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Mogadishu/SWS - On 29 December, 395 South West State police officers graduated at General Kahiye Police Academy. The South West State (SWS) President Abdiaziz Hassan Mohamed Laftagreen presided over the graduation ceremony. Accompanying the President were the SWS Minister of Interior, the Governor of Lower Shabelle and Members of the Federal Parliament hailing from the SWS. Senior government officials from the federal government also attended the colorful ceremony. Speaking at the ceremony, President Laftagreen stated that the trained police officers will be deployed to Lower Shabelle Region in support of the stabilization efforts in the newly liberated areas. He also announced that additional police will receive training to operate in SWS, to secure main routes as well as to fight against the Al Shabaab in other parts of the FMS. The new group of 395 SWS Police officers will be the first large scale deployment of state police to Lower Shabelle Region and will contribute to broader stabilization efforts under the Somalia Transition Plan.



Somalia marks International Human Rights Day



Somalia - The International Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December in commemoration of the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Speaking at a ceremony to mark this day held in Mogadishu, Somalia, the UNDP Country Director for Somalia acknowledged the tremendous progress the country has made in addressing human rights situation. However, speakers also cautioned that the situation remains tenuous, adding that more needs to be done. Individuals as well as the civil society at large were encouraged to stand up for each other to ensure progress. Strategic police plans on the implementation of Somalia's **New Policing Model** are referring to the protection and promotion of human rights. Meanwhile, the Technical Committee of South West State elaborated a more detailed strategy on this important subject which will be integrated into the State Police Plan through the annual updating process. Other Technical Committees are intending to do the same. Like with all other policies, the strategy will be then transferred into a Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) while the operationalization of both, policy and SOP, will start by developing training manuals for stand-alone trainings as well as lessons to be integrated in all existing curricula.

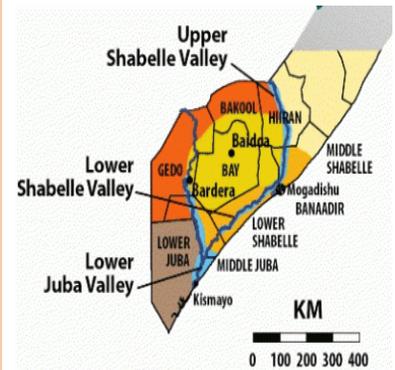
Puntland State continues with reform projects of the security sector

Garowe - On December 25, the adviser group to the Puntland President met UNSOM Police at Puntland's Presidential Palace and discussed the current situation within the security sector in the northern member state. Also, the next steps regarding of developing state security institutions further were debated. For Puntland State Police, the most pressing activity is the updating of the current of Puntland State Police Plan in accordance with the **New Policing Model** and the National Security Architecture taking into consideration the state's size, population and security threats. In parallel, operational plans for all regions of Puntland should be also updated and. It was agreed that the Puntland Technical Committee should convene a meeting by the beginning of 2020 to initiate the update of the Puntland State Police Plan. Deliberations were made also on the issue of structure and operational plans of Puntland State Darwish. The advisors to Puntland State President appreciated the support given by the international community and highlighted the need to continue strengthening the good working relationship.



South West State Police is expanding presence to Lower Shabelle

Baidoa – Ibrahim Adan Najah, Governor of Lower Shabelle Region, briefed at different occasions national and international partners on the situation in Lower Shabelle. In a meeting with UNSOM representatives in Baidoa, he informed the attendees on the security situation in Lower Shabelle and highlighted that the rainy season has affected security operations. However, this effect has been foreseen by planners, so actions to cope with this situation are in place. The meeting also discussed counter-IED strategies. The Governor briefed the attendees that approx. 400 South West State Police officers will graduate in Mogadishu on 29 December (see front page) and will be deployed to Lower Shabelle Region. He also emphasized the need for deploying more experienced police officers serving in South West State to the more demanding police districts and stations so that they can mentor the new graduates. This request goes in line with an action point agreed in the CAS2B Sub-Working Group on Police asking to develop possibilities on transferring experienced SPF officers in the FMS onto the payroll of State Police services.

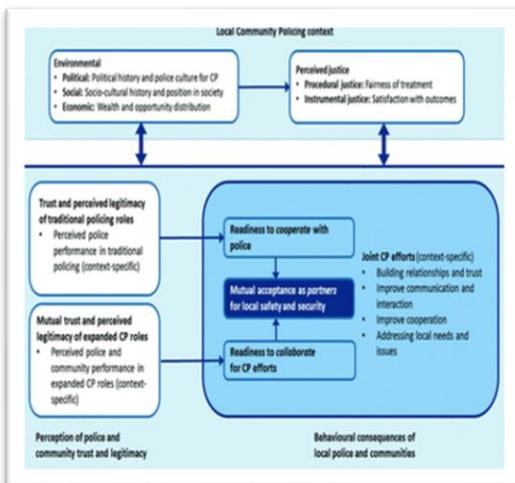


On HirShabelle State Police Main Headquarters

Beletweyne - In December, HirShabelle Police Commissioner and his two Deputy Police Commissioners informed UNSOM and AMISOM Police about their plans on the establishment of the State Police Main Headquarters. The Commissioner pointed out that their current priority is the establishment of certain Headquarters' branches and departments especially the Human Resource Departments, Logistics, Finance & Budget, Close Protection Unit, General Administration, PIO, Conduct & Discipline as well as a transport section. He emphasized that the establishment of the departments is crucial for rolling out an effective police management system and hence called for the international community to support this endeavor. Consequently and with support of UNSOM Police, HirShabelle authorities captured the establishment of Headquarter-departments and the training of the identified staff in the state's request for Joint Police Programme-funds. Branches of the State Police Main Headquarters will be partly located in Beletweyne and partly in Jowhar. As there is a DfID-funded Headquarter-building in Beletweyne, the Commissioner is planning to place all branches in that building which do not have to be necessarily located in the state's capital. Other branches, e.g. the Training Department collocated with the HirShabelle Police Training Center, might continue working from Jowhar. The AMISOM Team Site Leader briefed the attendees that there is an allocation of office equipment to the HirShabelle State Police at AMISOM Headquarters awaiting official handover.

Puntland State Police is establishing Community Policing

Puntland - On 22 December, Puntland State Police Commissioner informed that "Community Policing Committees of Neighborhoods" were established in two phases within 18 districts of the member state. Some of the community policing activities of Puntland State Police include registrations of communities in local councils and building of safe havens. The Commissioner emphasized that building of trust in and self-confidence towards the police by the community is central to a well-functioning member state. Currently, the focus is on Bossaso since there are not only criminal but also terroristic elements threatening the community. Phase 3 of the implementation of Community Policing in Puntland is scheduled to start in January 2020 which is focusing on the integration of Police Stations. Puntland, such as other beneficiaries, has requested support of the Joint Police Programme for community policing activities. To support these requests, the Police Professional Development Board is currently developing a sample of a "Somali Police Policy on Community Policing" and of a related Standard Operating Procedure as well as training manuals.



UNMAS supports SPF Mobile Checkpoints

Mogadishu – The United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) is supporting a project aiming at the establishment of mobile checkpoint teams under the Mogadishu Security Plan which is expected to start in January 2020. The project is one of the three new projects under the Mogadishu Security Plan and will support 39 Somali Police Force officers to develop and operate mobile checkpoints in Mogadishu. This will supplement the construction of six static checkpoints funded through the Joint Police Programme and the erection of five police infrastructures constructed by UNSOS in the outskirts of the city. UNMAS is an important partner for all Somali Police services during the implementation phase of Somalia's **New Policing Model**.



300 Federal Darwish officers started pre-deployment training



Mogadishu – In total 300 Federal Darwish officers started their pre-deployment training at the General Kahiye Training Academy. The officers will be grouped into three companies to be deployed to support the holding phase of operations in Lower Shabelle and bridge the time gap until South West State services can take over. The pre-deployment training was planned by a Planning Unit which was established by the SPF Commissioner to roll-out an annual Darwish generation plan. International support to the planning unit is coordinated by EUCAP Somalia. Side by side with SPF instructors, lessons will be given also by EUTM on tactical movements in the field and AMISOM Police on Human Rights, Community Policing and professional standards.

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