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Galmudug/Puntland - Galkayo is a city located in central Somalia, with the northern part administered by Puntland and the southern part by Galmudug. In 1993, an agreement was signed aimed at resolving a conflict that had devastated the city. This agreement led to the city experiencing relative stability for almost two decades with no major conflicts until 22 November 2015 when a violent conflict broke out between forces from both sides of the city. This conflict and subsequent ones led to death, injuries and the misplacement of many citizens.

As result of strong reconciliation efforts, ceasefire agreements were elaborated and signed during 2 December 2015 to 1 January 2017 that included a provision to implement joint training for police officers from north and south Galkayo to strengthen security and trust. The United Nations, assisted by AMISOM Police, supported the two administrations to conduct the joint training and to establish the Galkayo Joint Police Patrols. Qatar, though its contributions to the UNSOM Trust Fund for Peace and Reconciliation in Somalia, supported the training of 100 police and the launching of the Joint Police Patrol on 12 August 2017. (see also page 2)



Three years of Joint Police Patrols in Galkayo (cont.)

Galmudug/Puntland – Germany, through their multilateral and bilateral contributions, also funded non-lethal support for the training of another 100 officers for the project, provided police uniforms and paid stipends. As of 18 September 2018, the Joint Police Programme (JPP) funding was used to extend training to the Joint Police Patrol officers and to pay stipends. Two-hundred police from the joint patrol unit were deployed in teams to conduct foot or vehicle patrols to assist in maintaining public order and security and to prevent criminal offences, to fulfill other tasks prescribed by law, to provide security to the Joint Ceasefire Committee members, implement their mandate in the buffer zone established between both sides as well as conducting other joint police activities or operations as agreed by the respective authorities of Puntland and Galmudug States. The citizens of Galkayo have benefitted from the Galkayo Joint Police Patrols as it has contributed to a more secure environment for people to go about their day to day activities, reducing the number of reported crime, supporting the resolution of disputes and earning the trust and confidence of members of the communities. The Galkayo Joint Police Patrol Unit: A project successfully assisting in the restoration of stability, the rule of law as well as to a growing confidence and peace!



Somali Police services planning response to COVID-19



COVID-19 PANDEMIC GUIDELINES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Somalia – Interpol in its “COVID-19 Pandemic – Guidelines for Law Enforcement” from 26 March states: “The coronavirus outbreak that began in late 2019 (COVID-19) has evolved so rapidly and globally that it has been qualified as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern and a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). The rapid spread of the disease worldwide, and uncertainties as to its evolution, demand a global response in which law enforcement services play a crucial role in contributing to the effort to control the disease, promoting safer communities, and fighting criminals who see the outbreak as an opportunity to increase or diversify their activities.” To fulfill their obligations when the pandemic will hit Somalia, Somali Police services began in March to develop “General Orders on COVID-19 Response” as guidance for operational planners in their respective service. The Interpol guidelines provided a valid starting point for the planning processes and were amended to the specific situation in Somalia. The main focus areas for police response following the general orders of the Police Commissioners include: (1) Continue to deliver basic policing services to the community; (2) Disseminate consistent community awareness-raising messages to the population to reduce the risk of COVID-19 infections; (3) Support the government to manage restrictions imposed on movement, gatherings, etc. from a human rights perspective; (4) Manage the health and well-being of the police. All Police Commissioners are emphasizing in their guidance that the planning process must continue as the pandemic evolves and operational orders have to be adapted accordingly. The **NPM Newsletter** will continue to report.

PPDB Working Group on Community Policing Policy

Somalia - On 01 and 02 March, the working group on the “Somali Community Policing Policy” met in Mogadishu. The meeting was organized under the Police Professional Development Board (PPDB) mechanism and was attended by experts from federal and state level and representatives from the UN, AMISOM, NGO and civil society groups. It was the second meeting of the working group developing a unified and Somalia specific policy on community policing. While the first round of talks was focusing on the role of the police in the concept, this time the role of the community and civil administration was discussed. The results will be now included in the policy document that will be then presented for endorsement to the PPDB board. It is planned to get the unified policy endorsed within the first half of the year and to use the second half for the development of the respective “Standard Operating Procedure for Community Policing” and the necessary training manuals.



CAS2B Sub-Working Group Police – Two new committees approved



Somalia - On 05 March, the CAS2B Sub-Working Group Police (SWGPP) met with representation from the FGS and FMS ministries of security and the respective policing services, seven embassies and the broader international community supporting the Somali Police. The SWGPP, co-chaired by the FGS MoIS and the German Embassy, was briefed on a range of issues including steps being led by the donors of the Joint Police Programme to establish funding support for the establishment of Federal and State Darwish (see also page 4). The meeting also approved the establishment of the Maritime Police Working Group and the SPF Support Group as committees under the SWGPP. As SWGPP offers the opportunity to enshrine intended activities in action points jointly agreed between Somali and international stakeholders, it is one of the most valuable vehicles to move ahead with coordinated activities regarding the implementation of Somalia’s **New Policing Model**.

3rd National Electoral Security Task Force (NESTF) meeting

Mogadishu - On 15 March, the 3rd National Electoral Security Task Force (NESTF) meeting was held at the General Kahiye Police Academy in Mogadishu. The meeting was led by SPF Commissioner Maj. Gen. Abdi Hassan Mohamed as the chairperson and attended by State Police Commissioners. Other attendees included the DG of the Ministry of Internal Security as well as representatives from AMISOM and UNSOM Police, UN, Swedish Embassy and other government officials. The meeting discussed the Terms of Reference and a concept for security for voter registration and it was unanimously adopted to guide the operations of the NESTF. Already in January, the SPF Commissioner and his Deputy Zakia Hussen have briefed the diplomatic corps, UNSOM and AMISOM on the NESTF (picture).



Somalia Technical Working Group

Somalia – Early March, a successful Somalia Technical Working Group (STWG) meeting was conducted in Mogadishu. The STWG is a Somali led coordination mechanism between the future Federal Police and all State Police services informing the Council of Police Commissioners. Participants from police services attended and good success was achieved when assessed against the two objectives, which were to (1) Conduct consultations with the STWG members on the draft SPF Discipline Policy to identify its suitability for use by the State Police Services and (2) Conduct consultations with the STWG members on the draft policy on police leadership and accountability to identify its suitability for use by the respective Ministries of [Internal] Security and Police Services. A first draft of the “Police Discipline Policy” was completed during this meeting. The STWG recommended to the FGS MoIS Police Desk in its coordination function that this draft is disseminated formally to the SPF and to each FMS Police for comment. It was further recommended to the Police Desk to consider calling another STWG in April to allow all suggested comments to be consolidated into the draft and then STWG having the opportunity again to consult on the draft as it develops. During the meeting the draft policy on police leadership and accountability was revised and forwarded to the MoIS Police Desk for consideration. The STWG recommended to remove the reference to “Police Boards” from the original draft and revised the wording so that the minister/commissioner meetings reflect the existing procedures. The STWG also recommended that this draft be disseminated formally to the SPF and to each FMS Police and the respective ministries for comment.

JPP Executive Board approves police support activities worth USD 2.2 million



Mogadishu – On 04 March, the MoIS and UNSOM co-chaired the Joint Police Programme Executive Board, which brought together ministries responsible for policing and police representatives from the FGS, Puntland, Galmudug, South-West State and HirShabelle. A total value of USD 2.2 million of support activities were approved by the board. The board also took the strategic decision on broadening the pool of implementing partners while until now UNOPS and UNDP were the only implementing agencies. It was also agreed to meet separately for a discussion of salary payments by the respective Ministries of Finance in relation to stipend payments. The three donors - EU, UK and Germany - announced the opening of a funding stream for the establishment of Federal and State Darwish units while the EU announced an initial pledge of USD 5M.

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