Nations envoy to Somalia joins the nation in remembering the victims of the attack and reaffirmed solidarity with and commitment to all Somalis. In his speech, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Somalia, Mr. James Swan, said: “Two years have passed since the tragic events of 14 October 2017, in which so many innocent civilians were killed and injured in a senseless attack by violent extremists. The memory is still fresh in our minds. Our thoughts go out to the families of those lost in the attack, as well as to the survivors. Their resilience and strength in the face of such adversity is a testament to the Somali spirit.” He added: “Despite such senseless acts of terrorism, Mogadishu and the rest of the country have continued on their path towards peace and prosperity. The United Nations remains committed to supporting all Somalis on this journey.” The attack killed at least 587 people and ranks as the deadliest ever terrorist bombing in Africa involving the use of improvised explosive devices. Hundreds more were injured though the blast.

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