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Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General Regrets Killing of a Journalist in Mogadishu

Mogadishu, 27 October 2013 – The Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General (SRSG) for Somalia, Nicholas Kay, has learnt with deep sorrow of the death of Mohamed Mohamud Tima'adde, a reporter with Universal TV, on the evening of 26 October.

Mohamed succumbed to injuries he sustained on 22 October, when he was ambushed and shot several times in Mogadishu's Wadajir district by unknown assailants who managed to escape.

He becomes the seventh journalist to be murdered in 2013; Somalia continues to be one of the most dangerous places to practice journalism in the world.

SRSG Kay noted that the media had a crucial role to play in fostering peace and stability in Somalia, and stressed the need to protect journalists and press freedom in the country.

"My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mohamed Mohamud Tima'adde, and to all media practitioners in Somalia," SRSG Kay said. "UNSOM continues to work with the Federal Government of Somalia to strengthen the security and justice sectors in order to ensure that the streets of Somalia are safer and violent criminals are brought to justice."

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