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Cooperation of SPF and UNPOL

SPF Commissioner Bashir founded a Drafting Team for the "Somali Federal Police Plan" supported by UNSOM Police

Mogadishu – Early March, UNSOM Police Commissioner Lucien Vermeir together with UNDP Portfolio Manager Doel Mukerjee paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed SPF Commissioner General Bashir Abdi Mohamed. The Commissioner thanked both and stressed the need for further operational and logistic support for the SPF to tighten security in Mogadishu. General Bashir ensured to support the ORA II of the Regional Forces by providing manpower and equipment to work alongside the AMISOM Police (see page 4). In a

landmark decision, he appointed a five-member team of SPF officers to immediately commence the drafting of a Somali Federal Police Plan with the support of UNSOM Police. In the meantime, the team has held the first meetings and developed an overview on the possible chapters of the plan in accordance with the agreement on the New Policing Model, e.g. chapters on Federal Darwish, Border Policing, the Federal Criminal Investigation Department, Diplomatic Police and other branches. To elaborate in detail on each branch,



working groups will be established comprising SPF and international subject matter experts. Thus, the plan will be gradually enriched with more and more details but can be used at any stage for presentation within the various coordination bodies of the Somali Police or in discussions with the international community supporting the police development in Somalia. The goal is to have a presentable draft of the plan ready for the upcoming Somalia Partnership Forum inter alia by using extensively already existing products of different stakeholders.

ROTATION OF UNSOM POLICE ADVISORS ON THE NPM WILL LAST UNTIL APRIL

Somalia – Faces in the UNSOM Police Section are currently changing. Not only that Police Commissioner Vermeir took over his function in February, meanwhile the team located in Beletweyne is already manned with two new arrivals such as one position in Kismayo. In April, there will be in addition as well one colleague in Garowe replaced as well as the team in Baidoa. There, in late March SWS Minister of DDR and Security, HE Hassan Elay, thanked Maria Axfeldt and Bengt Gronlund for their support and handed over farewell gifts. (Photo: Abdirahman Diini, Hiiraan online)



Puntland TC continued

Garowe – On 27 March, UNSOM Police met the Puntland Police Commissioner to discuss various issues, including the Puntland Police representation in the police coordination bodies, the upcoming ORA II and the outcome of the previous meeting of the Council of Commissioners in Baidoa. UNSOM Police also met the recently appointed 2nd Deputy Police Commissioner. The following day members of the Technical Committee discussed with UNSOM Police the review of the Puntland State Police Plan. Puntland was the first FMS publishing its state police development plan and consequently starts the review of the document. All State Police Plans, which were endorsed by the National Security Council on 3rd December 2017, have set the 1st March for the annual re-endorsement of the updated documents. The all-encompassing revision processes will take effect for the first time in 2019.

International Women’s Day Commemorations including Police

Somalia – On 8th March, the International Women’s Day Commemorations took place in Mogadishu and the FMS. This year’s slogan was: “TIME IS NOW: Rural and urban activists are transforming women’s lives”! In Jubaland, the Vice President of the State Government emphasized in his speech the need to empower women in any sectors of the economy while the Minister of Gender, Family Affairs, Human Rights and Women Affairs made an appeal to the government to create a Gender Empowerment Fund lifting women out of poverty. She further lobbied to consider

women for appointments in strategic positions. Similar messages were given by the various speakers at the receptions in the capitols of the other FMS while at all locations police officers from the Somali Police, AMISOM and UNSOM were participating. A perfect example for activities regarding women empowering is coming right now from HirShabelle. There a radio spot was broadcasted the whole month of March to motivate especially young women to apply for the HirShabelle State Police. The HirShabelle State Police will recruit a total of 800 new recruits in 2018.

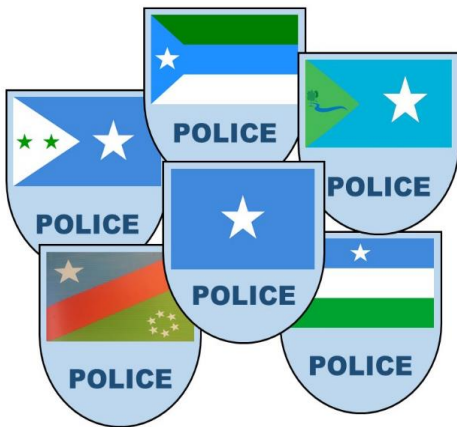


Donor coordination meeting in Nairobi

Nairobi – In March, the EU Delegation hosted a donor meeting in Nairobi. Representatives from

DFID, USAID and from the Embassies of Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden attended. The UN delegation was built up by UNSOM ROLSIG, UNDP, UNODC, UNWOMEN and UNOPS. The main objective was to brief the donors on progress made in developing the new police, justice and corrections programs. In terms of the police program, UNSOM Police Section briefed the meeting on the content of the draft “Joint Police Program (JPP)” that will replace the

Joint Rule of Law Program. Donors and the FGS are happy with the set-up of the JPP. In a follow-up discussion soon after the Nairobi meeting agreements were achieved on minor adjustments on the wording and the fact to kick-off the JPP as soon as possible. The FGS, supported by the EU, will use the occasion of the security conference in Brussels to advertise the JPP hoping to generate additional funding.



PPDB agreed on various action points

Somalia – The Police Professional Development Board, chaired by General Hasan from the SPF Training Department and D/COM Richard Luhanga from UNSOM Police, discussed and agreed various action points on capacity building activities in line with the NPM. Inter alia, the SPF Training Department together with UNDP, AMISOM and UNSOM Police agreed to review the middle management training curriculum. In

addition, UNODC will liaise with the SPF Training Department on a concept note on the cadet program. UNSOM and AMISOM Police together with the SPF will elaborate a draft of a project/training matrix based on the State Police Plans, the Trainings Needs Assessment (TNA) and the available Operational Readiness Assessments (ORAs). For future meetings, the PPDB Secretariat will ensure representation of State Police Training Departments.

UNSOM Director ROLSIG visited Mogadishu’s Mayor

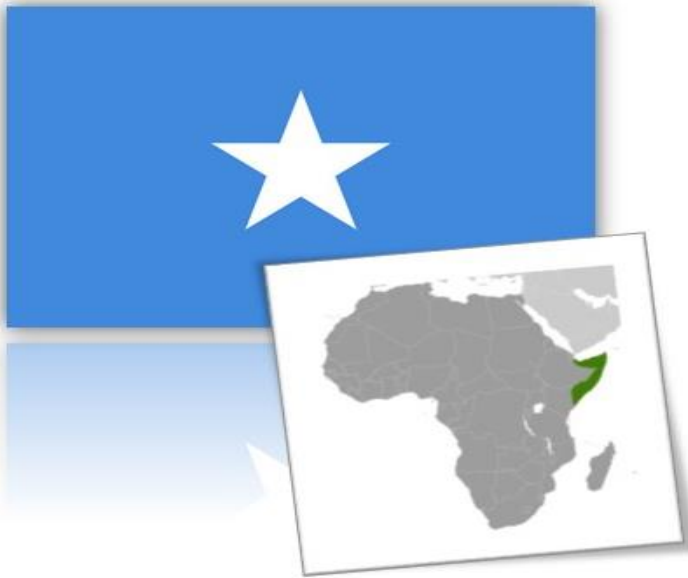
Early March, UNSOM Director ROLSIG Staffan Tillander accompanied by UNSOM Police visited the Governor of Banaadir and Mayor of Mogadishu Abdirahman Omar Osman to discuss Banaadir efforts to build rule of law and security institutions. The Governor noted that the implementation of the agreement on the National Security

Architecture and consequently of the NPM will only be possible once the status of Banaadir will be decided and that meanwhile the SPF together with the NISA will continue to provide security services in the region in the short term. The Mogadishu Stabilization Force coming now under a unified command will ensure proper coordination, command and control and the capacity to rapidly respond to incidents. The Governor informed the delegation that regarding justice services his administration is considering training for judges on human rights and gender, including sexual and gender-based violence.

STIPENDS FOR JOINT PATROLS IN GALKAACYO ARRANGED FOR SIX MONTHS

Galkaacyo – Efforts taken by all involved stakeholders led to a temporary solution regarding the payment of stipends for the officers patrolling jointly in Galkaacyo. With German funds delivered through the Joint Rule of Law Program, UNOPS as implementing partner was enabled to pay stipends for the six months from January to June. The funding for the period from July to December still has to be secured. In addition, SPF Commissioner Bashir, emphasizing his dedication to support police services all over Somalia, provided extra sets of uniforms from the package of the Somali Police Force for the patrols in Galkaacyo.

Operational Readiness Assessment of Regional Forces



Jubaland – The Operational Readiness Assessment of Regional Forces started in Jubaland. With consent of the Federal Member States, the FGS Ministry of Internal Security is in the overall lead for the so called “ORA II” supported by the respective FMS, UNDP, AMISOM and UNSOM Police. The ORA II was called for at the Security Conference in December and at the meeting of the National Security Council in February and it is following a similar verification exercise of the Somali Police Force conducted in late 2017. The AMISOM SRCC and UNSOM SRSG will be kept informed in order to discuss possible UNSOS support if necessary. While the roll-out of activities started already in Jubaland, the preparations for the exercise in Galmudug and afterwards in South-West State are underway. Despite the challenges still to be solved and emerging especially from the fact that units are holding positions in the field which they cannot abandon, the biometrical registration of officers from the Jubaland Darwish started in Kismayo.

HirShabelle Government reshuffles responsibilities

Jowhar/Beletweyne – On 7th March, HirShabelle State Minister for Internal Security and Rehabilitation (MoIR), HE Abdikadir Adan Jelle, met UNSOM Police to discuss the future collaboration regarding the implementation of the HirShabelle State Police Plan. While the political responsibility for policing in HirShabelle was so far laying with the State Minister of Interior, it was now shifted to the MoIR. The Minister emphasized the need to create public awareness that security is not only a responsibility of security services but of every individual citizen. Key strategy for mitigation of conflicts and extremism is to promote dialogue. Thus, his office will be open for everyone committed to a peaceful HirShabelle State.

The current key project for the HirShabelle State Police is the recruitment and training of 800 officers funded by the European Union and the Department for International Development (DFID), the United Kingdom government department responsible for administrating overseas aid.



DFID and EU are the funding partners of HirShabelle State regarding the training of 800 State Police Officers

